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Subject: [External] Comments on and REQUEST TO REMOVE ITEMS FROM the Consent Calendar
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Hi Supervisors,

This is my assessment of the Consent Calendar items. I think that item 10. (PROMOTING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT THROUGH BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS) is wasteful, harmful, and treats those generous enough to volunteer their time as children. This item should be separated from the Consent Calendar for a more thorough public debate and not buried in a partly non-public proceeding. Shame on you. This matter (and a shocking number of others both past and present) are not routine.

What seems to be routine is the practice of putting non-routine matters on the Consent Calendar.

I also think that items 4 (COMMUNITY LAND TRUST MODEL PILOT PROGRAM) and 6 (APPROVE \$10 MILLION CAPITAL EMERGENCY HOUSING SOLUTIONS GRANT) are non-routine matters and should not be on the Consent Calendar.

PLEASE REMOVE ITEMS 4, 6, AND 10 FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

If I may make a constructive suggestion, **a good step would be to identify routine matters in the title** (maybe "SUBJECT: ROUTINE..." or "SUBJECT-NON-ROUTINE:...") to take **some of the guesswork out of it.**

Note my comments on certain individual items below:

17. LEASE CLINIC SPACE FOR THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

[Overview says this lease includes the Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Clinic run by the County Health Agency. I suggest that you should pay for this from COVID funds since it caused an upsurge in STD's.]

10. PROMOTING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT THROUGH BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS

[The recommendations include 2. Developing a baseline assessment of the diversity of appointees, language accessibility, transparency efforts, and staff time. and 4. Developing an outreach strategy to encourage civic participation and transparency with a particular focus on youth and underrepresented populations.]

I do not think we need to spend the extra time (and taxpayer money) vetting volunteer candidates to ensure the diversity of appointees, language accessibility, transparency efforts, and staff time. We or the supervisors can do this. **This might also have the unintended consequence of having people on these commissions who are not elected by a majority and therefore do not represent the community as a whole.** Therefore I oppose an assessment and costs to do so.

The recommendations also include 3. Developing a Code of Conduct for all appointees that promotes civil discourse including, but not limited to the Board's previously adopted Rules of Procedure and conduct described in the "Code of Civil Discourse" from the National Conflict Resolution Center.

Code of Conduct sounds a bit like censorship, and a bit like big momma. I mean, the Board's updated Rules of Procedure are unduly restrictive and are not applied in a fair and even manner. The Code of Civil Discourse are more principles, good principles, but are not a code as such. The people on these commissions are mostly or all volunteers and, while a few general principles for conduct are in order, let us not get them excited to serve then throw the figurative gavel at them.]

1. FIRE SAFETY AT FOX FIRE CENTER

The area around Camp Fox, in the Cleveland National Forest at the base of Palomar Mountain, surely could use more fire protection.

[I see nothing in this proposal about hiring new firefighters, and the FISCAL IMPACT section says that there will be no additional staff years. So I Hope these CALFIRE crews will not be taken from other SD County areas.]

2. SHERIFF'S LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT WITH NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT

[Is there an actual need for law enforcement at/on the NCTD busses?]

4. COMMUNITY LAND TRUST MODEL PILOT PROGRAM

[Recommendation 2 is to Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to enter into negotiations for a forgivable loan of \$1.5 million for the creation of a land trust project. Can we afford this much as a **forgivable loan** (so it will go to the contractor and he can use it (or mess it up) however he wants, or will there be limits set?)]

6. APPROVE \$10 MILLION CAPITAL EMERGENCY HOUSING SOLUTIONS GRANT

[So, the County wants to spend 10M for housing after approving a bunch of housing projects? County Population is shrinking(your figures.) I foresee alot of empty units and wasted money if further projects are authorized, and is there available land for these, or will you create homelessness to 'solve' homelessness?]

7. HOMELESS HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM

This item would authorize an application, preparation of documents, implementation, and any other actions as required by the State for the Homeless Housing round three grant funding; and then issuance of a competitive solicitation for Housing Our Youth services.

[So how much funding is needed for this application and related actions? Why is no actual figure included in the fiscal impact?]

9. ACCEPT TOBACCO TAX FUNDS FOR LOCAL ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM

[The Overview says the County has received State funding for local tobacco education and prevention activities including oral health. Now the Supervisors want to authorize acceptance of the next round of funding, an additional \$4,206,950 for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2027.]

Sounds good if the funds (taxpayer money) are for oral health and not linked in some way for local tobacco education and prevention activities including oral health as part of it.]

11. NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM & COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT GRANTS (DISTRICT: 4)

2. Allocate \$6,500 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to [redacted] Media Heritage, Inc. to help fund artists' fee at the Film Out San Diego 2022 LGBTQ [redacted] Film Festival that will enhance our communities by providing San Diego County [redacted] residents and visitors with the opportunity to engage in-person with filmmakers and [redacted] actors telling LGBTQ stories.

6. Allocate \$10,500 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to San [redacted] Diego Black LGBTQ Coalition to support the cost of venue space and staffing for the [redacted] Black Pride Celebration at Hard Rock Hotel, and to cover the costs of Black Pride [redacted] entertainers that are providing entertainment for Black Pride Weekend. This is an [redacted] opportunity to support local Black LGBTQ performers and increase tourism.

8. Allocate \$10,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to The [redacted] Latino Legacy Foundation to fund the Timeline-Milestones-Stories, an online project that [redacted] chronicles San Diego Latino experience, including historic roots, significant milestones [redacted] and momentous current events.

9. Allocate \$59,074 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15665) to [redacted] Labor's Training and Community Development Alliance to help purchase video studio [redacted] equipment and office equipment, including computers and a refrigerator.

23. Allocate \$50,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15665) to [redacted] Asian Business Association San Diego to support the Asian Pacific [redacted]

Islander Economic Equity Advancement Program to increase its capacity to reach more businesses in need and address the compounding issues facing the small business community. Funds will help purchase printing of culturally responsive outreach materials, outreach equipment such as tents, signage and staff/volunteer apparel, technology equipment such as computers, tablets, scanners and printers, and office equipment for in-person training such as camera and recording equipment, and audio-visual equipment.

[Projects highlighted in yellow do not benefit the community as a whole and are potentially divisive. Community benefit on projects highlighted in blue are questionable.]

12. SUBJECT: COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT & NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANTS (DISTRICT: 5)

1. Allocate \$96,878 from Community Enhancement American Rescue Plan Act Program budget (Org 12905) to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Oceanside, Inc. to address the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on youth services to support the safety and security of the operations and programs by providing funds for security fencing, facility keypad, kitchen blinds, kitchen professional cleaning, computers, computer mice and headsets, seating, cupboards and filing cabinets for the facility located at 401 Country Club Lane, Oceanside, CA 92054.

5. Allocate \$80,000 from Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15670) to the Friends of San Marcos Parks and Recreation, Inc. to support the construction of a bike park pump track in a HUD disadvantaged community located at 1587 Linda Vista Drive, San Marcos, CA 92078.

6. Allocate \$39,000 from Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget

(Org 15670) to Mental Health Systems, Inc. to help with one-time renovation cost to support the Escondido Clubhouse and purchase materials including fencing, turf, concrete, retaining wall, garden edging and shade sails for the facility located at 474 West Vermont Ave. Suite 105, Escondido, CA 92123.

10. Allocate \$80,000 from Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15670) to the NCSD Veterans Stand Down to help with one-time cost to purchase clothing, shoes, hats, beds, porta-potties, shower units, Wi-Fi data, wash stations, extension cords, electric power distribution system, printed signage, tents, tables, chairs, public address (PA) system, interior lights, wristbands, ID card lanyards, ID card printer supplies, pre-packaged food, sea bags, paper towels, toilet paper, pens, notebooks, storage boxes, laptops, printers, modem, printer paper, cables, drop box, secured digital (SD) cards, power strips, website, database, administrative supplies, promotional materials, vans, and golf carts for the 6th Annual Stand Down Event on October 20-23, 2022 at Green Oak Ranch in Vista.

13. Allocate \$30,000 from Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15670) to The Vision of Children to help with acquisition of Vision Hero videos, one-time database cost, marketing materials including cards, folders, postage, posters, programs, business cards, greeting cards, stickers, appeal/invitation letter and envelopes, and office equipment such as a paper, glue sticks, notepads, labels, software, printer ink and toner.

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14. SUBJECT: NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT AND

COMMUNITY

ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM GRANTS (DISTRICT: 3)

1. Allocate \$5,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15660) to Exposure Skate to support promotional materials, trophies, video production and ramp.

Funds will support costs of Exposure 2022 event.

4. Allocate \$15,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15660) to

Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation to replace doors and frames and support cost of labor

associated with upgrading flooring. Funding will support the renovation of the facility

6. Allocate \$7,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15660) to

Kitchens for Good, Inc., to fund for the one-time purchase of an Adobe Cold Fusion

license, knife display case with locking doors, portable three-compartment sink, and hand

washing station. Funding will support move the organization from a start-up to a

sustainable revenue generating operation to support Kitchens for Good's core programs.

9. Allocate \$12,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15660) to

Free Thought Revolution to support with 20 computers, video camera plus access, 5

digital cameras, 2 apple computer and mbox for music, 10 tablets, tables, chairs, stools,

couches, desk, microphone, paint, paint brushes, canvases, children's building/educational toys, storage, SD cards for cameras, office printer, office supplies,

guitar, 2 amps, music accessories, keyboard piano, photo printer ink, 10 Adobe Creative

Cloud, 10 Clip Studio Paint, 2 ProTools, 10 Procreate. Funds will support with the

start-up project, and Community Lab.

10. Allocate \$15,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15660) to

Campana Studios to support with purchasing relief printmaking

supplies, painting supplies, bookbinding supplies, take home art kits including: sketchbooks, pencils, bilingual reading materials and canvas bags. Vehicle maintenance and repairs, as well as a retractable awning. Graphic design station (computer, monitor, harddrive, mouse, keyboard, desk), color printer, furniture and equipment. Funds will help implement art workshops.

11. Allocate \$12,250 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15660) to Shoreline Community Services to support with 3 laptops, printer, laptop locks, devices, 100 stackable chairs, washer/dryer, locked device charging station, television, industrial bike rack, first aid cabinet, lab coats, assorted medical equipment and supplies. Funds will support the renovation of The Compass Station.

17. Amend the purpose of the April 5, 2022 (7) allocation of \$40,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program to the Episcopal Church of St. Andrew to include the cost of purchasing chairs. Authorize the Chief Financial Officer to amend the grant agreement accordingly.

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Let me know what you think.

Regards,

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