

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 10

**SUBJECT: SOLICITING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE ANNUAL POINT-IN-TIME COUNT
(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that Continuums of Care (CoC) conduct an annual count of homeless persons who are sheltered or unsheltered on a single night in January each year. In San Diego, the Regional Task Force on Homelessness (RTFH) leads a collaboration of community partners and volunteers in conducting this point-in-time count, better known as *WeALLCount*. Communities across the country will be conducting similar events during the last 10 days of January.

Although the figures that come out of this count are used to apply for federal funding, this survey also enables the region to gain a better understanding of the scope, impact, and potential solutions to address this issue. The numbers from this count are broken down into subpopulation categories, including counts of people who are chronically homeless, veterans, youth, persons with HIV/AIDS, and victims of domestic violence.

Each count is planned and coordinated and requires many volunteers to accurately gauge the homeless population across the San Diego region. In 2022, 1,500 volunteers participated in a point-in-time count through the RTFH that numbered a minimum of 8,427 homeless persons in our region. More than 150 County employees participated in the event.

Thankfully, County employees have always come forward in the spirit of volunteerism, whether staffing the polls during elections or in their charitable giving. These actions support the County's *Live Well San Diego* vision of a region that is building better health, living safely and thriving. It is our hope that County employees will once again come forward as volunteers in this effort to identify the extent of this critical issue. The count will take place from 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHAIR NATHAN FLETCHER AND VICE-CHAIR NORA VARGAS

1. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to establish a volunteer program to allow County employees to participate in the annual point-in-time count on January 26, 2023, on paid County time.
2. Find that allowing County employees to volunteer to participate in the annual point-in-time count on paid County time serves a public benefit by ensuring the region's homelessness can be quantified and federal funding can be secured to support the region's homeless population.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Establishing a program to allow County employees to participate in the annual point-in-time count on January 26, 2023, will support efforts to create effective approaches to assist those who are homeless throughout San Diego County. The count outcomes have multiple benefits, including eligibility to apply for federal funding in addition to enabling the region to gain a better understanding of the scope, impact, and potential solutions to address this issue. The numbers from this count are broken down into subpopulation categories, including counts of persons who are chronically homeless, veterans, youth, persons with HIV/AIDS, and victims of domestic violence. It is anticipated that this action will drive much-needed resources to residents who are disproportionately represented in the homeless system including justice-involved individuals as well as Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC). In general, the incidence of BIPOC individuals experiencing homelessness mirrors the disparities found at the broader community levels. These population groups are over-represented in homelessness when compared to their proportion in the general community.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed action contributes to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals to engage the community and protect health and well-being. Establishing this program for County employees to participate, while also being compensated, creates a public process that encourages people and diverse stakeholders to participate in this program that will have an impact on their community. Additionally, by encouraging employees to participate in this important annual count they will contribute to the region's goals to secure the necessary funding for community partners to address environmental issues and communities disproportionately impacted by homelessness.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding associated with today's recommendations is included in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operational Plan. The actual costs will be determined by the classification of employees who choose to volunteer. The funding source is a combination of General Purpose Revenues and program revenues. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Fletcher, Desmond

ABSENT: Lawson-Remer

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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