

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 11

**SUBJECT: ADOPT A RESOLUTION ENTITLED “REQUEST TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEES IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO TAKE ACTION ON FIRE APPARATUS ANTITRUST AND MONOPOLISTIC PRACTICES”
(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

On April 8, 2025 (20), the Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Chief Administrative Officer, in consultation with County Counsel, to explore legal and advocacy options related to fire apparatus antitrust and monopolistic practices under state and federal law.

Over the past decade, private equity firms have bought up larger shares of fire apparatus manufacturers, creating market consolidation that has undermined competition in this space. This consolidation has driven up prices, reduced production quality, and created years-long procurement delays. These challenges threaten to undermine the region’s readiness for wildfires.

Today’s action would adopt a resolution entitled REQUEST TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEES IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO TAKE ACTION ON FIRE APPARATUS ANTITRUST AND MONOPOLISTIC PRACTICES. Adopting this resolution would further advocacy efforts to address concerns around availability and reliability of fire apparatuses.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Adopt a Resolution entitled REQUEST TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEES IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO TAKE ACTION ON FIRE APPARATUS ANTITRUST AND MONOPOLISTIC PRACTICES.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Monopolistic practices disproportionately affect under-resourced and rural communities, where fire departments are already stretched thin. Ensuring equitable access to timely and quality fire trucks is crucial for the safety of all residents, regardless of income or location.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Modern and reliable fire trucks are essential for effective wildfire response and environmental protection. Addressing procurement delays aligns with the County’s sustainability goals by enhancing resilience to climate-related disasters through timely acquisition of crucial firefighting assets.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included as staff time in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan in the Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs. The funding source is General Purpose Revenue. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

Delays in fire truck procurement can lead to increased property losses, higher insurance costs, and economic instability in fire-prone areas. Taking action to address these delays ensures that fire departments have the necessary resources to protect homes, businesses, and critical infrastructure, thereby supporting economic stability.

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, and adopted Resolution No. 25-086 entitled: REQUEST TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEES IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO TAKE ACTION ON FIRE APPARATUS ANTITRUST AND MONOPOLISTIC PRACTICES.

AYES: Aguirre, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

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County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter