

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MEETING AGENDA  
**TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023, 9:00 AM**  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, ROOM 310  
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Order Of Business

- A. Roll Call
- B. Statement (just cause) and/or Consideration of a Request to Participate Remotely (emergency circumstances) by a Supervisor, if applicable.
- C. Invocation
- D. Pledge of Allegiance
- E. Presentation or Announcement of Proclamations and Awards
- F. Non-Agenda Public Communication: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Board on any subject matter within the Board's jurisdiction but not an item on today's agenda.
- G. Approval of the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the Regular meeting of May 2, 2023 and the Special meeting of May 11, 2023.
- H. Consent Calendar
- I. Discussion Items
- J. Board Member Committee Updates. This is an opportunity for Members of the Board to provide informational updates on their committee assignments. No action may be taken.

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### **Board of Supervisors' Agenda Items**

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All agenda items listed under this section are considered to be routine and will be acted upon with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Board of Supervisors or the Chief Administrative Officer so requests, in which event, the item will be considered separately in its normal sequence.

<b>Category</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Public Safety	1.	SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING: FIRE MITIGATION FEE PROGRAM - ADOPTION OF NEXUS STUDY AND ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REENACTING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE MITIGATION FEE ORDINANCE AND CEQA EXEMPTION (5/2/2023 - FIRST READING; 5/23/2023 - SECOND READING UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING)

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING  
ARTICLE XX OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES, RELATING TO SAN DIEGO  
COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEES (5/02/23 - FIRST  
READING; 5/23/23 - SECOND READING UNLESS ORDINANCE IS  
MODIFIED ON SECOND READING)  
[FUNDING SOURCE: FEES PAID BY CUSTOMERS]
3. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:  
NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING: COST RECOVERY PROPOSAL TO  
AMEND ARTICLE XX OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES, SECTION 364.8 RELATING TO  
FEES CHARGED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES  
EFFECTIVE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 (5/2/2023 - FIRST READING;  
5/23/2023 - SECOND READING UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED  
ON SECOND READING)
4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:  
NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING: APPROVE AN ORDINANCE  
AMENDING ARTICLE XV-B OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO HEALTH AND HUMAN  
SERVICES CHARGES AND FEES
5. AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF INTEGRATED HIV SURVEILLANCE  
AND PREVENTION FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
[FUNDING SOURCE: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
HEALTH, OFFICE OF AIDS INTEGRATED HIV SURVEILLANCE AND  
PREVENTION FUNDING FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND  
HEALTH REALIGNMENT; EXISTING HEALTH REALIGNMENT  
ALLOCATED FOR THIS PROGRAM]
6. RECEIVE THE SAN DIEGO ADVANCING AND INNOVATING  
MEDI-CAL ROADMAP AND AUTHORIZE AN  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER AGREEMENT FOR  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES  
[FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL FUNDS, INCLUDING  
REALIGNMENT, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT AND  
EXISTING GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE]
7. COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT GRANTS, NEIGHBORHOOD  
REINVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANTS AND CEQA EXEMPTION  
(DISTRICT: 5)  
[FUNDING SOURCE: TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUES  
AND GENERAL-PURPOSE REVENUE]

Health and  
Human Services

Financial and  
General  
Government

8. COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT, NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANTS AND CEQA EXEMPTIONS (DISTRICT: 1)  
[FUNDING SOURCE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT, TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUE, AND GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE]
9. COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM, NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANTS AND CEQA EXEMPTIONS (DISTRICT: 2)  
[FUNDING SOURCE: TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX AND GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE]
10. AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE RATIFIED TENTATIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE EMPLOYEE BARGAINING UNITS - DI AND DM REPRESENTED BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION AND OTHER COMPENSATION ORDINANCE CHANGES (5/23/2023 - FIRST READING; 6/13/23 - SECOND READING, UNLESS THE ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING)
11. AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE RELATING TO A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT PENDING RATIFICATION FOR THE EMPLOYEE BARGAINING UNITS - DS AND SM REPRESENTED BY THE DEPUTY SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY (5/23/2023 - FIRST READING; 6/13/23 - SECOND READING, UNLESS THE ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING)
12. GENERAL SERVICES - CONTINUATION OF EMERGENCY REPAIRS AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER  
[FUNDING SOURCE: CHARGES TO CLIENT DEPARTMENTS]  
(4 VOTES)
13. ~~GENERAL SERVICES—APPROVAL OF NEW LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, 124 W. MAIN STREET, EL CAJON, AND NOTICE OF EXEMPTION~~  
~~[FUNDING SOURCE: EXISTING GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE]~~  
  
**THIS ITEM HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**
14. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:  
NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 86.7, 86.8, 86.9, AND 86.10 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES RELATING TO FEES FOR SERVICES BY THE RECORDER AND COUNTY CLERK AND TO ADJUST RECORDER SHARE OF ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR THE REAL ESTATE FRAUD FEE (05/02/2023 - FIRST READING; 05/23/2023 - SECOND READING, UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING)  
[FUNDING SOURCE: FEES PAID BY CUSTOMERS]

15. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:  
NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 439.2 OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS FEES FOR RECORDS AND SERVICES (5/02/2023 - FIRST READING; 5/23/2023 - SECOND READING UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING)  
[FUNDING SOURCE: FEES PAID BY CUSTOMERS; FEES PAID BY CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR OFFICE WHO WISH TO EXERCISE THE OPTION OF HAVING A CANDIDATE STATEMENT PRINTED IN THE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE PER ELECTIONS CODE 13307]

Appointments 16. APPOINTMENTS: VARIOUS

Communications 17. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED  
Received

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

Category	#	Subject
Public Safety	18.	COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE, COMMUNITY HEALTH AND INJURY PREVENTION, AND TRIAGE TO ALTERNATE DESTINATION PROGRAM UPDATE
	19.	REIMAGINING AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN THE COUNTY'S RURAL COMMUNITIES
	20.	FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS: DATA-DRIVEN APPROACH TO PROTECTING PUBLIC SAFETY, IMPROVING AND EXPANDING REHABILITATIVE TREATMENT AND SERVICES, AND ADVANCING EQUITY THROUGH ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION [FUNDING SOURCES: LOCAL REVENUE FUND 2011, COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS SUBACCOUNT; STATE FUNDING THROUGH THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA FOR PRETRIAL SERVICES]
Health and Human Services	21.	RECEIVE UPDATE ON SUPPORTING CARE COORDINATION FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS: DATA GOVERNANCE AND INTEGRATION AND AMEND REPORT BACK SCHEDULE
	22.	PREVENTING SUICIDE IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY
	23.	RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ESTABLISHING THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IMPACT FUND 2.0
	24.	APPROVE ACTIONS RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PROGRAM

25. AUTHORIZE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AND THE SAN DIEGO HOUSING COMMISSION FOR COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE HOUSING SHORTAGE - HOMEKEY ROUND 3 AND RESERVE FUNDS FOR UP TO FOUR PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENTS [FUNDING SOURCE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IMPACT FUND FUNDING; REALIGNMENT AND FEDERAL SHORT-DOYLE MEDI-CAL]
26. RECEIVE UPDATE ON OPIOID SETTLEMENT FRAMEWORK IMPLEMENTATION AND HARM REDUCTION MEDIA CAMPAIGNS INCLUDING ILLICIT FENTANYL AWARENESS FOR YOUTH; AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE SOLICITATIONS FOR PUBLIC MESSAGING, OUTREACH, AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS; AND AUTHORIZE UPDATES TO THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FRAMEWORK [FUNDING SOURCES: OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT, COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE, RECOVERY & EMPOWERMENT ACT START-UP/PLANNING FUNDS, AND CRISIS CARE MOBILE UNIT GRANT FUNDS]
27. APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REPEALING PROVISIONS IN THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATED TO THE CHILD AND FAMILY STRENGTHENING ADVISORY BOARD OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY, THE POLINSKY CHILDREN’S CENTER ADVISORY BOARD, AND THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FOSTER CARE SERVICES COMMITTEE (MAY 23, 2023 - FIRST READING; JUNE 13, 2023 - SECOND READING UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING)
- Land Use and Environment 28. AMEND AT&T WIFI SERVICES AND ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY CONNECTIVITY FUND [FUNDING SOURCE: A GRANT FROM THE FCC'S EMERGENCY CONNECTIVITY FUND] (4 VOTES)
- Financial and General Government 29. CONTINUED ITEM FROM MAY 2, 2023 (20): RESOLUTION TO CALL A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCY OF THE FOURTH DISTRICT COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS [FUNDING SOURCE: REDIRECTION OF GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE INCLUDED IN THE RECOMMENDED OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR BOARD SECURITY AND UNANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES]
30. ENDORSE THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (CSAC), AT HOME PLAN TO REDUCE HOMELESSNESS

- 31. PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM CANNABIS POISONING
- 32. ADOPTING A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ADDITION OF UNINCORPORATED AREA REPRESENTATION TO THE SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- 33. ~~ENHANCING THE EFFICIENCY OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM (NRP) AND COMMUNITY-ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CE) GRANT APPROVAL PROCESS~~

**THIS ITEM HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN AT THE REQUEST OF SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON**

- 34. ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO ADD SECTION 125.25 TO ARTICLE VIII OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO ESTABLISH THE CREATION OF A WORKPLACE JUSTICE FUND (5/23/23 - FIRST READING; 6/13/23- SECOND READING UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING)  
[FUNDING SOURCE: AVAILABLE GENERAL-PURPOSE REVENUE CURRENTLY BUDGETED IN THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE]
- 35. FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 THIRD QUARTER OPERATIONAL PLAN STATUS REPORT AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS  
[FUNDING SOURCE: OPERATING TRANSFERS IN FROM SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT; OPERATING TRANSFERS IN FROM THE GENERAL FUND, AVAILABLE PUBLIC LIABILITY INTERNAL SERVICE FUND (ISF) FUND BALANCE, EPIDEMIOLOGY AND LABORATORY CAPACITY ENHANCING DETECTION EXPANSION GRANT, STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, REVENUE FROM CLIENT DEPARTMENTS, AVAILABLE PRIOR YEAR PARK LAND DEDICATION ORDINANCE FUND BALANCE, OPERATING TRANSFERS IN FROM PARKLAND DEDICATION FUND, FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, ADVANCED MOLECULAR DETENTION PROGRAM GRANT, OPERATING TRANSFERS IN FROM VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND, MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES AND AVAILABLE PRIOR YEAR AIRPORT ENTERPRISE FUND FUND BALANCE]  
(4 VOTES)
- 36. APPROVAL OF THE CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODES FOR GROSSMONT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, HELIX CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL, SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT (MTS) AND UPPER SAN LUIS REY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
- 37. CLOSED SESSION

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**1. SUBJECT: SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:  
NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING: FIRE MITIGATION FEE PROGRAM -  
ADOPTION OF NEXUS STUDY AND ORDINANCE REPEALING AND  
REENACTING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE MITIGATION FEE  
ORDINANCE AND CEQA EXEMPTION (5/2/2023 - FIRST READING;  
5/23/2023 - SECOND READING UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED  
ON SECOND READING) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On May 2, 2023 (21), the Board of Supervisors took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on May 23, 2023.

The unincorporated areas of San Diego County experienced significant growth in recent decades, increasing the demand on fire services for the residents of new developments. As a result, the Board of Supervisors of San Diego County (Board) adopted Ordinance No. 7066 (N.S.) on December 11, 1985, to establish the Fire Mitigation Fee (FMF) Program as a mechanism for collecting and allocating funds to fire agencies in unincorporated areas of San Diego.

Through the FMF Program, the County of San Diego (County) collects a fee from applicants when building permits are issued and distributes the funds to the 13 participating fire agencies on a quarterly basis. These funds allow fire agencies, lacking legal authority to directly impose and collect mitigation fees, to provide capital facilities and equipment for fire suppression or emergency medical services, including station construction, station expansion or improvements, and fire or emergency medical apparatus to serve new developments in their districts.

Since the FMF program was initially approved, there have been changes to State law, County strategic initiatives, industry standards, and community needs that impact the provision of fire protection and emergency medical services throughout the unincorporated area. Over the past year, staff have coordinated with a consultant, participating agencies, and the public to determine the appropriate level of fees for the program. This coordination culminated in a “Nexus Study” which informed the recommendations for the Fire Mitigation Fee.

The actions in today’s request will adopt the findings of the study and replace the existing County FMF Ordinance with an updated version. The ordinance will be introduced on May 2, 2023 and, if approved, will be scheduled for adoption on May 23, 2023. If the proposed ordinance is altered on May 23, 2023, then a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance's adoption. These actions will allow for the continued use of mitigation fees to fund fire service expenditures related to new development within the boundaries of participating fire agencies in the unincorporated areas of San Diego County. Lastly, a waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested because County Fire staff and consultant costs to administer the Fire Mitigation Fee Program will not be recovered by program fees.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find that the adoption of the proposed ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as specified under Section 15273(a) of the CEQA Guidelines.

2. Consider and adopt: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REENACTING SECTIONS 810.301 THROUGH 810.315 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES RELATED TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE MITIGATION FEE PROGRAM (second reading, unless ordinance is modified on second reading).

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego's Fire Mitigation Fee (FMF) Program was established as a mechanism for collecting and allocating funds to the thirteen local fire agencies in unincorporated areas of San Diego County. These funds allow fire agencies, who lack legal authority to directly impose and collect development impact fees, to provide capital facilities and equipment to serve new developments in their districts. The County's ongoing administration of the development impact fee program requires compliance with the updates in AB 602 and the Mitigation Fee Act, including the adoption of a Nexus Study and Ordinance. These actions will ensure the continuation of the program and support the availability of emergency medical services and fire response, supporting safety for unincorporated communities.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed actions in today's request support the County of San Diego's (County) Sustainability goals to provide just and equitable access to services by helping to ensure fire protection agencies in the unincorporated areas of the County can maintain the level of fire protection and emergency medical services to their communities and have the capability to respond and recover to immediate needs for individuals, families, and the region.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. Today's recommendations support the continuation of the County's Fire Mitigation Fee (FMF) Program for the collection of a developmental impact fee on behalf of local fire agencies in unincorporated areas of San Diego County. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

The FMF Program does not recover costs associated with the administrative support provided by consultants and San Diego County Fire (County Fire) estimated at \$219,268 and will be funded with property tax and existing General Purpose revenue.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

Adoption of the updated Fire Mitigation Fee (FMF) Program Ordinance will continue to provide collect and allocate funds to fire agencies in unincorporated areas of San Diego County for the provision of capital facilities and equipment to serve new development.

**2. SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING  
ARTICLE XX OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES, RELATING TO SAN DIEGO  
COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEES (5/02/23 - FIRST  
READING; 5/23/23 - SECOND READING UNLESS ORDINANCE IS  
MODIFIED ON SECOND READING) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On May 2, 2023 (22), the Board of Supervisors took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on May 23, 2023.

Today's action requests that the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) approve amendments to Article XX of the San Diego County Administrative Code and waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, and Revenue Contracts - Department responsibility for full cost recovery, related to fees charged for services by the County of San Diego (County) Emergency Medical Services Office (EMS). The Board last approved revisions to EMS's fees on April 5, 2022 (15).

By regularly reviewing costs and fees, departments can recuperate costs in a systematic manner, ensure all fees are fair and equitable, and enable stakeholders to plan for fee increases. In accordance with Board Policy B-29, County EMS recently reviewed eight fees and associated costs, and proposes adjustments to three of those fees during Fiscal Year 2023-24, including three fee increases. Five fees remain unchanged. Attachment A is a summary comparison of current and proposed fees. The Auditor and Controller has reviewed and approved the supporting documentation and methodology for the proposed fee adjustments.

Today's request includes two steps. The ordinance will be introduced on May 2, 2023, and, if approved, it will be scheduled for adoption on May 23, 2023. If the proposed ordinance is altered on May 23, 2023, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance's adoption. In addition, today's recommendations request the waiving of Board Policy B-29, due to recent labor negotiations and the timing of the current fee package as Year 3 out of three years of a phased fee increase.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Consider and adopt (unless ordinance is modified on second reading):

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XX OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES, RELATING TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL SERVICES FEES.**

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Services and oversight provided by the San Diego County Emergency Medical Services Office (EMS) is supported through a fee for individuals and agencies for the credentialing of prehospital personnel (Emergency Medical Technicians, Paramedics and Mobile Intensive Care Nurses), ambulance permitting, and inspections for private agencies, approval for continuing education providers, and the hospital specialty care designations for base station hospitals and

trauma centers. The EMS office provides this detailed level of oversight ensuring the San Diego community receives medical care by appropriately licensed and verified personnel, properly permitted transport vehicles, and appropriately designated hospital facilities.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's actions are supportive of the County of San Diego's (County) Sustainability goals to provide just and equitable access to County services by ensuring all EMS responders are appropriately credentialed in a comprehensive and timely manner. This allows for general purpose revenue to be available for other programs, ensuring the long-term solvency and fiscal stability of these and other County services. The proposed actions further ensure just and equitable access to goods and services through reasonable fee amounts that are levied only on those services necessary to ensure such cost recovery.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact in the current fiscal year. If approved, the three revised EMS fees will be effective July 1, 2023. Funds will be included in the Fiscal Year 2023-25 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for County Fire. The funding source is fees paid by customers. Fees do not cover all the operating costs. These costs will be supported by County Fire's existing General Purpose Revenue. There is no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

3. **SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:**  
**SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:**  
**NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING: COST RECOVERY PROPOSAL TO**  
**AMEND ARTICLE XX OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES, SECTION 364.8 RELATING TO**  
**FEES CHARGED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES**  
**EFFECTIVE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 (5/2/2023 - FIRST READING;**  
**5/23/2023 - SECOND READING UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED**  
**ON SECOND READING) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

On May 2, 2023 (23), the Board of Supervisors took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on May 23, 2023.

The Department of Animal Services (DAS) protects the public from dangerous animals, protects animals from abuse and neglect, and saves the lives of thousands of unwanted, abandoned or lost pets each year. Historically, approximately 6,500 animals from the unincorporated area of the county enter DAS' two shelters annually. DAS provides animal-related law enforcement, sheltering, medical and pet adoption services to the unincorporated area of the county. For some of the services it provides, DAS charges fees. Today's action requests that the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) approve amendments to Article XX Fees and Charges.

The Board of Supervisors' (Board) Policy B-29, *Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery*, directs departments to recover the full cost of services provided to agencies or individuals. The Board has historically waived Policy B-29 as it applies to dog license and animal services fees, based on the recognition that increasing fees to full cost recovery would deter some residents from licensing their dogs and from adoption or claiming animals. This would likely contribute to unnecessary euthanasia of sheltered animals and impair DAS' ability to maintain the County goal of zero euthanasia of healthy and treatable animals.

To determine the proposed changes, DAS calculated the costs of staff salary and benefits and services and supplies carrying out the services tied to each of the department's fees, to determine the full cost recovery fee amount. The resulting full cost recovery fees are then compared to fees charged by other regional animal services agencies to ensure that DAS' proposed fees are comparable to the regional average. DAS also analyzed local economic and animal services needs data to ensure that the proposed fees are attainable to residents of the department's service area. The last DAS cost recovery package approved by the Board was June 4, 2019 (12). Since that time, fees charged by DAS have not kept pace with the steady increase in operational costs for shelter services and medical care, consequently, the County has experienced net cost increases. Today's request increases 39 of 56 existing fees, decreases one, and adds seven fees to DAS's fees schedule for a total of 63 fees, to recover a greater share of the operational costs for the services provided to the residents of the County's unincorporated area. According to surveys completed by DAS, the proposed fees are comparable to fees charged by other regional jurisdictions. If the proposed fees are approved, DAS does not anticipate a decrease in the number of dogs licensed or the number of animals claimed from County shelters, nor any adverse impact to adoption rates. If approved, DAS will begin collecting fee increases and new fees on July 1, 2023.

Today's request includes two steps. The ordinance is being introduced today, May 2, 2023, and if approved, will be scheduled for adoption on May 23, 2023. If the proposed ordinance is altered on May 23, 2023, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance's adoption.

#### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

##### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Consider and adopt (unless ordinance is modified on second reading):

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XX OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES, SECTION 364.8 RELATING TO FEES CHARGED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed actions would amend some of the Department of Animal Services (DAS) fees for services that are provided to cover more of the full cost of those services in alignment with current San Diego County Board of Supervisors' standards and to reflect applicable laws and regulations. By recovering more of the cost of services through small adjustments in its fee schedule, the DAS ensures that sufficient resources remain to provide services to individuals experiencing financial hardship and those in historically underserved and underrepresented communities that require animal services. To develop the fees, an analysis was conducted to

examine the tasks and functions performed, including direct and indirect costs of performing those tasks, as well as a regional comparison with similar agencies. The calculation for the fee increases were reviewed to ensure that the services are not cost prohibitive for customers.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed adjustments to the Department of Animal Services (DAS) fee structure are based on available expenditure and revenue data, live time studies, and regional comparisons. The fee changes are a result of the cumulative increase of cost drivers, such as salaries and benefits, services and supplies, and associated indirect costs of DAS. The proposed adjustments are appropriate as they support the County of San Diego's Strategic Initiative of Sustainability to align the County's available resources with services while maintaining fiscal stability and ensuring long-term solvency.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact in the current fiscal year. If approved, additional funds from the revised fees, estimated at approximately \$352,000, will be included in the Fiscal Years 2023-25 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the Department of Animal Services (DAS). The proposed fees will not achieve full cost recovery for the services provided. If approved, the estimated amount of the requested B-29 waiver is approximately \$1,084,000 in Fiscal Year 2023-24 and will be absorbed with existing General Purpose Revenue budgeted in DAS. Future years costs not covered by the revised fees will be absorbed with existing General Purposed Revenue and included in future Operational Plans. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

4. **SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:**  
**SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:**  
**NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING: APPROVE AN ORDINANCE**  
**AMENDING ARTICLE XV-B OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO HEALTH AND HUMAN**  
**SERVICES CHARGES AND FEES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

On May 2, 2023 (24), the Board of Supervisors took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on May 23, 2023.

Today's action requests that the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) approve amendments to Article XV-B of the San Diego County Administrative Code related to fees charged for services by the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Public Health Services and Behavioral Health Services. The Board last approved revisions to HHSA's fees and rates on May 24, 2022 (23).

The proposed Ordinance represents a comprehensive package that seeks to support the cost of providing HHSA services, while maintaining fees that are fair and equitable for customers and the public. In accordance with Board Policy B-29 (Fees, Grants, and Revenue

Contracts-Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery), HHSA recently conducted a review of their fees and rates, in order to ensure costs are fully recovered for services provided to agencies or individuals. A total of 85 HHSA fees and their associated costs were reviewed, resulting in proposed additions, adjustments, and determinations to maintain existing fees. The Auditor and Controller has reviewed and approved the supporting documentation and the methodology for establishing the fees in this proposal for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Today's request requires two steps: on May 2, 2023, it is requested that the Board consider an Ordinance amending sections of the San Diego County Administrative Code related to HHSA fees. If the Board takes the action as recommended, then on May 23, 2023, the proposed Ordinance will be brought back to the Board for consideration and adoption. If the proposed Ordinance is amended on May 23, 2023, then on that date a subsequent meeting will be selected for the ordinance's adoption.

This item supports the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by ensuring that the County has optimized its health and social services delivery system to ensure efficiency, integration and innovation while maintaining fiscal stability.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Consider and adopt (second reading):

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XV-B OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CHARGES AND FEES**

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

As part of standard practice, the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) performs an annual review of fees and rates charged in order to ensure that charges do not exceed the County's actual cost for the service provided. Additionally, HHSA reviews fees annually to ensure that costs are fully recovered for services provided to agencies or individuals, in alignment with current San Diego County Board of Supervisors standards and that they are updated to reflect applicable laws and regulations.

To develop the cost recovery proposal, HHSA performed an analysis of all services provided to customers to examine the tasks and functions performed, including the direct and indirect costs of performing those tasks in relation to the specific services. Criteria were established to determine a fair and equitable fee for direct services provided.

The proposed Ordinance represents a comprehensive package that seeks to support the cost of providing HHSA services, while maintaining fees that are fair and equitable for customers and the public. Updates include County HHSA, Public Health Services, Public Health Laboratory (PHL) fees that are either tied to environmental testing, such as testing of drinking water or foodborne illness investigations, or clinical fees such as tests for communicable disease outbreaks, among others. Additionally, five existing fees for the Non-Diagnostic General Health

Assessments are being added to the County Administrative Code Article XV-B, Section 244 to consolidate all PHL fees in the same Admin Code. Lastly, the proposed Ordinance includes a revision to a fee for the Edgemoor Skilled Nursing Facility to align with updated full cost recovery information.

Today's action would update fees for services provided by the County that help to promote health and safety and have an impact on the lives of Black, Indigenous, People of Color, women, people with disabilities, immigrants, youth, the LGBTQ+ community, and other underserved groups.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed actions support the County of San Diego's (County) Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access by aligning the County's available resources with services to maintain fiscal stability and ensure long term solvency.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in an estimated increase in revenue of \$97,192 in Fiscal Year 2023-24. There is no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

5. **SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF INTEGRATED HIV SURVEILLANCE AND PREVENTION FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

For over 25 years, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) has authorized grants and agreements with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Office of AIDS to provide a variety of HIV prevention services to reduce the transmission of HIV in San Diego County. As of December 31, 2022, there were approximately 15,000 people living with HIV in the county and an estimated 1,300 persons living with HIV who are unaware of their HIV status. In 2022, there were 469 new HIV diagnoses indicating that HIV continues to be a major public health concern in San Diego County.

Today's action requests the Board to waive Board Policy B-29, approve the acceptance of \$1,685,980 in *Integrated HIV Surveillance and Prevention funding for Health Departments* from the CDPH, Office of AIDS for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. Authorization is further requested to apply for additional funding opportunities that would support testing, prevention, and care and treatment needs of individuals and families in San Diego County who are impacted by HIV.



This item supports the County of San Diego's (County) vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as the ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished through education, prevention, and intervention to interrupt transmission of disease in the region. This item also supports the County's Getting to Zero initiative by planning and allocating resources dedicated to services for residents who are living with or vulnerable to HIV.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires prior approval of revenue agreement applications and full-cost recovery of grants.
2. Authorize the acceptance of \$1,685,980 in *Integrated HIV Surveillance and Prevention funding for Health Departments* grant funds from the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, for HIV services related to prevention, and authorize the Clerk of the Board to execute all required grant documents, upon receipt, including any annual extensions, amendments or revisions that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.
3. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency to apply for any additional funding opportunity announcements, if available, to address the prevention, testing, care and treatment needs of those impacted by HIV.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Since the beginning of the epidemic, HIV has disproportionately impacted the most vulnerable residents. Gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men, for instance, are currently estimated to comprise less than 2% (LGBTQ+ Identification Rises to 5.6% in Latest U.S. Estimate, [gallup.com](https://www.gallup.com)) of the adult population, and yet they comprise 62% of recent HIV diagnoses and 71% of persons living with HIV. Moreover, in San Diego County, like much of the rest of the United States, HIV has disproportionately impacted Black and Hispanic communities. Blacks comprise less than 5% of the county's population but comprise 12% of recent HIV diagnoses. Hispanics comprise 34% of the population of the county yet comprise 48% of recent HIV diagnoses.

Since HIV prevention services funding began in the mid-1990s, efforts have largely been focused on what are now the main strategies of the County of San Diego's Getting to Zero initiative: test, treat, prevent, engage, and improve. In Fiscal Year 2021-22, 487 people enrolled in pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) navigation, 398 completed a visit with a PrEP prescriber within 30 days, and 33 newly diagnosed and five previously diagnosed persons living with HIV were linked to or re-engaged in HIV medical care. Additionally, approximately 20,000 people are tested for HIV through these resources. Efforts are directed at populations disproportionately impacted by HIV, including Black and Hispanic gay and bisexual men and other men who have sex with men. Data of new diagnoses during the years 2017-2021 demonstrated that Blacks were diagnosed at a rate of 34.9 per 100,000 and Hispanics were diagnosed at a rate of 19.9 per 100,000. Comparatively, Whites had a rate of 8.2 per 100,000 and Asian/Pacific Islanders had a rate of 5.3 per 100,000.

The success in reaching residents and communities most disproportionately impacted by HIV is due in large part to the HIV Planning Group, an official advisory board to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors that also has the legislative authority to allocate Ryan White Part A funding to respond to local needs as determined by review of epidemiologic data and extensive engagement to communities.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed actions align with the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access and Sustainability Goal #4 to protect health and wellbeing. This will be done by increasing capacity and services aimed to prevent, identify, and treat HIV. Testing, identification, and treatment of HIV will improve the overall health of communities, reduce the demand of associated care services, while increasing effectiveness of care providers and lowering operating costs.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-24 Operational Plan and in the FY 2023-24 CAO Recommended Operational Plan Change Letter in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs of \$876,094 and revenue of \$842,990 in FY 2022-23 and estimated costs of \$876,094 and revenue of \$842,990 in FY 2023-24. The funding source is the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS *Integrated HIV Surveillance and Prevention funding for Health Departments* and Health Realignment. A waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested because the funding does not offset all costs. These costs are estimated at \$66,208 for the term of this grant. The funding source for these costs will be existing Health Realignment allocated for this program. The public benefit for providing these services far outweighs these costs. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

6. **SUBJECT: RECEIVE THE SAN DIEGO ADVANCING AND INNOVATING MEDI-CAL ROADMAP AND AUTHORIZE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER AGREEMENT FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

On July 13, 2021 (14) the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) committed to provide opportunities to achieve better health outcomes and reduce health disparities for vulnerable populations by supporting the County of San Diego's (County) Wellness Delivery System. In alignment with this Board priority, the County mobilized planning and coordination to support implementation of California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM). CalAIM is the California Department of Health Care Services' (DHCS) long-term commitment to improve the quality of life and health outcomes of Medi-Cal beneficiaries by implementing broad delivery system transformation including program and payment reforms across the Medi-Cal Program.

Active participation in the CalAIM Medi-Cal delivery system transformation allows the County to facilitate the integration of primary health, behavioral health, and social services and to streamline service coordination for vulnerable San Diegans enrolled in Medi-Cal. The County Health and Human Services Agency, Medical Care Services San Diego Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (SDAIM) Unit was established in July 2022 to support local CalAIM implementation. The SDAIM Unit has developed an initial workplan (roadmap) to align County priorities with the CalAIM initiative and guide future planning and coordination of implementation activities. Specific to behavioral health, CalAIM will allow for consistent and seamless administration of Medi-Cal services by reducing complexity, increasing flexibility, improving outcomes, reducing health disparities, and driving behavioral delivery system transformation through policy improvements and payment reform that will shift from the existing cost-reimbursement system to a fee-based reimbursement system. This will involve transitioning existing and new County-operated and contracted behavioral health and Medi-Cal services from the current certified public expenditure-based reimbursement methodology to an Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT)-based reimbursement methodology for certain services.

Today's action requests the Board to receive the SDAIM Roadmap, authorize agreements and all necessary documents for submission and regulatory processing for CalAIM implementation, authorize the IGT agreement with DHCS for the CalAIM Behavioral Health Payment Reform implementation and transfer local funds to DHCS, amend behavioral health contracts funded by Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation to reflect changes associated with CalAIM Behavioral Health Payment Reform implementation, and authorize application for future funding opportunities to build capacity and infrastructure to ensure successful local implementation.

This item supports the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This approach will ensure higher quality care and more equitable health outcomes by improving and integrating care for people with complex health and social needs.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**  
**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Receive the San Diego Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal Roadmap.
2. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee to execute agreements, certification forms, and all necessary documents for submittal and regulatory processing as required for California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) implementation.
3. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), or designee, to execute, upon receipt, the Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) agreement with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for CalAIM Behavioral Health Payment Reform implementation, and transfer local eligible funds to DHCS, as specified in the agreement, and authorize the Agency Director, HHSA, or designee, to execute, upon receipt, future updates or amendments to the agreement, as required, that do not materially impact or alter the services.

4. In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, and Administrative Code Section 401, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, subject to successful negotiations and a determination of a fair and reasonable price, to amend behavioral health contracts funded by Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation to reflect changes associated with CalAIM Behavioral Health Payment Reform implementation, subject to the availability of funds, and amend the contracts as required in order to reflect changes to services and funding allocations as a result of CalAIM, subject to the approval of the Agency Director, HHSA.
5. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or designee to apply for any additional funding opportunities to ensure successful CalAIM implementation in San Diego County.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Historic inequities within the healthcare system and across broader social and economic factors have resulted in worse health outcomes among Black, indigenous, and people of color, including reduced life expectancy and increased risk for some chronic diseases and other morbidities. The COVID-19 pandemic further exacerbated disparities in health and healthcare, particularly for Black, Hispanic/Latino, and American Indian/Alaska Native and Pacific Islander populations. As a major source of healthcare coverage, Medi-Cal can help advance equity goals and reduce disparities by increasing access to health care, identifying new and innovative approaches to service delivery, and implementing changes to managed care, provider payments, and benefits. Medi-Cal is the main source of health insurance coverage for California's low-income children, adults, and seniors and people with disabilities. Over one million people in San Diego County meet income eligibility requirements for Medi-Cal. People of all ages are enrolled in Medi-Cal for health care coverage: as of March 2023, those age 19 to 44 years old represent the largest Medi-Cal population in San Diego County (38.3%), followed by children age 0 to 18 years old (32.3%), adults age 45 to 64 (20.4%), and adults age 65 and older (9.0%). Among individuals with a reported race/ethnicity, 37.5% were Hispanic, 17.3% were White, 6.9% were Asian and Pacific Islander, 5.0% were Black, and 0.4% were American Indian and Alaska Native; race/ethnicity was not reported for 33.0% of enrollees. As of March 2023, 1,062,906 individuals were enrolled in Medi-Cal in San Diego County, representing one-third of the county's population and the second largest Medi-Cal population in the state.

California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) is the Department of Health Care Services' framework to improve health equity by addressing social drivers of health and prioritizing prevention and whole person care beyond healthcare settings. To guide local CalAIM implementation efforts, community partners including County of San Diego (County) departments, managed care plans, health and social care providers, community organizations, consumer and community advocates were engaged in the development of the County's San Diego Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (SDAIM) Roadmap. Community and stakeholder engagement took place between November 2022 and February 2023 and included focused input sessions, community listening sessions, and a presentation at a local conference. Input gathered from these efforts informed the development of the SDAIM Roadmap.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action supports several County of San Diego (County) sustainability goals and commitments that strengthen the resilience of the community, including community participation, ensuring equitable access to services, and affirming services meet health and social care needs which align, respectively, with the County's Sustainability Goal #1 to engage the community in a meaningful way, Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to services, and Sustainability Goal #4 to protect the health and wellbeing of everyone in the region. This will be accomplished by funding a more efficient system that will improve care coordination and serve as an essential first step toward implementing added enhancements with long-lasting benefits.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

### **Recommendations 1, 2, and 5**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's actions for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24. There may be future impacts based on recommendations. Any such recommendations would be brought to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors for consideration and approval. There is no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

### **Recommendations 3-4**

Funds for this request are included in the FY 2023-25 CAO Recommended Operational Plan Change Letter for the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, the current behavioral health system impacted by the Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) process will be approximately \$500 million across existing Medi-Cal eligible services annually. The funding sources for the IGT are local funds, including Realignment, Mental Health Services Act and existing General Purpose Revenue. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

7. **SUBJECT: COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT GRANTS, NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANTS AND CEQA EXEMPTION (DISTRICT: 5)**

## **OVERVIEW**

Community Enhancement and Neighborhood Reinvestment Program funding assists nonprofit organizations in providing essential services to citizens of San Diego County. Reinvesting taxpayer money in worthwhile organizations is a benefit to the citizens and communities of North County.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND**

1. Allocate \$44,955 from Community Enhancement budget (Org 12900) to the YMCA of San Diego County to promote safe recreation by providing funds for facility, instructor and lessons cost for swim safety lessons for children.

2. Allocate \$18,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15670) to the Department of Parks and Recreation (Org 52806) to aid in the purchase of swim starter platforms for the community of Valley Center.
3. Transfer appropriations of \$18,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15670) to the Department of Parks and Recreation (Org 52806) to aid in the purchase of swim starter platforms for the community of Valley Center.
4. Allocate \$20,000 from Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15670) to Oceanside's Finest Basketball Club to purchase shoot away basketball machines to support the free basketball program that teaches kids the fundamentals of the sport.
5. Allocate \$4,641 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15670) to The Rock Rose School for Creative Learning to help with renovation cost in converting the bathroom to meet ADA requirements located at 2135 Gum Tree Lane, Fallbrook, CA 92028.
6. Amend the grant agreement date of the 9/27/2022 (14) allocation of \$35,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15670) to the Escondido Sunrise Rotary to begin on 5/18/22 and Authorize the Director, Office of Economic Develop and Government Affairs to amend the grant agreement accordingly.
7. Find that the grants serve a public purpose.
8. Authorize the Director, Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs to execute grant agreements with the organizations awarded grants establishing terms for receipt of the funds described above and to make minor amendments to the agreements that are consistent with the general purpose of the grants but do not increase the grants.
9. Find that the allocation to The Rock Rose School for Creative Learning is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

These proposed allocations of funds are intended to improve the quality of life throughout the County by providing funds for nonprofits whose work addresses inequities by providing services to all with an emphasis on underserved communities. The organizations that were chosen work to promote a sense of belonging and utilize equity in their operations, outreach, and programs.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed allocation of funds will contribute to the overall sustainability of the region by providing funding to organizations that align with the County of San Diego Sustainability Goals by engaging the community, provide just and equitable access, transition to a green and carbon-free economy, protect the health and wellbeing of the community members, protect water, ecosystems, habitats, biodiversity and/or reduce pollution and waste.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operational Plan for the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) and the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (Org 15670). The fiscal impact of these recommendations is \$44,955 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) and \$42,641 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15670) totaling \$87,596. The funding sources are Transient Occupancy Tax Revenues and General Purpose Revenue. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **8. SUBJECT: COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT, NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANTS AND CEQA EXEMPTIONS (DISTRICT: 1)**

## **OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego is fortunate to have an opportunity to reinvest taxpayer money into our communities for the benefit of the public. This action will assist the County in meeting the needs of the community.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHAIR NORA VARGAS**

1. Allocate \$30,000 from the Community Enhancement American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) budget (Org 12905) to Business for Good San Diego to support staff salaries and towards a conference event to celebrate change makers and businesses that make a difference in the community. Expenses for the conference include venue costs, emcee with DJ, tables and chairs, tablecloths, utensils, cups, photo booth, videographer, photographer, stage rental costs, audio visual rental costs, including marketing and advertising. Funding is necessary to address revenue shortfalls that occurred due to the closures of public spaces and attendance maximums caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Allocate \$15,000 from the Community Enhancement American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) budget (Org 12905) to Empowering Latino Futures to support with staff salaries to benefit the 25th Annual International Latino Book Awards and the Latino Book & Family Festival, both events which were financially impacted by the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic due to loss of participants and revenue.
3. Allocate \$50,000 from the Community Enhancement American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) budget (Org 12905) to Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation to support with staff salaries for their economic development, marketing, and event staff. Funds will also support hosting a Community Health Resource Fair in Summer 2023. Due to ongoing issues associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, staff salaries and the ability to host larger-scale community events were impacted. Funding is necessary to address these impacts.

4. Allocate \$15,000 from the Community Enhancement American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) budget (Org 12905) to Sharia's Closet to support employee salaries and development trainings for staff. Funding also includes costs towards rent and support towards their Bag of Hope program including purchasing emergency clothing and hygiene kits for those experiencing clothing insecurity. As a result of event cancellations and the curtailment of social gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic, the organization experienced reduced revenue. This funding is necessary to address these impacts of the pandemic on the organization.
5. Allocate \$35,000 from the Community Enhancement American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) budget (Org 12905) to Vanguard Culture to support the cost of hiring a consultant to develop and create a post-pandemic marketing plan to support the ENVZN23 art festival in Logan Heights. Funding will also include rental costs toward sound and lighting equipment, portable toilets, security, and insurance for the festival. Funding is necessary to address the loss of revenue that occurred due to the closures of public spaces and attendance maximums during the COVID-19 pandemic.
6. Allocate \$37,000 from the Community Enhancement American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) budget (Org 12905) to Voices for Children to support with staff salaries for marketing, communications, recruitment, and outreach staff. Funds will also be used to purchase digital advertising, as well as support video production costs and produce public service announcements. Funding is necessary to address loss of volunteer recruitment and loss of revenue caused by the cancellation of events and resultant loss of funding opportunity during the COVID-19 pandemic.
7. Allocate \$10,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Housing 4 the Homeless to support the cost of salary for staff conducting emergency after-hours outreach for medically fragile older adults and connecting them to services.
8. Allocate \$15,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to RISE Urban Leadership Institute of San Diego d.b.a. Civic Link Strategies to support salary costs for the RISE Urban Fellows Program which will develop and train fellows to create a community action project design to directly benefit residents in Central and South San Diego.
9. Allocate \$15,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to San Diego Black LGBTQ Coalition to support costs of San Diego Black Pride 2023 event venue space, security, and staffing including entertainment and performers.
10. Allocate \$35,341 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15650) to Biocom Institute to support cost for the purchase of an analytical balance for their Life ScienceXP Science Bridge program which provides teacher training, curriculum, and lab experiences to San Diego high schools.
11. Allocate \$25,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15650) to San Diego Civic Youth Ballet, Inc. to support the cost of materials needed for their rebranding project including purchasing new computers and design software, creating a



new website, as acquiring branded letterhead and information sheets, and photographs for use in marketing materials. Funding also includes to support renovations to office facilities such as updating and installing new workstations, storage cabinets, and a kitchenette.

12. Allocate \$45,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15650) to San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District to support the cost of replacing and updating the alert system at Fire Station 16 located at 905 Gillespie Drive, Spring Valley, CA 91977.
13. Allocate \$5,460 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15650) to Sol-N-Air, Inc. to support the costs of heat warning signs for installation in public parking lots within the cities of Chula Vista, Imperial Beach, and National City.
14. Amend the purpose of the 5/2/2023 (10) allocation of \$25,000 from the Community Enhancement American Rescue Plan Act budget (Org 12905) to Climate Action Campaign to include employee payroll and the development of new strategies for community engagement and education programs. Funding is necessary to address loss of revenue resulting from the cancellation of events and loss of funding opportunity during the COVID-19 pandemic. Authorize the Director, Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs to amend the grant agreement accordingly.
15. Amend the purpose of the 3/1/2022 (6) allocation of \$10,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Biocom Institute to include salary support to the program. Authorize the Director, Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs to amend the grant agreement accordingly.
16. Amend the purpose of the 12/7/2021 (13) allocation of \$30,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Bonita Family Resource Center to include salary support to the program. Authorize the Director, Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs to amend the grant agreement accordingly.
17. Amend the purpose of the 10/11/2022 (4) allocation of \$10,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to City of Imperial Beach to include support towards a Movie in the Park event to be held Summer 2023. Authorize the Director, Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs to amend the grant agreement accordingly.
18. Amend the purpose of the 1/11/2022 (6) allocation of \$9,500 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Groundswell Community Project to include salary support to the project. Authorize the Director, Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs to amend the grant agreement accordingly.
19. Amend the purpose of the 12/7/2021 (13) allocation of \$60,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Metropolitan Area Advisory Committee on Anti-Poverty of San Diego County, Inc. to include salary support to the program. Authorize the Director, Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs to amend the grant agreement accordingly.

20. Amend the purpose of the 1/11/2022 (6) allocation of \$25,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Rider Safety Visibility to include salary support to the program. Authorize the Director, Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs to amend the grant agreement accordingly.
21. Amend the purpose of the 1/11/2022 (6) allocation of \$30,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to South County Economic Development Council to include salary support to the project. Authorize the Director, Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs to amend the grant agreement accordingly.
22. Amend the purpose of the 3/1/2022 (6) allocation of \$6,800 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Spay-Neuter Action Project to include salary support to the project. Authorize the Director, Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs to amend the grant agreement accordingly.
23. Amend the purpose of the 11/15/2022 (15) allocation of \$18,260 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15650) to Jewish Family Service of San Diego to include purchasing a recipe card rack, a water bottle filling station, a reach-in freezer, a reach-in refrigerator, as well as installation costs of the water bottle filling station, refrigerator, and freezer. Authorize the Director, Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs to amend the grant agreement accordingly.
24. Amend the purpose of the 02/28/2023 (13) allocation of \$30,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15650) to Kiku Gardens to include purchasing a fuel-efficient vehicle to benefit their lunch program for seniors. Authorize the Director, Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs to amend the grant agreement accordingly.
25. Amend the Neighborhood Reinvestment fund allocation to I am My Brother's Keeper CDC on 4/26/2022 (20) to authorize the allocation of \$12,500 for payroll and waive Board Policy B-72 to allow payroll allocation. Authorize the Director, Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs to amend the grant agreement accordingly.
26. Find that all the grants serve a public purpose and that the grants awarded using ARPA funds are necessary to address an impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the funded organizations.
27. Authorize the Director, Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs to enter into agreements and make minor amendments to agreements that do not change the purpose or amount of the grant to organizations awarded funds.
28. Find that the proposed grants to San Diego Civic Youth Ballet, Inc., Sol-N-Air, Inc., San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District, and Jewish Family Service of San Diego are exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

We recognize the systemic impacts that inequitable policies may create for residents in San Diego County. Find that these proposed allocations of funds are intended to improve the quality of life throughout the County by providing funds for non-profits and local agencies whose work addresses inequities, promotes quality of life and improves outcomes that align with the vision of our county. Organizations and agencies were chosen based on their location or the demographics they serve with a focus on organizations and agencies that focus on vulnerable community members, youth and seniors, and other inclusive community events. The organizations that were chosen work to promote a sense of belonging and utilize equity in their operations, outreach, and programs. Their supporting documents were reviewed as well as impact reports and community testimony.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for these grant requests are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operational Plan for the Community Enhancement American Rescue Plan Act budget (Org 12905), Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) and Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15650). The fiscal impact of these recommendations is \$182,000 from the Community Enhancement American Rescue Plan Act budget (Org 12905), \$40,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) and \$110,801 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15650) totaling \$332,801. The funding sources are American Rescue Plan Act, Transient Occupancy Tax Revenue, and General Purpose Revenue. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**9. SUBJECT: COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM, NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANTS AND CEQA EXEMPTIONS (DISTRICT: 2)**

### **OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego is fortunate to have an opportunity to reinvest taxpayer money into our communities for the benefit of the public. This action will assist the County in meeting the needs of the community.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON**

1. Allocate \$40,671 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15655) to the City of El Cajon for the City's Police Department to purchase law enforcement Mobile Camera Trailers to allow the El Cajon Police Department to enhance its ability to monitor special events, improved safety, cost-effectiveness, and increase public confidence to monitor and record activities in various locations of high-risk or remote areas.

2. Allocate \$15,000 from the Community Enhancement Program ARPA Budget (Org 12905) to the Jacumba-Boulevard Revitalization Alliance to provide one-time assistance for the cost of Fire Insurance to continue the operations of the Back Country Resource Center located at 12108 Industry Road, Lakeside, CA 92040. The Alliance was adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic when event cancellations and other pandemic responses reduced fundraising opportunities. This funding is needed to maintain the Resource Center to ensure the community of Jacumba has a reliable location for community gatherings, senior/low-income housing, voting center, and many more community related events.
3. Allocate \$10,000 from the Community Enhancement Program ARPA Budget (12905) to the San Diego Police Officers Association Foundation to fund their golf venue fees, food, payroll for staff, and contractor invoice for the 14th Annual Charity Golf Tournament for the Widows and Orphans Fund which provides monetary support to families of deceased officers relating to funeral costs and health insurance for the children. The Foundation was adversely impacted by COVID-19 when pandemic response measures such as the cancellation and suspension of events curtailed fundraising activities resulting in a loss of revenue to support events and activities. This funding is necessary to address these pandemic related impacts and to promote fundraising for its Widows and Orphans Fund.
4. Allocate \$75,000 from the Community Enhancement ARPA budget (Org 12905) to The San Diego River Park Foundation to take a comprehensive approach to reducing significant trash accumulation in the San Diego Riverbed in Santee and other areas in District 2. Through their Clean River Program, they will be able to organize a large number of clean-up events to clean up trash along the riverbed and to conduct census survey data for homeless individuals and homeless outreach to clean out encampments near the San Diego River. The Foundation was adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic when their trash cleaning operations were ceased and trash accumulation increased overtime.
5. Allocate \$6,400 from the Community Enhancement Program Budget (Org 12900) to American Legion Post #479 Department of California to fund various programs that serve veterans in Poway and District 2. The funds will be used to purchase sleeping bags for homeless veterans, Christmas gifts for local active-duty military and their families, and purchase flight tickets and lodging to send 2-4 District 2 youth to the National Boys and Girls State conference in Sacramento.
6. Allocate \$50,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to ArtsBusXpress to provide field trips to District 2 Title I students to arts and cultural sites across all of San Diego County and to fund payroll of staff, transportation, and reservation fees.
7. Allocate \$25,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to NotMeCA, Inc. for its San Diego program to fund equipment costs, ammunition costs, range fees, and permit fees to help safely train, educate, and empower women to defend themselves in San Diego County.

8. Allocate \$10,000 from the Community Enhancement Program Budget (Org 12900) to the Poway High Foundation to pay for air travel and attendance ticket costs of the Poway High School Robotics team, Team Spyder 1622, to attend the FIRST Championship robotics competition in Houston, Texas.
9. Allocate \$18,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the Ramona Skatepark Champions for its Pop-up skatepark that runs a temporary and portable skatepark out of parking lots in Ramona. The funds will be used to purchase seating, cell phone portable chargers, skateboarding magazines, music, and teen interest books for its “teen lounge” that is typically adjacent to the portable skatepark.
10. Allocate \$100,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce to redesign the chambers website, replace current physical and digital signs displaying its community events and programs, and promote its Leadership East County Program and the bi-annual Health Fair to promote healthy living industry businesses.
11. Amend the purpose of the 10/27/2020 (15) allocation of \$82,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to The Alpine Chamber of Commerce to include rent, payroll, insurance, etc. Authorize the Director, Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs to amend the grant agreement accordingly.
12. Find that the grants have a public purpose and that the grants made using American Rescue Plan Act funds are necessary to address an adverse impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the organizations receiving funds.
13. Authorize the Director, Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs to execute grant agreements or amendments to agreements with the organizations awarded grants establishing terms for receipt of the funds described above and to make minor amendments to the agreements that are consistent with the general purpose of the grants but do not increase the grants.
14. Find that the allocation to San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

We recognize that the systemic impacts that inequitable policies may create for residents in San Diego County. Find that these proposed allocations of funds are intended to improve the quality of life throughout the County by providing funds for nonprofits whose work addresses inequities, promotes a better quality of life and improves outcomes that align with the vision of our county. Organizations were chosen based on their location or the demographics they serve with a focus on organizations that serve vulnerable community members, youth events and inclusive community events. The organizations that were chosen work to promote a sense of belonging and utilize equity in their operations, outreach and programs. Their supporting documents were reviewed as well as impact reports and community testimony.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The investment of these grant funds into the specified community organizations and non-profits will promote the financial sustainability and economic viability of San Diego County communities for generations to come.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for the grant allocations are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operational Plan for the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (Org 15655), Community Enhancement American Rescue Plan Act budget (Org 12905), and Community Enhancement budget (Org 12900). The fiscal impact of these recommendations is \$40,617 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15655), \$100,000 from the Community Enhancement American Rescue Plan Act budget (Org 12905), and \$209,400 from the Community Enhancement budget (Org 12900) totaling \$350,071. The funding sources are Transient Occupancy Tax and General Purpose Revenue. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

10. **SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE RATIFIED TENTATIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE EMPLOYEE BARGAINING UNITS - DI AND DM REPRESENTED BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION AND OTHER COMPENSATION ORDINANCE CHANGES (5/23/2023 - FIRST READING; 6/13/23 - SECOND READING, UNLESS THE ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

## **OVERVIEW**

Today's actions reflect the compensation changes that have been negotiated with the District Attorney Investigators Association (DAIA) which represents the District Attorney Investigators (DI) and the District Attorney Investigators Middle-Management (DM) Units. The County reached a tentative agreement for a three-year Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with DAIA. The changes to the compensation ordinance reflect the negotiated changes in salary and benefits for these employees.

Today's actions also propose changes to compensation items for certain classifications that have been negotiated with SEIU, Local 221 and Teamsters Local 911 and other amendments to the Compensation Ordinance that will promote the recruitment and retention of various classifications through premiums and equity increases, adjust the maintenance charges for County-owned residences, and other administrative changes that help align the compensation ordinance with operational changes.

Today's recommendations are for the Board to approve the introduction of an ordinance (first reading) to amend the Compensation Ordinance. If the Board takes action as recommended, then on June 13, 2023, staff recommends the Board adopt the ordinance (second reading). If the proposed ordinance is altered on June 13, 2023, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance adoption.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**  
**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**On May 23, 2023:**

Approve the introduction of the Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND  
ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION.

**If, on May 23, 2023, the Board takes action as recommended in item 1 above, then, on June 13, 2023:**

Consider and adopt the Ordinance (second reading) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND  
ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's actions reflect the partnership between the County and the Unions/Associations to strengthen their relationship and work together to provide equitable salaries, implementation of equity increases, and compensation that ensures recruitment, retention, and just and fair benefits.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed actions amending the compensation ordinance align with the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals by promoting sustainable economic growth for our community. The proposed actions included in this letter provide just, equitable wages for County employees.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are partially included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-25 CAO Recommended Operational Plan and will be included in the FY 2023-25 CAO Recommended Operational Plan Change Letter for the impacted departments. If approved, this recommendation will result in total estimated ongoing and one-time costs as follows:

<i>(in millions)</i>		<b><u>FY 23-24</u></b>	<b><u>FY 24-25</u></b>	<b><u>FY 25-26</u></b>
A	Base salary and benefit increases	\$ 3.28	\$ 4.29	\$ 0.86
B	Equity increases	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.47
C	Flex Credit increases	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10
<b>D (A+B+C)</b>	<b>Total Ongoing Cost (incremental increase)</b>	<b>\$ 3.80</b>	<b>\$ 4.86</b>	<b>\$ 1.43</b>
E	One-time lump sum payments	\$ 0.62	—	—
<b>F (D+E)</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$ 4.42</b>	<b>\$ 4.86</b>	<b>\$ 1.43</b>

There will be no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

11. **SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE RELATING TO A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT PENDING RATIFICATION FOR THE EMPLOYEE BARGAINING UNITS - DS AND SM REPRESENTED BY THE DEPUTY SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY (5/23/2023 - FIRST READING; 6/13/23 - SECOND READING, UNLESS THE ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

Today's actions reflect the compensation changes that have been negotiated with the Deputy Sheriffs' Association of San Diego County (Deputy Sheriffs' Association) which represents the Sheriff's Management (SM) and the Deputy Sheriffs (DS) Units. The County and Deputy Sheriffs' Association reached a tentative agreement on three-year Memoranda of Agreement which are currently undergoing the Association's ratification process. The proposed changes to the compensation ordinance reflect the negotiated changes in salary and benefits for these employees. If ratified by the Deputy Sheriffs' Association, the Memoranda of Agreement will be presented to your Board for consideration and approval on June 13, 2023.

Today's recommendations are for the Board to approve the introduction of an ordinance (first reading) to amend the Compensation Ordinance. If the Board takes action as recommended, and the Deputy Sheriffs' Association has ratified the tentative Memoranda of Agreement, then on June 13, 2023, staff recommends the Board adopt the ordinance (second reading). If the proposed ordinance is altered on June 13, 2023, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance adoption.

#### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

##### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**On May 23, 2023:**

Approve the introduction of the Ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR DEPUTY SHERIFFS (DS) AND SHERIFF'S MANAGEMENT (SM) EMPLOYEE BARGAINING UNITS.**

**If, on May 23, 2023, the Board takes action as recommended in item 1 above, and the Deputy Sheriffs' Association has ratified the Memoranda of Agreement, then, on June 13, 2023:**

1. Consider and adopt the Ordinance (second reading) entitled:  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR DEPUTY SHERIFFS (DS) AND SHERIFF'S MANAGEMENT (SM) EMPLOYEE BARGAINING UNITS.**
2. Set June 13, 2023 as the date for consideration and approval of the ratified Memoranda of Agreement between the County and the Deputy Sheriffs' Association of San Diego County.



## EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's actions reflect the partnership between the County and the Association to strengthen their relationship and work together to provide equitable salaries, implementation of equity increases, and compensation that ensures recruitment, retention, and just and fair benefits.

## SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed actions amending the compensation ordinance align with the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals by promoting sustainable economic growth for our community. The proposed actions included in this letter provide just, equitable wages for County employees.

## FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-25 CAO Recommended Operational Plan and will be included in the FY 2023-25 CAO Recommended Operational Plan Change Letter for the Sheriff's Department. The estimated fiscal impact is comprised of net increases in ongoing base and supplemental pay, including various premiums and equity adjustments, ongoing flex credit increases, and one-time monetary payments. If approved, these recommendations will result in a total estimated ongoing and one-time costs as follows. There will be no additional staff years.

<i>(in millions)</i>		<b>FY 23-24</b>	<b>FY 24-25</b>	<b>FY 25-26</b>
A	Base Salary and Benefit Increases	\$ 24.52	\$ 17.38	\$ 17.38
B	Equity Increases	\$ 5.46	\$ 5.37	\$ 5.37
C	Flex Credit Increases	\$ 0.87	\$ 1.74	\$ 1.74
<b>D (A+B+C)</b>	<b>Total Ongoing Cost (incremental increase)</b>	<b>\$ 30.85</b>	<b>\$ 24.49</b>	<b>\$ 24.49</b>
E	Total One-time Cost	\$ 12.48	\$ 1.75	\$ 0.44
<b>F (D+E)</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$ 43.33</b>	<b>\$ 26.24</b>	<b>\$ 24.93</b>

## BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

### 12. SUBJECT: GENERAL SERVICES - CONTINUATION OF EMERGENCY REPAIRS AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER (DISTRICT: 3)

#### OVERVIEW

On February 6, 2023, a failure of the chilled water supply line that serves the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system of the County Administration Center (CAC) was discovered in the northwest corner of the building exterior. This failure occurred at approximately 7:00am causing a total loss of cooling capacity, severely impacting the ability to control the interior temperature of the facility. To mitigate the risk to the operational capability of the building occupants and restore temperature control, it was necessary to declare an emergency and forgo competitive solicitation of the repair and restoration work. In accordance with County Administrative Code Section 402, "Emergency Purchases," a notice to proceed for emergency repairs was issued to ACCO Engineered Systems, a contractor with previous County

facility and repair experience. Upon further investigation of the CAC chill water piping system, additional failures were discovered that warrant replacement of the entire chilled water piping system. To date, the costs of mobilization, construction, set up and delivery of a temporary chiller and the work previously done by ACCO totals \$220,218. The cost of repairs to the chilled water piping system is estimated at \$2,255,750 for a total of \$2,475,968 for all the work required. The estimated time for completion of repairs is early June.

On February 28, 2023 (7), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) found that there was a need for emergency repairs at the CAC and provided authorization to continue the emergency action. Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22050, until the repairs are complete, the Board is required to determine at every regularly scheduled board meeting that there is a need to continue the emergency action. Today's action requests the Board to find that there is a need to continue the CAC emergency repair and restoration.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find the proposed project is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review pursuant to Sections 15269(b) and 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines because the proposed project is for emergency repairs to a publicly owned service facility necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety, and welfare, and because it consists of the minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing use.
2. Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22050(c)(2)(a), find that there is a need to continue the emergency repair and restoration of the County Administration Center without giving notice for bids to let a contract. **(4 VOTES)**

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

As a public building, most daily activities that take place at the CAC have an impact upon the San Diego County community. Regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors, County Special Districts and various Commission meetings are held at the CAC. The Department of General Services is responsible for managing the CAC, including maintenance and repairs. Approval of the emergency repairs will ensure continued operation of the CAC heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system. These proposed emergency repairs will provide public benefit to members of the public and County employees through the continued provision of essential public services at this facility.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The emergency repairs will ensure the health and wellbeing of County employees and visitors to the County Administration Center by protecting indoor air quality.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operational Plan for the Department of General Services Facilities Management Internal Service Fund. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$2,475,968. The funding source is charges to client departments. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

Failure to make the required repairs in a timely manner will result in a risk of inability to control the building interior temperature.

**13. SUBJECT: GENERAL SERVICES - APPROVAL OF NEW LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, 124 W. MAIN STREET, EL CAJON, AND NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (DISTRICT: 2)**

**OVERVIEW**

Effective Fiscal Year 2022-23, the Public Defender added 90 staff, increasing staffing numbers in all Public Defender branches, including East County. The existing East County office for the Public Defender is located at the East County Regional Center (ECRC) and is occupied by both the Primary Public Defender (PPD) and Alternate Public Defender (APD) divisions. The East County office cannot accommodate additional staff, and there is no opportunity to expand the offices at the ECRC. On January 27, 2022, the Public Safety Group approved, in principle, a new lease for the Public Defender in East County. The office space needs to be within close proximity to the East County Superior Court.

Staff from the Department of General Services have negotiated a new lease agreement for 10,486 square feet of office space located at 124 W. Main Street in El Cajon. Approving a new lease agreement at 124 W. Main Street will allow APD staff, as well as the Public Defender's Holistic Services unit consisting of substance abuse assessors, housing navigators, and mental health clinicians, to relocate. This move will allow PPD staff to expand in existing branch locations vacated by APD and the Holistic Services unit. If approved, Public Defender estimates 34 total staff members will be assigned to the new facility within the next year. Today's request is for Board of Supervisors approval of the lease agreement.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)****CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

- ~~1. Find that the proposed lease is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15301.~~
- ~~2. Approve and authorize the Director, Department of General Services, to execute the lease for space located at 124 W. Main Street, El Cajon.~~

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

It is anticipated that the proposed lease for the Public Defender will have a positive impact on the community by providing opportunities for representation in traditionally underserved communities.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Implementing effective sustainability objectives is crucial to ensuring safe and healthy communities and contributing to the overall success of the region. The approval of the lease is appropriate as it supports the County's Strategic Initiative of Sustainability to ensure the capability to respond to immediate needs for individuals, families, and the region.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operational Plan and Fiscal Year 2023-24 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the Public Defender. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of approximately \$28,837 in Fiscal Year 2022-23 based on an estimated lease commencement date of June 1, 2023, and costs and revenue of \$346,038 in Fiscal Year 2023-24. The funding source is existing General Purpose Revenue. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**THIS ITEM HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

14. **SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:  
NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND  
SECTIONS 86.7, 86.8, 86.9, AND 86.10 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES RELATING TO FEES  
FOR SERVICES BY THE RECORDER AND COUNTY CLERK AND  
TO ADJUST RECORDER SHARE OF ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR  
THE REAL ESTATE FRAUD FEE (05/02/2023 - FIRST READING;  
05/23/2023 - SECOND READING, UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED  
ON SECOND READING) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On May 2, 2023 (26), the Board of Supervisors took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on May 23, 2023.

The Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk (ARCC) reviewed Recorder fees to determine whether the full cost of its services provided are recovered as required under Board of Supervisors Policy B-29 “Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery” (Board Policy B-29) and as authorized under various State statutes. Submitted for your Board’s consideration is the adoption of a proposed ordinance amending sections of the San Diego County Code of Administrative Ordinances (Administrative Code) for fees for services provided by the Recorder. The proposed ordinance adjusts certain existing fees and repeals a fee that will no longer be charged by the Recorder. The proposed action also adjusts the distribution of the Real Estate Fraud Fee to the Recorder for administrative costs to comply with Board Policy B-29.

The Auditor and Controller has reviewed and approved the supporting documentation and methodology used to determine the proposed fees to be adjusted in this proposal.

The ordinance will be introduced on May 2, 2023, and, if approved, it will be scheduled for adoption on May 23, 2023. If the proposed ordinance is altered on May 23, 2023, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance’s adoption. If the proposed ordinance is approved, the proposed changes will take effect on July 1, 2023.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **ASSESSOR/RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK**

Consider and adopt the Ordinance (second reading) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 86.7, 86.8, 86.9, AND 86.10 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES RELATING TO FEES FOR SERVICES BY THE RECORDER AND COUNTY CLERK AND TO ADJUST RECORDER SHARE OF ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR THE REAL ESTATE FRAUD FEE.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Recorder remains committed to ensuring all communities across the county have access to its services, including those that have been historically underserved. The Recorder has and continues to identify ways to reduce departmental costs to provide its services to the public. Because the Recorder is service-based and the funding source is fees paid by customers, full cost recovery ensures that Recorder services which benefit a single agency or individual do not reduce resources available to the entire region.

The proposed actions would amend fees and charges for services that are provided to the public to cover the cost of services and pass-through fees in alignment with current San Diego County Board of Supervisors' policy. ARCC performed an analysis of Recorder services, including the direct and indirect costs of performing those tasks in relation to the specific services. ARCC further reviewed the frequency of services provided to ensure that the fees for services are not cost prohibitive for customers.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed amendment to the fees and charges for services that are provided to the public will cover the full cost of services for the Recorder's internal operations. The fee changes are a result of the cumulative increase of the cost drivers such as salaries and benefits, services and supplies, and associated indirect costs of the Recorder. The adjustments to the Recorder fees are based on available expenditure and revenue data, live staff time studies, and annual service counts. The proposed actions are appropriate as they support the County of San Diego's Strategic Initiative of Sustainability to align the County's available resources with services to maintain fiscal stability and ensure long-term solvency. The proposed actions align with the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal of promoting economic sustainability for all and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals of decent work and economic growth.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no current year fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. If approved, the proposal will result in an estimated net annual cost and revenue of \$73,500 for the ARCC, beginning in Fiscal Year 2023-24, which includes \$60,100 in revenue from the proposed adjustment to the distribution of the Real Estate Fraud Fee. Funds for this proposal will be included in the Fiscal Year 2023-25 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for ARCC. The funding source is fees paid by customers. These fees are estimated in an amount sufficient to recover full cost as required by Board Policy B-29: Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts-Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery. Accordingly, there is no projected unrecovered cost, and a waiver of Board Policy B-29 is not needed. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

In terms of impact to the local economy, the fee changes will only impact customer requests for: recordings and filings; sending notifications of involuntary liens to debtors; refunds of documentary transfer tax paid on transfers of ownership; and, decorative certificate keepsakes of birth and marriage records. The proposed fee changes are considered reasonable and of minimal impact on the local business community.

- 15. SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:  
NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION  
439.2 OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE  
RELATING TO THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS FEES FOR RECORDS  
AND SERVICES (5/02/2023 - FIRST READING; 5/23/2023 - SECOND  
READING UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND  
READING) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

On May 2, 2023 (28), the Board of Supervisors took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on May 23, 2023.

With over 1.9 million active registered voters, the mission of the Registrar of Voters (ROV) is to conduct voter registration and voting processes with the highest level of professional election standards, including accountability, security and integrity, thereby earning and maintaining public confidence in the electoral process. The ROV conducts elections on behalf of the more than 500 political districts in San Diego County.

Today's actions request that the Board of Supervisors review and approve amendments to Section 439.2 of the San Diego County Administrative Code related to the Registrar of Voters' fees for products and services. The recommended changes reflect fees and rates that are fair and equitable for customers and the public and recover the department's full cost of services provided, as required by Board Policy B-29 "Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery" (Board Policy B-29). The proposed changes are the result of an analysis of services provided to the public, processing times and corresponding costs to provide those services. The Auditor and Controller has reviewed and approved the supporting documentation and the methodology for establishing the fees in this proposal.

Today's actions include introducing an Ordinance amending Section 439.2 of the San Diego County Administrative Code (first reading) and if approved, it will be scheduled for adoption on May 23, 2023. If the proposed ordinance is altered on May 23, 2023, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance's adoption.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Approve the adoption of the following Ordinance (second reading):

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 439.2 OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO FEES FOR THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS  
RECORDS AND SERVICES.**

**If the proposed ordinance is altered on May 23, 2023, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance's adoption.**

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

A person's vote can influence policy and who represents them in government, which in turn impacts their environment, health and quality of life. Having the appropriate resources to conduct a fair, accurate and transparent election allows all eligible citizens to have a part in matters that affect them.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

A person's vote has a direct influence on the sustainability of their neighborhood, community, and local region. By voting, San Diego residents have a direct impact on their health, equity, the economy and environment. With the County's implementation of the vote center model, all active registered voters receive a ballot in the mail as required by current law. This increases accessibility by providing voters with the opportunity to consider the method that is most convenient for them to return their ballot and has the possibility of reducing vehicle miles traveled to cast their vote. In addition, voters have the option of receiving their voter information guides electronically to reduce paper waste. The recommended action today aligns with the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal of providing just and equitable access to County services.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no current year fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. If approved, this proposal will result in estimated additional annual costs and revenue of \$7,000 for the Registrar of Voters beginning in Fiscal Year 2023-24, as detailed below. Funds for this request will be included in the Fiscal Year 2023-25 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the Registrar of Voters. The fees are estimated in an amount sufficient to ensure full cost recovery as required by Board Policy B-29: Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery. Accordingly, there is no projected unrecovered cost and a waiver of Board Policy B-29 is not needed. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **Fees for Records and Services (Non-Candidate Statement Fees)**

If approved, this request will result in annual costs and revenue of approximately \$2,000 due to an increase in labor and material costs. The funding source is fees paid by customers.

#### **Fees for Candidate Statements**

If approved, this request will result in additional estimated annual costs and revenue of approximately \$5,000. The funding source is fees paid by candidates running for office who wish to exercise the option of having a candidate statement printed in the voter information guide per Elections Code 13307.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**16. SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS: VARIOUS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

These appointments are in accordance with applicable Board Policy A-74, "Citizen Participation in County Boards, Commissions and Committees," Board Policy I-1, "Planning and Sponsor Group Policies and Procedures," and Board Policy A-77, "Appointments to Fill Vacancies and Cancellation of Election where Insufficient Nominations Filed Prior to Uniform District Election and Citizen Planning Group Election," and Board Policy A-134, "Procedures for Appointment to Resource Conservation District Board of Directors."

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON**

Appoint David A. Geiger to the Crest/Dehesa/Granite Hills/Harbison Canyon Community Planning Group, Seat No. 12, for a term to expire 01/04/2027.

Appoint Sheri Minix to the Descanso Community Water District, Seat No. 4, for a term to expire 12/04/2026.

Waive Board Policy A-74, "Citizen Participation in County Boards, Commissions and Committees," and re-appoint Carol Fowler to the Ramona Design Review Board, Seat No. 4, for a term to expire 03/11/2026.

Re-appoint Neil Meyer to the Resource Conservation District, Seat No. 7, for a term to expire 11/27/2026.

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Appoint Karen Lenyoun to the Community Action Partnership Administering Board, Seat No. 14, for a term to expire 01/11/2025.

Appoint Abigail West to the HIV Planning Group, County of San Diego, Seat No. 29, for a term to expire 03/12/2027.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

County government includes standing and special citizen boards, commissions, committees and task forces formed to advise the Board of Supervisors and County staff on issues and policy and to serve as links to the community. Boards, commissions and committees provide an inter-relationship between the residents and the government of the County. The nominations in this Board Letter enable the County of San Diego to provide individual residents the opportunity to impart valuable insight and input into the operation of the government.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego has over one hundred boards, commissions, committees, and task forces that serve as voice in the County government. Advisory bodies are an essential role in resident engagement that allow citizens to participate on issues relating to the welfare and quality of life in the County. They are fundamental to the County of San Diego's ability to navigate complex and dynamic policy challenges, are a conduit to the County Bureaucracy, and a broker to community voice. This board letter supports the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal No.1 by "encourage[ing] people and diverse stakeholders to partner and participate in decisions that impact their lives and communities."



**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**17. SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED (DISTRICTS: ALL)****OVERVIEW**

Board Policy A-72, Board of Supervisors Agenda and Related Process, authorizes the Clerk of the Board to prepare a Communications Received for Board of Supervisors' Official Records. Routine informational reports, which need to be brought to the attention of the Board of Supervisors yet not requiring action, are listed on this document. Communications Received documents are on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)****CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Note and file.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT**

This board letter is a list of documents received by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and/or Board of Supervisors from other entities, other county departments, the public, and internal documents presented to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or the Board of Supervisors. This contributes to the overall sustainability of the county by engaging the community in meaningful ways and promote an environment that provides equitable access opportunities for public engagement.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**18. SUBJECT: COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE, COMMUNITY HEALTH AND INJURY PREVENTION, AND TRIAGE TO ALTERNATE DESTINATION PROGRAM UPDATE (DISTRICTS: ALL)****OVERVIEW**

On May 4, 2021 (3), the Board of Supervisors directed the Chief Administrative Officer to explore establishing a Community Risk Reduction medical services program within San Diego County Fire. This program would focus on proactive service delivery within the San Diego County Fire Protection District (SDCFPD), which includes many rural communities experiencing significant health disparities.

On November 2, 2021 (1), County Fire, in collaboration with Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), proposed a three-phase approach to meeting the Board's direction. The first phase includes the SDCFPD, through its partnership with CAL FIRE, establishing a Community Health and Injury Prevention (CHIP) initiative to offer training such as Hands-Only CPR, Stop the Bleed, and other wellness initiatives to District residents. Phase 2 includes local implementation of Assembly Bill (AB) 1544, the Community Paramedicine and Triage to Alternate Destination (CP/TAD) Act. Local implementation of these programs could not begin until the State finalized regulations, which occurred November 1, 2022. The third phase includes addressing long-term public health needs in SDCFPD that County Fire and HHSA jointly support.

Today's request is for the Board of Supervisors to receive an update on the local implementation of CP/TAD programs and County Fire's CHIP initiative.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Receive an update on the development of the County Fire Community Health and Injury Prevention initiative and the County Emergency Medical Services Office's local implementation of Community Paramedicine and Triage to Alternate Destination programs.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The San Diego County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Office, a division of San Diego County Fire, is the Board of Supervisors-designated local EMS agency with statutory responsibilities for the county's EMS delivery system, including quality assurance/quality improvement and structural innovation. Community Paramedicine and Triage to Alternate Destination (CP/TAD) programs aim to improve equitable healthcare access, particularly for those struggling with behavioral health and addiction. CP/TAD programs will connect participating Fire/EMS services with other County programs, like Crisis Stabilization Units, sobering centers, and other health and social support programs.

More than 80 percent of the San Diego County Fire Protection District's (SDCFPD) jurisdictional area qualifies as a disadvantaged unincorporated community, based on a San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission report on the funding, administration, and performance of the SDCFPD. County Fire continues to engage communities in developing a community health initiative to improve residents' health and quality of life within the SDCFPD's jurisdictional area.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action to receive the Community Paramedicine, Community Health and Injury Prevention, and Triage to Alternate Destination program updates contribute to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals to protect the health and well-being of the county's residents and visitors by providing additional tools to the Emergency Management Services (EMS) delivery system. County residents and visitors will be better able to access tailored healthcare resources through these innovative EMS programs. These capabilities improve the health and well-being of all San Diego County residents and visitors.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's recommendations in the current fiscal year. There may be fiscal impact related to any future decisions by the Board to implement Community Paramedicine, Community Health and Injury Prevention, and Triage to Alternate Destination programs in San Diego County Fire Protection District. San Diego County Fire will return to the Board of Supervisors to request approval of any future actions with a fiscal impact and identify funding at that time. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years in the current Fiscal Year.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **19. SUBJECT: REIMAGINING AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN THE COUNTY'S RURAL COMMUNITIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

On December 5, 2017 (5), the Board of Supervisors approved a revised ambulance transportation model in the County's unincorporated communities known as the Unified Service Area (USA). The programmatic changes consolidated the three (3) Exclusive Operating Areas and seven (7) undesignated or non-exclusive operating areas where the County has the responsibility to ensure ambulance services, into one service area wherein a provider(s) could be contracted. The County contracted with one private ambulance vendor to provide at least ten (10) paramedic, Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulances and one part-time ALS ambulance. Despite the enhancements that came with unifying and expanding service, the remote location of communities, low transport revenue, and paramedic staffing challenges still hinder the viability of the current ambulance transportation model.

On October 4, 2021, the State of California enacted Assembly Bill (AB) 389 which included provisions for a county Board of Supervisors to contract with a fire agency for ambulance services and for the fire agency to subcontract service, in whole or in part, to a private provider, as codified into California Health and Safety Code (HSC) Sections 1797.230-231. On December 13, 2022 (1), the Board directed the Chief Administrative Officer to hire a consultant to evaluate the optimal ambulance transportation service model(s) within the USA given the statutory change, along with, as of January 1, 2023, increased Medi-Cal payments to *government-provided* ambulance services. San Diego County Fire completed a competitive procurement for a consultant and contracted with Citygate Associates, LLC (Citygate) to conduct the review. Citygate was tasked with evaluating fiscal sustainability, patient care, and operational objectives of a future ambulance services model. To leverage the best combination of service options and revenues newly available, and to ensure the County meets the emergency medical services needs of vulnerable communities, Citygate is recommending that San Diego County Fire Protection District (SDCFPD) assume responsibility as the ambulance service manager/provider for the USA when the current private ambulance services contract in the USA ends.

The actions in today's Board Letter and accompanying SDCFPD Board of Directors agenda item provide the authority to subcontract, as needed, for private ambulance services and/or in combination add firefighter/paramedic ambulance staffing. The final service model to be implemented will meet the standards established by the Board on December 13, 2022 (1). Today's action authorizes a contract between the County of San Diego and the SDCFPD to manage and/or provide emergency, non-emergency, interfacility, and special event/standby ambulance services in the areas where the County provides those services, or may in the future, consistent with California and Federal authorities and new California HSC Sections 1797.230-231. The contract between County and SDCFPD will be effective upon the expiration of the existing ambulance services contract in the USA.

#### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

##### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or designee, on behalf of the County of San Diego, to enter into a contract with the San Diego County Fire Protection District (SDCFPD) to exclusively provide and/or manage emergency ambulance services in the areas where the County has, or will have, the responsibility for ambulance transportation services in compliance with California Health and Safety Code Sections 1797.230-231 and approve any amendments to the contract. SDCFPD may provide ambulance services, in whole or in part, through a written subcontract with a private ambulance service, in compliance with Health and Safety Code Section 1797.231.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Advanced (paramedic) and Basic (Emergency Medical Technician) Life Support ambulances are a critical component of an emergency medical services system reducing emergency medical health disparities in the USA's unincorporated areas. San Diego County Fire will continue working with Citygate Associates, LLC to review Emergency Medical Services incident data to determine how staffing patterns and ambulance deployment models will provide for equitable services across the Unified Service Area. County Fire will track data and outcomes for quality of timely care by race, gender, and geography to support positive outcomes for all residents.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Implementing the new ambulance transportation model provides for a just and equitable access to County resources. This action also supports efforts for our services to reflect the County's values and priorities.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's recommendations in the current fiscal year. Fiscal impacts will be determined when staff evaluates the final report from Citygate and staffing options and will return to the Board for consideration and approval of recommendations.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**20. SUBJECT: FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS: DATA-DRIVEN APPROACH TO PROTECTING PUBLIC SAFETY, IMPROVING AND EXPANDING REHABILITATIVE TREATMENT AND SERVICES, AND ADVANCING EQUITY THROUGH ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On October 19, 2021 (3), the Board of Supervisors (Board) directed a series of actions now known as the County's Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) initiative. The direction came approximately 18 months into the COVID-19 pandemic, when emergency public health measures restricted people from being booked into jail on most nonviolent and low-level charges and lowered jail populations. The Board noted such policy changes provided an opportunity to review evidence-based treatment and supportive programs to continue to prevent people from entering custody while protecting public safety and advancing equity by addressing underlying issues that lead to justice involvement. The Board directed the County to engage an independent consultant for specific analyses and stakeholder outreach, and to develop recommendations for community-based services that create permanent alternatives to incarceration. The County issued a competitive solicitation and contracted with San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), which conducted extensive data analysis, issued and analyzed community surveys, took broad stakeholder input, including numerous meetings with a community Advisory Group and a County Working Group, hosted multiple community listening sessions, and conducted a best practice review of local and national model programs that can prevent individuals from entering or reentering jail.

SANDAG published its analysis and findings in a series of reports and recently issued its last report: *Final Report: A Data-Driven Approach to Protecting Public Safety, Improving and Expanding Rehabilitative Treatment and Services, and Advancing Equity Through Alternatives to Incarceration* (Attachment A), which summarizes the information contained in previous reports and includes 52 recommendations for the County.

The Board also directed the Chief Administrative Officer to bring forward ATI recommendations. County and regional public agency justice and health partners (ATI Working Group) have been collaborating throughout the project to review SANDAG's iterative reports and review local programs and best practices. The ATI Working Group has identified local opportunities to create pathways and supportive services to prevent or reduce justice-involvement by addressing underlying needs. The ATI Work Plan (Attachment B) identifies 20 actions and eight service enhancements that will fully or partially implement more than half the SANDAG recommendations.

Today's recommendations are to receive the SANDAG report, the ATI Work Plan, and a presentation and to authorize grant application and contracting actions that will expand person-centered care coordination and housing services for individuals contacted by law enforcement or booked into jail with unaddressed homelessness and other unmet needs.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Receive SANDAG's Final Report and recommendations (Attachment A).

2. Receive the Alternatives to Incarceration Work Plan (Attachment B).
3. Receive a presentation from the Public Safety Group and SANDAG on the Alternatives to Incarceration project.
4. In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, subject to available funding, to issue a competitive solicitation(s) for case management, system navigation and housing services or similar services for justice-involved populations who need person-centered support after leaving custody, being contacted or transported by law enforcement to a custody alternative, or as part of their criminal case resolution, and/or to amend existing contracts for similar services serving similar populations, and, upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award contracts for a term of up to one (1) year, with up to four one-year option periods and up to an additional six months if needed, subject to the approval by the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for the Public Safety Group or the Health and Human Services Agency Director and, for existing contracts, the designated authority from the lead department, and to amend such contracts as needed to reflect changes to services and funding.
5. Pursuant to Board Policy B-29, authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for the Public Safety Group or the Health and Human Services Agency Director or his/her designee, to submit grant applications and accept grants that support prevention, diversion and reentry programs to support individuals who commit low-level, non-violent offenses with the goal of reducing individuals' jail booking or time in jail by providing supportive services that address underlying needs, through June 30, 2026.
6. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to return to the Board in early 2024 with plans for an enterprise structure for Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) that includes the engagement of the Public Safety Group, Health and Human Services Agency, Office of Equity and Racial Justice, Office of Evaluation, Performance, and Analytics, and members of the community; an initial assessment of resources and personnel advancing ATI; a proposed evaluation framework for the ATI Work Plan; and an initial update on Work Plan actions.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Nationally and in San Diego County, arrest and incarceration disproportionately impact people of color and those who are poor, have a mental health need, are struggling with addiction, are disabled, or are experiencing homelessness. For example, San Diego County jail data indicate that Black individuals composed more than 21 percent of the average daily jail population in 2022, while only 5.6% of San Diego County's overall population are Black, according to 2020 Census data. In the Regional Task Force on Homelessness' (RTFH) 2022 Jail Point in Time (PIT) Count, 31% of more than 900 people surveyed said they were experiencing homelessness at the time of their arrest; a prior survey question from the 2020 PIT Count found 7 of 10 unsheltered individuals interviewed in the community had been to jail at some point. The goal of the Alternatives to Incarceration work is to reduce justice system contact and address unmet basic needs for people who commit low-level, non-violent offenses by providing community-based programs and services.

Throughout this project, community stakeholders have been engaged in the review of data to provide diverse perspectives. The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) facilitated six community forums throughout the project, including two bilingual Community Listening Sessions in January 2023, to gather public input on priorities and service gaps in regional efforts to reduce incarceration rates. The Public Safety Group also facilitated a Community Listening Session on May 4, 2023, to gather public input on SANDAG's Final Report, in addition to releasing a separate community feedback form for written input.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The actions proposed in today's item contribute to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals of engaging the community, providing just and equitable access, and protecting health and wellbeing. The ongoing initiative to provide prevention, diversion, and reentry services will impact the communities and socioeconomic groups historically burdened by incarceration by providing better long-term outcomes through rehabilitative treatment. Extensive community engagement through surveys, community listening sessions, and an external Advisory Group including individuals with lived experience is a major component of the project. Rather than perpetuating the cycle of incarceration, this project seeks to provide community connections to improve health outcomes, including sobering services, mental health treatment, and crisis stabilization services.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Today's requests include a total of \$6,100,000 budgeted in Fiscal Year 2023-24 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for:

- Ongoing costs and revenue of \$1,500,000 in Sheriff's Department for interim housing services, 3.0 Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) for Alternatives to Incarceration program staff support, and jail-in reach and transitional services for clients with behavioral health needs. The funding source is Local Revenue Fund 2011, Community Corrections Subaccount.
- One-time costs and revenue of \$4,600,000 in the Probation Department for Connection Points and related case management and navigation services for pretrial populations. The funding source is state funding through the Judicial Council of California for pretrial services.

There will be no change in net General Fund costs and 3.0 additional FTEs based on funding from Local Revenue Fund 2011, Community Corrections Subaccount.

Today's requests also include total funds of \$3,638,000 in Fiscal Year 2023-24 CAO Recommended Operational Plan Change Letter for:

- Ongoing costs and revenue of \$550,000 in the Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) Medical Care Services for Transitions Clinic Network Pilots; \$738,000 in the Sheriff's Department for staffing (5.0 FTEs) to provide service connections for homeless individuals in custody; and \$50,000 in the Public Safety Group Executive Office (PSG) for lived-experience consultancy services. The funding source is Local Revenue Fund 2011, Community Corrections Subaccount.

- One-time costs and revenue of \$250,000 in PSG for planning for a Diversion, Reentry and Resource Center; \$2,000,000 in HHSA for expansion of case management, system navigation and housing services; and \$50,000 in the Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement for outreach related to the Fair Chance Act. The funding source is Local Revenue Fund 2011, Community Corrections Subaccount.

There will be no change in net General Fund costs and a total of 5.0 FTEs will be added based on funding from Local Revenue Fund 2011, Community Corrections Subaccount.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **21. SUBJECT: RECEIVE UPDATE ON SUPPORTING CARE COORDINATION FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS: DATA GOVERNANCE AND INTEGRATION AND AMEND REPORT BACK SCHEDULE (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

Individuals involved in the justice system often face challenges such as homelessness and lack of health insurance which makes accessing and adhering to health and social service programs difficult. In turn, this creates a challenge to receiving ongoing care and treatment of health conditions among this population. Additionally, data indicates that justice-involved individuals are among the most underserved in society, which contributes to poor health and social outcomes, such as significantly higher rates of infectious disease, chronic physical and behavioral health conditions, and homelessness. These disparities underscore the importance of care coordination for justice-involved individuals and pursuing all actions that support enhancing the ability to connect individuals to the care and services they need.

Recognizing the challenges faced by justice-involved individuals, and to demonstrate their commitment to addressing inequities and health disparities that impact this population, on May 10, 2022 (3), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) approved *Supporting Care Coordination for Justice-Involved Individuals Through Funding and Integrated Data Infrastructure*. This Board action acknowledged the challenge of coordinating care across justice, health and social service sectors and requested a report of challenges and opportunities for data integration and a proposed data governance structure. On February 28, 2023 (20), the Board received and approved a report entitled *Supporting Care Coordination for Justice-Involved Individuals through Funding and Integrated Data Infrastructure: Report on Potential Opportunities and Challenges Impacting Data Sharing*, acknowledging the challenge of care coordination across justice, health and social service sectors without a data governance structure and integrated data system.

Today's action proposes a data governance structure and provides updates on data sharing and integration efforts to support care coordination of justice-involved individuals. The proposed data governance structure includes a plan for a six-month pilot with a subsequent report to the Board in early 2024 to update on progress.



Today's actions align with the County of San Diego's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished through collaborative efforts that support coordination of care for those involved with the justice system, ultimately leading to improved health and well-being outcomes, and contributing to the reduction of health disparities and inequities impacting this population.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Receive an update on Supporting Care Coordination for Justice-Involved Individuals through Funding and Integrated Data Infrastructure: Data Governance and Integration.
2. Amend the report back schedule as described in the May 10, 2022 (3) San Diego County Board of Supervisors action to eliminate the requirement of every 180 days and replace it with a report back in early 2024.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

On January 12, 2021 (8), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted a resolution declaring racism a public health crisis and took bold action to tackle this issue to improve the overall health and well-being of San Diego County residents. Establishing a data governance structure to facilitate data sharing related to care coordination for justice-involved individuals is an important step in supporting the Board's commitment to addressing this issue. In 2021, Black individuals accounted for 17% of all arrests in San Diego County while representing 5% of the adult population in the same year. Hispanic individuals accounted for 35% of all arrests while representing 32% of the population. White individuals represent nearly half of San Diego County's population and accounted for 41% of all arrests. Race and ethnic-based disparities within the criminal legal system, and their correlation to poor health, social and economic outcomes, underpin the importance of data collection and sharing to address trends, enhance care coordination, dismantle systemic contributors to disparities, and improve health outcomes for all. The County continues to advance efforts to address inequities and reduce disparities that impact justice-involved individuals and improve health outcomes for this population.

Additionally, individuals who are justice-involved experience adverse health and socioeconomic outcomes at greater rates than the general population. Data shows that rates of chronic conditions among incarcerated individuals are more than double that of the general population and nearly two-thirds of jail inmates have substance use disorders, as compared to 5% of the general adult population. In addition, rates of mental health disorders have been found to be nearly four times higher among individuals in jail compared to the general population, and substance use disorders were found among more than 50% of the inmate population.

It is important to consider how policies, procedures, and systems impact the justice-involved population. Reaching equity requires addressing the social, political, and economic factors that impact justice-involved individuals' ability to access care and services. Including community stakeholders and/or individuals with lived experience within a data governance structure focused on supporting care coordination for those involved with the justice system will aid in

considerations of how policy and system designs impact this population. Increasing data sharing may also increase opportunities for monitoring outcomes with an equity lens and facilitate the exchange of information to enhance individuals' access to the care and services they need, with a goal of improving the social and economic situations in which this population may find themselves.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Supporting care coordination for justice-involved individuals supports the County of San Diego's (County) Sustainability Goal #1 of engaging the community, as capturing the community's voice and including individuals with lived experience are critical components of the proposed data governance structure. This item also supports the County's Sustainability Goal #2 of providing just and equitable access by creating a data governance structure to enhance care coordination, connecting individuals with services and supports more quickly to ensure needs are addressed. These efforts collectively help improve connection to services that reduce recidivism and promote health and well-being by ensuring the alignment of needs, resources required, and outcomes.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. As a result of outcomes of pilot and resource assessment to be completed, there may be future fiscal impacts and staff would return back to the Board for any such recommendations for consideration and approval. Funding for future costs will need to be identified prior to further action. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **22. SUBJECT: PREVENTING SUICIDE IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

Suicide and self-harm are serious public health concerns that affect individuals, families, and communities. In San Diego County, there were 7,630 emergency room discharges and 719 hospitalizations for suicide attempts and self-harm in 2021, with 364 deaths by suicide. These statistics highlight the need for a comprehensive approach to suicide prevention and mental health care services in the community.

Mental health conditions such as depression, bipolar disorder, and anxiety disorders, as well as substance abuse, relationship problems, and life stressors, are among the factors that can contribute to suicidal behavior. The stigma surrounding mental health issues and suicide can make it difficult for individuals to seek help, leading to further isolation and exacerbating their condition.

Veterans, men, young adults, and seniors are especially at risk for suicide. The COVID-19 pandemic has further intensified these risks by disrupting social and community engagement, limiting access to healthcare, and exacerbating feelings of loneliness and isolation. Therefore, the need for mental health and suicide prevention services for the at-risk populations is more important now than ever before. There is a need for comprehensive and evidence-based suicide prevention efforts that are tailored to meet the needs of specific populations.

Today's action recommends a review of all existing suicide prevention efforts by the County, the identification of any gaps in service and underserved populations, and direction to identify and apply for any funding opportunities for suicide and mental health services.

### **RECOMENDTION(S)**

#### **SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND**

1. Direct the CAO to review all existing suicide prevention efforts by the County with a comprehensive overview of existing programs, contracts, campaigns, and any other efforts to prevent suicide in San Diego County.
2. Direct the CAO to complete a needs assessment of gaps in services and identify any underserved populations.
3. Direct the CAO to identify and apply for additional funding opportunities for suicide prevention and mental health services.
4. Report back to the Board within 180 days.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Mental health disorders can affect anyone, but certain groups are disproportionately affected. Individuals who face social and economic disadvantages, such as poverty, unemployment, and housing instability, are at a higher risk of developing mental health conditions. Additionally, individuals who belong to marginalized communities, such as people of color, LGBTQ+ individuals, and individuals with disabilities, may also face higher rates of mental health disorders due to systemic discrimination, stigma, and lack of access to healthcare. Veterans and individuals who have experienced trauma or abuse are at an increased risk of developing mental health disorders.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

This proposed action contributes to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal of protecting the health and well-being of all San Diegan residents.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. There may be future impacts based on recommendations. Any such recommendations would return back for consideration and approval by the Board. Upon return by staff, funding for future costs will need to be identified by the department and will proceed once identified. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**23. SUBJECT: RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ESTABLISHING THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IMPACT FUND 2.0 (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On October 11, 2022 (9), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) found that a Behavioral Health Impact Fund 2.0 (BHIF 2.0) was necessary to meet the social needs of the county's population; established a BHIF 2.0 grant program; directed the County of San Diego (County) to return to the Board with proposed evaluation and selection criteria for the BHIF 2.0; issue request(s) for proposals for behavioral health services; administer the BHIF 2.0; and provide updates on the status of awards, including the total number of awards granted, types of projects awarded, a description of recently awarded projects, and amount of funds remaining.

Today's action provides an update on this direction and a summary of ongoing activities that align with the goals of BHIF 2.0 to ensure funds are available to support the increase in behavioral health needs across the continuum. Additionally, today's action requests authority to provide future updates to coincide with significant developments in lieu of time-certain reporting.

Today's actions support the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by a steadfast commitment to pursue funding opportunities that will allow the County to grow behavioral health supports in alignment with community need.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Receive an update on establishing the Behavioral Health Impact Fund 2.0.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to sunset time-certain reporting for the Behavioral Health Impact Fund 2.0, and shift updates to coincide with significant developments.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Services (BHS) serves as the specialty behavioral health plan for Medi-Cal eligible residents within San Diego County who are experiencing serious mental illness or serious emotional disturbance, as well as the service delivery system for Medi-Cal eligible residents with substance use disorder care needs. BHS aims to provide resources and services that are equitably distributed and advance wellness across the continuum of need. Today's item supports this vision of advancing behavioral health equity in our region.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's item is an update on the pursuit of funding that will support ongoing behavioral health projects and supports Sustainability Goal #4 to protect the health and well-being of everyone in the region by exploring grant funding opportunities available at the State and federal level.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with these items. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **24. SUBJECT: APPROVE ACTIONS RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PROGRAM (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

Over the last few years, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) has made significant investments to address the regional homelessness crisis and prevent individuals from entering the homeless system. On November 2, 2021 (4), the Board adopted the Framework for Ending Homelessness to align efforts throughout the region to assist people at-risk of, or experiencing homelessness, with the goal of ending this crisis. Subsequently on October 25, 2022 (21), the Board directed the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a comprehensive integrated data system that can link and centralize multiple data points into one system; research and develop an implementation strategy for the creation of a Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP); create a Homelessness Prevention Unit within the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities (HSEC); and assess the costs associated with and potential funding sources for these actions.

In response, HSEC in partnership with the County Office of Evaluation, Performance, and Analytics, assembled a multi-disciplinary, cross-department workgroup to develop the HPP Implementation Strategy that outlines the strategies and steps for establishing the HPP. Today's actions request the Board approve the HPP Implementation Strategy. The elements of this strategy are designed to prevent at-risk households from becoming homeless by utilizing a Predictive Analytics Model to identify households at risk of homelessness. Today's action also requests the Board authorize applications for future funding opportunities related to addressing homelessness throughout the region.

This item supports the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished through improving the lives of our most vulnerable residents by reducing homelessness and increasing self-sufficiency. Today's actions also align with the County's Framework for Ending Homelessness by addressing the Root Cause and Upstream Prevention Strategic Domain.

#### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

##### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Approve the Homelessness Prevention Program Implementation Strategy which would be fully operationalized once sustainable funding is identified.

2. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to apply for future funding opportunities related to addressing homelessness throughout the region in the current and future fiscal years.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

According to the Regional Task Force on Homelessness, the 2022 Point-in-Time Count identified a minimum of 8,427 individuals who were unsheltered or in shelters throughout San Diego County. Of those who were unsheltered, 58% reported having a disability and 25% were 55 years of age or older. Additionally, data shows that people of color are disproportionately represented among those experiencing homelessness, with 27% identifying as Black or African American, roughly five times the proportion of African American population in the region, and 3% identifying as American Indian or Alaska Native, which is nearly three times the proportion of American Indian or Alaska Native population in the region. Through the Homelessness Prevention Program, the County of San Diego will work with those at-risk of or experiencing homelessness, impacted residents, community partners, and other key stakeholders to ensure racial and social equity is front and center in all aspects of homelessness prevention activities.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed actions support the County of San Diego's (County) Sustainability Goal #1 to engage the community; Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access; and Sustainability Goal #4 to protect health and well-being. By utilizing a predictive risk assessment model and using combined data from County departments and other partners, today's item will help to identify households at risk of homelessness. Using this information, the County will be able to engage with these individuals within our community, provide just and equitable access to resources and housing supports to help prevent homelessness, and protect their health and well-being by connecting them with services they need.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's recommendations. There may be future fiscal impacts based on recommendations from today's action. If sustainable funding is identified, it is estimated that ongoing annual costs for the establishment of the Homelessness Prevention Unit would be up to \$3.8 million. This estimate includes funding for 12 County staff and associated operating costs and indirect costs, inclusive of up to \$1.5 million in participant funding for housing and related expenses supporting housing stability for an estimated 280 households. The participant funding amount could vary depending on need. Additionally, the initial year of start-up would include \$0.3 million in one-time costs for the implementation of an evaluation framework for the program. Funding for the one-time and start-up costs will need to be identified by the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency prior to further action. The County's Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities will monitor its budget and return to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors with mid-year action to adjust the budget if necessary and/or incorporate in future operational plans if funding becomes available. At this time, there is no impact to net General Fund costs, and there will be no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

Investing in initiatives that prevent homelessness will have multiple benefits for individuals and families, and for local communities and businesses, with clear benefits for our economy. Keeping more working families in their homes stands to benefit them and our regional economy long term.

25. **SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AND THE SAN DIEGO HOUSING COMMISSION FOR COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE HOUSING SHORTAGE - HOMEKEY ROUND 3 AND RESERVE FUNDS FOR UP TO FOUR PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENTS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

## **OVERVIEW**

On March 29, 2023, the California Department of Housing and Community Development announced the availability of the third round of Homekey program funds to sustain and rapidly expand the inventory of housing for people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. Homekey is a statewide effort to rapidly sustain and expand housing opportunities for persons experiencing or at risk of homelessness and impacted by COVID-19.

The Homekey program provides an opportunity for regional and local public entities to develop permanent supportive housing using various housing types, including but not limited to hotels, motels, hostels, single-family homes and multifamily apartments, adult residential facilities, and manufactured housing. Eligible applicants are cities, counties, or other Local Public Agencies, who may apply independently or jointly with a for-profit or non-profit developer.

In partnership, the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC), City of San Diego (City), and County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency will expand on prior efforts to ensure the \$34,345,268 in Homekey funding allocated by the State, for the San Diego region, is secured and leveraged to provide additional housing resources to the most vulnerable members of our community.

Today's actions request the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) find that the proposed actions are exempt from CEQA; authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency or designee, to negotiate and enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with SDHC; authorize up to \$32,000,000 in combined American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Behavioral Health Impact Fund (BHIF) funding to be reserved for the County's capital contribution for up to four Homekey partnership developments with SDHC; and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency or designee, to execute loan documents for up to \$32,000,000 to support Homekey partnership developments. Additionally, today's actions request the Board to authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to issue competitive solicitations for behavioral health supportive services within up to four designated developments, contingent upon receipt of HCD Homekey Round 3 funding.

This item supports the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by ensuring residents experiencing homelessness have access to suitable living environments.

In addition, this item supports the five strategic domains of the County's Framework for Ending Homelessness, including upstream prevention strategies, diversion and mitigation services, treatment and outreach, emergency shelter, and permanent housing. This will be accomplished by ensuring low-income persons experiencing or at risk of homelessness have access to suitable living environments, as well as enhancing their quality of life by creating decent and safe affordable housing, coupled with supportive services.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find in accordance with Section 15060(c)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, that the actions described herein are administrative in nature and not a project as defined by the state CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.
2. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency or designee, to enter, upon successful negotiations, into a Memorandum of Agreement with the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) related to developments awarded through California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Homekey Round 3 funding.
3. Authorize up to \$32,000,000 in combined American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) (\$24,500,000) and Behavioral Health Impact Fund (BHIF) (\$7,500,000) funding to be reserved for SDHC, or a to-be-formed limited partnership, or limited partnerships for the acquisition and rehabilitation of up to four developments. Reservation of funds is contingent upon completion of appraisal review, financial feasibility review, and SDHC's award of funding through the HCD's Homekey Round 3 application process. ARPA funding would be redirected from the COVID-19 Response portion of the ARPA Framework based on projected spending in alignment with current need. If HCD funds are not awarded, the reservation of County funds is void.
4. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency or designee, to upon successful appraisal review, underwriting, and financial feasibility review, execute any and all documents related to capital loans for up to \$32,000,000 to up to four Homekey developments with SDHC, or a to-be-formed limited partnership, or limited partnerships, and perform any actions in furtherance of or necessary to administer or implement the Homekey loans.
5. In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to issue competitive solicitations for behavioral health supportive services, inclusive of outreach, engagement to tenants, light case management, and clinical case management within up to four designated developments, contingent upon receipt of



HCD Homekey Round 3 funding, and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award contracts for an Initial Term of up to one year, with four 1-year Options, and up to an additional six months, if needed; and to amend the contracts to reflect changes in program, funding or service requirements, subject to the availability of funds and the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

In the 2022 Point-in-Time Count, 8,427 individuals were identified as living on the streets or in shelters throughout the county. Of those who were unsheltered, 15% were identified as chronically homeless and 25% were 55 years or older. The County of San Diego (County) is committed to finding equitable solutions to prevent and end homelessness by providing preventative and supportive services and permanent supportive housing. The Homekey program allows the County to expeditiously utilize a key funding resource that was established to meet the needs of historically underserved populations, specifically persons experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.

The Homekey program is funded through California Department of Housing and Community Development and continues a statewide effort to sustain and rapidly expand housing for persons experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, and who are, thereby, inherently impacted by COVID-19 and other communicable diseases. It is anticipated that the recommended actions will provide needed housing and supports to residents who are disproportionality represented in the homeless system, including justice-involved individuals and individuals with a range of health and social needs, as well as Black, Indigenous and People of Color. Homekey is an opportunity for the County to increase permanent supportive housing options for of the most vulnerable populations, providing not just housing, but ensuring that resources for supportive service are made available to the residents.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed actions support the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access by ensuring affordable housing developments are restricted to individuals and families experiencing homelessness and chronic homelessness by cultivating strong relationships with other local governmental entities and community partners, thereby allowing a symbolic relationship that has, at its core, a mutual, mission-driven goal to serve the communities that have been disproportionately impacted by poverty.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

#### **Recommendation 1**

There is no fiscal impact with this recommendation. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

#### **Recommendations 2-4**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 Operational Plan for the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in reservation of up to \$32,000,000 for SDHC in FY 2022-23. The funding sources are American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) (\$24,500,000) and Behavioral Health Impact Fund (BHIF) (\$7,500,000) funding. Reservation of funds is contingent upon completion of appraisal review, financial feasibility review, and San Diego Housing Commission's award of funding

through California Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) Homekey Round 3 application process. If HCD funds are not awarded, the reservation of County funds is void. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

#### **Recommendation 5**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-25 CAO Recommended Operational Plan Change Letter for the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenues of up to \$4,600,000 beginning in FY 2024-25. The funding source is Realignment and federal Short-Doyle Medi-Cal. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

This proposal will have a positive impact on the business community, since the recommended actions will result in construction work to be performed at properties that are awarded funding. Contracts resulting from these recommendations may be executed with private sector firms and will involve a competitive bidding process. Developments with funding awards are estimated to be completed within the next 12 to 18 months.

26. **SUBJECT: RECEIVE UPDATE ON OPIOID SETTLEMENT FRAMEWORK IMPLEMENTATION AND HARM REDUCTION MEDIA CAMPAIGNS INCLUDING ILLICIT FENTANYL AWARENESS FOR YOUTH; AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE SOLICITATIONS FOR PUBLIC MESSAGING, OUTREACH, AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS; AND AUTHORIZE UPDATES TO THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FRAMEWORK (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

The overdose epidemic continues to affect communities nationwide, with illicit fentanyl driving a large proportion of the overdose deaths. In San Diego County, opioids are involved in the majority of overdose deaths. In response to this crisis, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) approved several recent actions including, but not limited to:

- Adoption of the County of San Diego's (County) Comprehensive Harm Reduction Strategy (June 8, 2021 (4));
- Approval of a media campaign to prevent fentanyl overdoses in youth (October 19, 2021 (2));
- Declaring Illicit Fentanyl a Public Health Crisis (June 28, 2022 (22));
- Enhancing Fentanyl Education and Strengthening Harm Reduction Efforts for Young People (October 11, 2022 (11)); and
- Adoption of the San Diego County Opioid Settlement Framework (October 25, 2022 (20)).

Today's action provides updates on these Board-directed actions and seeks approval to issue competitive solicitations for as-needed behavioral health responsive public messaging, outreach, and education, to meet the urgent needs of the region. Additionally, today's action authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer or designee to review the Opioid Settlement Framework established on October 25, 2022 (20) to ensure alignment with Opioid Settlement Agreements and any new State guidance and return to the Board in 120 days with any recommended changes. This item supports the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as the ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by investing in access for care, support, outreach, and education for those impacted by the opioid crisis.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Receive an update on the implementation of the Opioid Settlement Framework.
2. Receive an update on harm reduction outreach and education campaigns, including a media campaign to prevent fentanyl overdoses for youth.
3. In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to issue one or more competitive solicitations for as-needed behavioral health responsive public messaging, outreach, and education, which may include but is not limited to overdose prevention, harm reduction, illicit fentanyl, naloxone, prescription opioid misuse, and other urgent behavioral health priorities, including crisis services, Community Assistance, Recovery & Empowerment Act, and others, as needed, and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award up to six contracts for an initial term of up to one year, with four option years, and up to an additional six months, if needed; and to amend the contracts to reflect changes in program, funding or service requirements, subject to the availability of funds and the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.
4. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or designee to review the Opioid Settlement Framework established on October 25, 2022 (20) to ensure alignment with Opioid Settlement Agreements and any new State guidance and return to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors in 120 days with any recommended changes.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Every San Diegan experiences the world differently and has unique circumstances and opportunities that can impact health, lifestyle behaviors, and overall well-being, leading to differences in health outcomes, or health inequities. These health disparities exist among communities, including when it comes to overdose and substance use. Although no single age group, race/ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic status is immune to the current overdose crisis, data from the County of San Diego (County) Medical Examiner Office and the San Diego Association of Governments indicate that those between the ages of 18-45 years old, as well as

Native American/Alaska Native and Black/African American residents, are disproportionately impacted by fatal overdose compared to others. Based upon this, efforts are underway in collaboration with regional stakeholders to learn unique needs as it relates to this issue.

Today's recommendations build on the San Diego County Board of Supervisors' prior actions, including the adoption of the Opioid Settlement Framework, to specifically address the opioid and illicit fentanyl public health crisis. Through the implementation and performance monitoring of programs and services driven by the Opioid Settlement Framework's key components, as well as the current and future responsive behavioral health public messaging, outreach, and education efforts, the County strives to reduce harm to San Diego County residents impacted by this crisis.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's actions support the County of San Diego's (County) Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to County services with investments focused on chronically underserved communities. The implementation of the Opioid Settlement Framework ensures that programs and services are informed by the community and are available countywide to address the opioid and overdose crisis. This item also supports Sustainability Goal #4 to protect the health and well-being of everyone in the San Diego County region, through broad public messaging campaigns designed to educate residents on illicit fentanyl, naloxone, crisis response services for psychiatric emergencies, and other urgent public messaging needs.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 CAO Recommended Operational Plan Change Letter in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, today's recommendation will result estimated annual costs and revenue of up to \$6.0 million in FY 2023-24 and estimated annual costs and revenue of up to \$6.0 million in FY 2024-25. The funding sources are Opioid Settlement Funds, Mental Health Services Act, Community Assistance, Recovery & Empowerment Act Start-Up/Planning funds, and Crisis Care Mobile Unit grant funds. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

27. **SUBJECT: APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REPEALING PROVISIONS IN THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATED TO THE CHILD AND FAMILY STRENGTHENING ADVISORY BOARD OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY, THE POLINSKY CHILDREN'S CENTER ADVISORY BOARD, AND THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FOSTER CARE SERVICES COMMITTEE (MAY 23, 2023 - FIRST READING; JUNE 13, 2023 - SECOND READING UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

On March 26, 2019 (11) the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) established the Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board of San Diego County (CFSAB) to enhance the ability of the County of San Diego (County) to prevent and respond to child abuse and neglect

and to ensure the well-being of children and families. Since its inception, the CFSAB has served as a platform for cross-sector collaboration and transparent monitoring of the San Diego County child welfare system. The CFSAB has allowed for streamlined collaboration and expanded transparent communication and oversight between stakeholders and the newly formed Child and Family Well-Being Department, ensuring foster care community feedback is received by all partners who collectively impact the intertwined elements of the foster care and prevention systems. The holistic approach of the CFSAB has acted as a conduit for reducing siloes amongst child and family serving stakeholders from various areas of the foster care and prevention systems by bringing together individuals and groups that were historically fragmented from each another. If approved, the amendments to the CFSAB ordinance will similarly incorporate the work of the Polinsky Children's Center Advisory Board and the San Diego Foster Care Services Committee into work of the CFSAB.

In accordance with the Board's Sunset Review Process, Policy A-76, the County Health and Human Services Agency periodically reviews Board Policies, County Administrative Codes, and Regulatory Codes to ensure policies and codes reflect current Board standards and practices.

Today's actions seek Board approval to amend and repeal provisions of the San Diego County Administrative Code relating to:

- The Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board of San Diego County;
- The Polinsky Children's Center Advisory Board; and
- The San Diego County Foster Care Services Committee

The ordinance will be introduced to the Board on May 23, 2023, and if approved, will be scheduled for adoption on June 13, 2023. If the proposed ordinance is altered on June 13, 2023, a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance's adoption.

This item supports the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically underserved as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished as these County Administrative Codes provide a framework for a county that is healthy, safe, and thriving, specifically for one of our most vulnerable populations, families involved with the foster care system.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

On May 23, 2023:

Approve the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading):

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REPEALING PROVISIONS IN THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATED TO THE CHILD AND FAMILY STRENGTHENING ADVISORY BOARD OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY, THE POLINSKY CHILDREN'S CENTER ADVISORY BOARD, AND THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FOSTER CARE SERVICES COMMITTEE.

If on May 23, 2023, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors takes action as recommended, then on June 13, 2023

Consider and adopt (second reading):

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REPEALING PROVISIONS IN THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATED TO THE CHILD AND FAMILY STRENGTHENING ADVISORY BOARD OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY, THE POLINSKY CHILDREN'S CENTER ADVISORY BOARD, AND THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FOSTER CARE SERVICES COMMITTEE.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The recommended changes support the San Diego County Board of Supervisors' framework for achieving better outcomes for the community. The recommended changes to San Diego County Administrative Code 84.500, Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board of San Diego County (CFSAB), ensures the CFSAB receives feedback from stakeholders and community members regarding the implementation, progress, and resources of the Office of Child Safety's programs and services designed to serve families in a consistent and equitable manner. The integration of the Polinsky Children's Center (PCC) and Foster Care Services communities into the larger CFSAB continues to promote transparency for all involved, as the same information is shared among stakeholders and streamlined feedback is provided for consideration by the CFSAB.

Merging the PCC Advisory Board and the Foster Care Services Committee into the CFSAB ensures all areas of the prevention and child welfare systems are included. The composition changes of CFSAB members to include adding a member from child abuse and juvenile justice prevention, supports the newly formed Child and Family Well-Being Department's commitment to engaging in prevention work with children and families. The addition of prevention to the CFSAB will provide feedback and a lens set to reduce disproportionality in the foster care system by partnering with the community to prevent increased child abuse reporting in overrepresented communities and working with families to support efforts at keeping children safe from abuse or neglect and intervention by the Office of Child Safety.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's actions strive for programs and operations that reflect the County of San Diego's (County) values and priorities. By aligning with the County's Sustainability Goals, the changes reflect more equitable, sustainable, and impactful practices. Specifically, the consolidation of advisory boards as recommended, aligns with Sustainability Goal #1 to engage the community in meaningful ways by streamlining information to and from the public to ensure that it does not get siloed into one committee or advisory board, when the areas of child welfare supports, services, resources, and staffing are intertwined. Today's actions also align with Sustainability Goal #2 providing just and equitable access to county services, resource allocation, and decision-making by facilitating review of all components of the child well-being system in one setting, ensuring stakeholders' input and feedback is received and considered by all appropriate parties. This consolidation provides increased transparency with all child and family serving stakeholders collaborating with the County to move forward towards the goals of community engagement and equitable access that will have lasting impacts on the assessment, evaluation, and continuous quality improvement processes of child welfare activities.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommendations. There will be no change in net general fund costs and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

- 28. SUBJECT: AMEND AT&T WIFI SERVICES AND ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY CONNECTIVITY FUND (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

On October 25, 2021, County Library was awarded \$4.3 million, from the Federal Communications Commission's Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) program, in order to provide equipment and wireless internet service to patrons who have limited access to devices and the internet. Of that \$4.3 million, \$1.4 million was designated and used to purchase 7,000 AT&T Wi-Fi hotspot devices and data services. The remaining amount was used to purchase 7,000 Google Chromebooks. The County Library bundled the 7,000 Google Chromebooks and 7,000 AT&T Wi-Fi hotspots into what the Library called, "Tech Connect" kits for distribution. Devices were made available to members of the public with a library card to check out free of charge for up to one year. The ECF program is one of many ways the County is focused on closing the digital divide.

Distribution of the Tech Connect kits began on June 15, 2022, throughout the 33 County branch library locations. In order to ensure that the Tech Connect kits are distributed equitably amongst communities that have no access or limited access to internet-enabled devices and broadband services, the County Library and its respective branches have collaborated with more than 100 community-based organizations, tribal reservations, and county-wide partners such as Aging & Independence Services, Department of Child Support Services, and Library High School, where adults can earn their high school diploma online. County residents can also check-out Tech Connect kits at their local County branch library. The County Library closely monitors the check-out data of the Tech Connect kits and adjusts distribution accordingly. As of April 30, 2023, 92% (6444 Chromebooks and Wi-Fi devices) of Tech Connect kits have been checked out, and 56% of those individuals were new library card users. With the success of our Tech Connect kits, County Library was awarded an additional \$1.32-million one-time only funding to continue providing data services to the families who received the Tech Connect Kits. These funds will also allow County Library to purchase an additional 2,000 Wi-Fi hotspots and provide data services this year. The Wi-Fi hotspot services are currently provided by AT&T through a National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) cooperative purchasing contract between AT&T and the State of Utah. NASPO facilitates public procurement solicitations and agreements using a lead-state model. This \$1.3 million in grant funding would be received by the County Library in a form of reimbursement. County Library will purchase the Wi-Fi hotspots using Library funds and once received will be invoiced by the vendor. Library will pay the vendor and once payment is cleared, the Library files for reimbursement with the Universal Service Administration Company (USAC), which administers the E-Rate program for the FCC. The reimbursement process for the data plan services differs in that the County Library files for

reimbursement after the coverage dates expires. Once the payments are made, the County Library files for reimbursement with USAC. The coverage period for reimbursement is January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2024. County Library would be funding January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024, and July 1, 2024, through August 11, 2024, which would not be covered by the ECF program funding.

Today's request is to accept and appropriate \$1,317,400 in one-time only grant funds from the Emergency Connectivity Fund. approve the procurement of an additional 2,000 Wi-Fi hotspots with unlimited data services; and amend the AT&T contract to increase funding for continuing the data services for the Tech Connect kits. The grant funds are in two parts: \$373,180 for the procurement of 2,000 Wi-Fi hotspots, and \$945,000 for unlimited data services for the 2,000 Wi-Fi hotspots, and continued data services for the existing 7,000 Tech Connect kits. County Library estimates the total of expenditures for the entire program to be \$6 million by the expiration of the Emergency Connectivity Fund grant funding on December 31, 2023.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, approve an increase in the AT&T contract award funding and authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to amend the contract with AT&T for Wi-Fi hotspot data services and equipment by an estimated increase of \$4.2 million dollars in cost for the remainder of the contract terms.
2. Authorize the Library to accept \$1,317,400 in grant funds from the Federal Communications Commission's Emergency Connectivity Fund.
3. Establish appropriations of \$1,317,400 in the Library Fund Services & Supplies for the purchase of additional Wi-Fi hotspots, and data services, based on grant funds from the Federal Communications Commission's Emergency Connectivity Fund. **(4 VOTES)**

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County Library provides equitable access to educational classes, opportunities to develop literacy, study materials, and recreational reading at no cost to the communities and customers we serve. The County Library also provides access to broadband internet and computers so that customers can access the digital services they need to meet their goals of learning, connecting, job seeking, and acquiring safety-net services. This amendment to the contract will enable the County Library to extend free digital infrastructure from library branches into the households of residents in need of this digital access. This program is an opportunity to provide resources for the over 7,400 households impacted by the digital divide in the County Library service area.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's request to amend the contract with AT&T for Wi-Fi data services supports the County of San Diego's sustainability initiative of providing just and equitable access to broadband services to all county residents and supports sustainable communities by providing resilience to the internet services available to the public at the 7,400 households impacted by the digital divide in the County Library service area.



## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operational Plan for the San Diego County Library (SDCL). If approved, this request will result in an increase of \$1,317,400 million in cost for the purchase of additional Wi-Fi hotspots and data services. The overall cost of the contract amendment will be estimated at \$5.6 million dollars due to an increase of expenditures of \$4.2 million for the remainder of the contract terms expiring on August 11, 2024. The funding source is a grant from the FCC's Emergency Connectivity Fund. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years. Any future costs for this contract will be included in future Operational Plans.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

- 29. SUBJECT: CONTINUED ITEM FROM MAY 2, 2023 (20):  
RESOLUTION TO CALL A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE  
VACANCY OF THE FOURTH DISTRICT COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (DISTRICT: 4)**

## **OVERVIEW**

On May 2, 2023 (20), the Board of Supervisors continued the item to May 23, 2023.

On March 30, 2023, the Board of Supervisors was notified that Fourth District Supervisor Nathan Fletcher resigned from his office effective May 15, 2023. The San Diego County Charter gives the Board of Supervisors the authority and responsibility to take action to fill the vacant position within thirty days either by appointment, by appointment until a special election, or by calling a special election. On May 2, 2023 (20), the Board considered the options and directed the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to return to the Board with a resolution that calls for a Special Election to be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023. If no candidate receives a majority vote at that election, then a Special General Election would be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. The Board also chose to conduct both the special primary election and the special general election utilizing the Vote Center model.

The elected Supervisor would serve the remainder of the unexpired term, with the term ending at 12 noon on Monday, January 4, 2027.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Adopt the resolution that calls for a Special Election to be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023. If no candidate receives a majority vote at that election, then a Special General Election would be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to include \$5.2 million in the Registrar of Voters for the Special Election and Special General Election in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan via the CAO Recommended Operational Plan Change Letter, funding will be based on General Purpose Revenue.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed action seeks to begin the process for filling the vacancy of the Fourth District Supervisor through a Special Election. A person's vote can influence policy and who represents them in government, which in turn impacts their environment, health, and quality of life. The Registrar of Voters' conduct of fair, accurate, and transparent elections allow all eligible citizens to have a part in matters that affect them.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

A person's vote has a direct influence on the sustainability of their neighborhood, community, and local region. By voting, San Diego residents have a direct impact on their health, equity, the economy and environment. With the County's implementation of the vote center model, all active registered voters receive a ballot in the mail as required by current law. This increases accessibility by providing voters with the opportunity to consider the method that is most convenient for them to return their ballot and has the possibility of reducing vehicle miles traveled to cast their vote. In addition, voters have the option of receiving their voter information guides electronically to reduce paper waste. The recommended action today aligns with the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal of providing just and equitable access to County services.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

It is anticipated that the costs for the special election will range from \$2.1 million to \$2.6 million per election. If approved, this request will result in an additional estimated costs of \$4.2 million to \$5.2 million in Fiscal Year 2023-24 if both a primary and general election are required. Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the Registrar of Voters. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenues of \$5,200,000 in Fiscal Year 2023-24. The funding source will be the redirection of General Purpose Revenue (GPR) included in the Recommended Operational Plan for Board Security and unanticipated expenditures. There will be no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

- 30. SUBJECT:     ENDORSE THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (CSAC), AT HOME PLAN TO REDUCE HOMELESSNESS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

## **OVERVIEW**

Homelessness is an urgent humanitarian crisis with an estimated 172,000 unsheltered individuals across California and 8,427 individuals in San Diego County. Despite the seriousness of this issue, California lacks a comprehensive plan to address homelessness effectively and equitably. Current federal, state, and county funded efforts create a patchwork of programs and responses that often do not work well together.

The California State Association of Counties proposed the AT HOME plan which encourages counties to work with federal, state, and local partners to implement a comprehensive plan aimed at helping those who are unhoused or at risk of becoming unhoused. The AT HOME plan seeks to make meaningful progress in reducing homelessness by implementing solutions that address the complex and multifaceted nature of the homelessness crisis.

AT HOME stands for accountability, transparency, housing, outreach, mitigation, and economic opportunity. The AT HOME plan ensures clear lines of responsibility to authority, resources, and flexibility for all levels of government. This plan will also integrate and expand data to improve program effectiveness. There is a significant shortage of affordable housing to support aged, disabled, justice involved, or very low-income residents. This plan will increase and maintain new housing units across the spectrum.

The AT HOME plan will develop sustainable outreach systems and increase workforce to support these systems. State support and initiatives are essential for effective health and human services programs. This plan will strengthen safety net programs, ensuring that counties have sufficient resources to administer these key programs to help individuals maintain their health, self-sufficiency, and housing. Lastly, this plan will create employment and education pathways, as well as supports for basic needs.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **CHAIRWOMAN NORA VARGAS**

1. Adopt a Resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO APPROVING THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES AT HOME PLAN.
2. Authorize the support of legislation needed for the implementation of the AT HOME plan consistent with Board Policy M2.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

More San Diego County residents are falling into homelessness than becoming housed, an alarming trend growing within the past year. On average, 10 individuals find housing for every 13 people who experience homelessness for the first time in San Diego County. In 2022, the We All Count Point-in-Time Count identified 8,427 individuals as living in the streets or in shelters throughout San Diego County. This is a 10% increase from the 2020 count and only represents a minimum value of our unhoused population count. People of color are also disproportionately impacted among those experiencing homelessness. Despite making up 5% of the San Diego County population, Black residents make up 24% of the unhoused population. Similarly, American Indian or Alaskan Native residents make up 3% of the unhoused population despite making up 1% of the total county population.

San Diego's growing homelessness parallels a rapid increase in costs of living. Addressing the needs of residents at risk of homelessness requires solutions that promote accountability, affordable housing, and economic opportunities in a dignified and equitable manner. It is important to work with state and local partners in implementing this comprehensive plan to help those who are unhoused or at risk of becoming unhoused.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action to endorse AT HOME would contribute to the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal #1 to engage the community; Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access; and Sustainability Goal #3 to protect health and well-being. The AT HOME plan will engage the community by encouraging State-County cooperation and collaboration with local organizations and service providers. This will allow the County to provide just and equitable access to housing options, employment pathways, and social support services. Increasing access to housing will improve the health and well-being of San Diego's unhoused population.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **31. SUBJECT: PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM CANNABIS POISONING (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

Every year, thousands of young children consume and are sickened by marijuana edibles, which look like ordinary candy or cookies. Nearly one-fourth of these children are admitted to the hospital. The number of children hospitalized due to cannabis consumption has increased in recent years. In 2017, there were just over 200 reported cases of accidental ingestion of cannabis edibles by children under six nationwide. In 2021, the number increased to 3,054 - an increase of 1,375%. About 90 percent of the cases originated from the child's home.

In 2016, California voters were promised that the legalization of recreational marijuana through Proposition 64 would not result in the targeting or advertising of cannabis to children. However, seven years later, the industry is using billboards to promote cannabis-infused gummies and hard candies, shops named "Cookies" with flavors like lemonade, and advertisements that imitate Disney+ shows. The industry has not kept its promise, and it is time to reform the law.

Assembly <https://www.jennifermcgrath.com/california-cannabis-law-legislative-update/california-cannabis-bills-2023-california-legislature/ab-1207-cannabis-labeling-advertising/> Bill 1207, also known as the Cannabis Youth Protection Act, authored by Assemblymember Irwin, would prohibit cannabis or cannabis products that are attractive to children and advertisement and marketing that is attractive to children.

#### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

##### **SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND**

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to express the County's support for AB 1207, consistent with Board Policy M-2.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Children are among the most vulnerable in our community. By supporting AB 1207, the County of San Diego can help reduce the impact of accidental ingestion of cannabis on children. This would contribute to promoting equity in health outcomes and reducing disparities in access to healthcare services.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action to support AB 1207 would contribute to the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal of protecting health and wellbeing.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

- 32. SUBJECT: ADOPTING A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ADDITION OF UNINCORPORATED AREA REPRESENTATION TO THE SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

## **OVERVIEW**

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) Board of Directors is comprised of elected officials representing the region's eighteen cities and the County of San Diego who are authorized to vote on issues considered by the SANDAG Board. In addition to these voting members, the SANDAG Board permits ten additional non-voting representatives to serve as advisory board members. Voting and advisory board members provide the region's jurisdictions and other interested parties a "seat at the table" when discussing policy matters and funding decisions. Currently, the County Board of Supervisors represents the unincorporated area and brings a regional perspective to SANDAG's Board. However, more than half-a-million residents living in the County's unincorporated area do not have a single dedicated representative to present their unique perspective on their behalf.

SANDAG has publicly stated its commitment to equity and inclusion and has frequently added advisory Board members to include unique insight and alternative perspectives during the SANDAG Board's decision-making process. In alignment with this assurance and action, we recommend the adoption of a resolution requesting the addition of a non-voting advisory member to the SANDAG Board of Directors. If approved, this advisory member would be a resident of the County's unincorporated area and would serve as a dedicated representative for unincorporated community members.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHAIRWOMAN NORA VARGAS AND SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON**

1. Adopt a Resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO SUPPORTING THE ADDITION OF AN ADVISORY MEMBER TO THE SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, DEDICATED TO REPRESENTING THE UNINCORPORATED AREA RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to assist the County's community planning groups in selecting two unincorporated area residents to serve as a primary representative and an alternate representative to the SANDAG Board of Directors, representing the County's unincorporated area communities, if the SANDAG Board approves adding this advisory position to its Board. The selection process to be used will mirror the process used to select the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission's special district representatives.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Although representatives of the region's eighteen incorporated cities each have a vote when serving as members of the SANDAG Board of Directors, there is no single dedicated Board representative for the County's unincorporated area residents, totaling over half-a-million individuals. The intent of adding an advisory member to the SANDAG Board to represent unincorporated residents is to further uplift these communities' perspectives in regional planning and funding decisions made by the SANDAG Board.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Many of the decisions made by the SANDAG Board directly impact the infrastructure investment and livelihood of those living in unincorporated communities and commit limited resources for several decades. These decisions affect regional planning and critical transportation funding used to connect the region's residents with places of employment, schools and other destinations. The proposal to add an advisory member to the SANDAG Board, dedicated to representing the unique perspectives of this population, will help ensure the requests and needs of those living outside of our region's cities are considered by the Board during the decision-making process.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years. If additional resources are needed, staff would return to the Board with identified costs and proposed funding source(s) for consideration and approval.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

On May 12, 2023, the SANDAG Board approved their agency's proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 budget which totals over \$1.2 billion. Funding from the FY 2024 SANDAG budget will be used to pay for more than \$500 million in capital projects and several hundred million in TransNet projects, local system improvements and transit operations. Nearly 20% of the SANDAG budget gets distributed to local jurisdictions with about \$21.5 million to San Diego County's unincorporated area. The proposed projects commit regional tax dollars for multi-year projects

located throughout San Diego County. By enhancing the representation of our unincorporated area residents, we can better ensure that SANDAG decisions will include consideration of these communities' perspectives.

**33. SUBJECT: ENHANCING THE EFFICIENCY OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM (NRP) AND COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CE) GRANT APPROVAL PROCESS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The Board of Supervisors approves the allocation of grant funds to organizations located and operating throughout the County to assist them in providing important services and support to the individuals they serve. Through the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (NRP), the County provides funding for one-time community, social, environmental, educational, cultural or recreational needs. Through the Community Enhancement Program (CEP), the County allocates Transient Occupancy Tax funds to stimulate tourism, promote the economy, create jobs and improve the quality of life for San Diego residents. Unlike the distribution of funding under the County's Small Business Stimulus Grant and Microbusiness Grant programs, NRP and CEP funds must be included on a Board of Supervisors meeting agenda and brought before the Board for consideration and approval before these funds can be distributed to organizations. Under this approval process, required by Board of Supervisors Policies B-58 and B-72, the County incurs additional expenses and organizations receiving the funding experience unnecessary delays.

To streamline the current NRP and CEP grant process, we are recommending amendments to Board Policies B-58 and B-72 to provide County staff the ability to respond more effectively and efficiently to the diverse funding needs of our communities. If approved, these amendments will allow members of the Board of Supervisors to continue to receive and review funding requests and provide direction to fund the activities and projects that meet both the funding criteria and County objectives while delivering awarded funds to regional organizations in a more efficient and timely manner. Under the proposed changes, this process will more closely mirror that used to approve and award funds through the Small Business Stimulus Grant and Microbusiness Grant programs and the process used by the County of Los Angeles to award social program funds.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON**

~~Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to work with County Counsel to amend Board Policies B-58 and B-72 to authorize County staff to award Neighborhood Reinvestment Program and Community Enhancement Program funds, as recommended by members of the Board of Supervisors, without the requirement that the recommended allocations be approved by the full Board of Supervisors.~~

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The recommended amendments to the Board of Supervisors policies will streamline the County's grant approval process, ensuring a more equitable distribution of resources by providing timely support to organizations serving various community needs. By improving the efficiency of the approval process, the County can better support initiatives that promote social, economic, and environmental equity within the community.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT**

Enhancing the NRP and CE grant process would foster a culture of innovation and have a significant sustainability impact by streamlining decision-making and allocating resources more efficiently.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this recommendation. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years. While the initial implementation of the policy changes may require additional staff training and the establishment of new procedures, the streamlined approval process is expected to reduce costs for the County in the long run.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

The recommended policy changes are expected to have a positive impact on local businesses and organizations that apply for NRP and CE grants by expediting the approval process, allowing them to access funds more quickly. As a result, businesses and organizations can more efficiently implement their projects and initiatives, contributing to the overall economic growth and well-being of the community.

**THIS ITEM HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN AT THE REQUEST OF SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON**

34. **SUBJECT: ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO ADD SECTION 125.25 TO ARTICLE VIII OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO ESTABLISH THE CREATION OF A WORKPLACE JUSTICE FUND (5/23/23 - FIRST READING; 6/13/23- SECOND READING UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On May 4, 2021 (23), the County of San Diego (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to create the Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement (OLSE) and explore the creation of a fund that would provide workers seeking justice on a workplace issue with resources and assistance.

OLSE understands the financial losses suffered by workers seeking justice, including retaliatory measures by employers. Working in collaboration with community groups representing workers and organizations representing business groups, OLSE outlined two types of workplace justice funds - the Retaliation Model and the Restitution Model - in its May 31, 2022, annual report.

Today's request is for the Board to approve the introduction of an ordinance creating a Workplace Justice Fund that combines the Retaliation and Restitution Models, authorize OLSE to administer the fund, place \$100,000 in the fund and direct the CAO to report back to the Board with an update. If approved, the ordinance will be scheduled for adoption on May 23, 2023. If the proposed ordinance is altered on May 23, 2023, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance's adoption.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

On May 23, 2023:

Approve the introduction of the Ordinance:



**AN ORDINANCE ADDING A NEW SECTION 125.25 TO ARTICLE VIII OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH THE CREATION OF A WORKPLACE JUSTICE FUND.**

If, on May 23, 2023, the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors takes action as recommended, then on June 13, 2023, consider and adopt second reading:

1. AN ORDINANCE ADDING A NEW SECTION 125.25 TO ARTICLE VIII OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH THE CREATION OF A WORKPLACE JUSTICE FUND.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to report back within 120 days on the status of the Workplace Justice Fund.
3. Direct the Auditor and Controller to establish an interest-bearing trust fund, the “Workplace Justice Fund,” with interest earnings allocated and distributed to this fund.
4. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to place \$100,000 of the funding previously allocated to the Chief Administrative Office in the Workplace Justice Trust Fund which may be used to support workers seeking justice on a workplace issue.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Establishing a Workplace Justice Fund will demonstrate the County’s commitment to supporting working people by providing a financial backstop for victims of retaliation or wage theft. Although a comprehensive breakdown of wage theft judgment complainants by race or other demographic group is not available, it is clear that people of color are disproportionately impacted by wage theft. The Workplace Justice Fund will allow OLSE to compensate some victims of wage theft who were retaliated against for asserting their rights or whose employers abandoned their duties to their workers after losing a wage claim adjudication.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action to create a Workplace Justice Fund contributes to many of the County of San Diego Sustainability Goals: engage the community, provide just and equitable access, and protect health and well-being. In terms of sustainability in equity, economy, and health/well-being, it will impact the communities and socio-economic groups historically burdened by wage theft by providing thousands of dollars to make ends meet and possible job transition or period of unemployment and help keep the local economy strong. Extensive community engagement through an OLSE-convened Fair Workplace Collaborative comprised of community stakeholders is a major component of the project. Remunerating victims of wage theft will improve their well-being and ability to persevere in the labor market and beyond.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operational Plan in the Chief Administrative Office. If approved, this request will establish an interest-bearing trust fund, the Workplace Justice Fund, and place \$100,000 in the fund. The funding source is available General Purpose Revenue currently budgeted in the Chief Administrative Office. Wage theft

judgments will be assigned to the Office of Revenue and Recovery, which may be able to recoup some or all of the Workplace Justice Fund expenditures in future years. There will be no additional staff years.

Funding will be placed in the Workplace Justice Fund following the Board's approval and adoption of the Ordinance establishing the fund. Future appropriations will be included in future years CAO Recommended Operational Plan based on remaining funds available in the Workplace Justice Fund.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **35. SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 THIRD QUARTER OPERATIONAL PLAN STATUS REPORT AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

This report summarizes the status of the County's Fiscal Year 2022-23 Adopted Operational Plan, as measured by projected year-end fund balance from current year operations. The projected year-end balance for the General Fund is \$17.8 million (or 0.2% of the General Fund budget), and \$115.9 million (or 1.2% of the Overall budget) for all budgetary funds combined. The projected fund balance anticipates an overall positive expenditure variance and an overall negative revenue variance from the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Amended Budget. The projection assumes General Purpose Revenue will perform better than estimated, and all business groups will produce operating balances except for the Health and Human Services Agency due to the contribution to Innovative Housing Trust Fund and deferral of payments from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) revenue which will be covered by overall variance in County General Fund and all business groups staying within the legal appropriation limit. The General Fund projections for 3rd Quarter have changed from a projected fund balance amount of \$73.5 million in the 2nd quarter to the projected amount of \$17.8 million in the 3rd Quarter. The primary change is due to the additional deferral of payments from FEMA. Anticipated amounts of \$86.0 million from FEMA originally anticipated to be received by December 31, 2023 are now anticipated to be received in calendar year 2024. The projected balance for all other funds combined is \$98.1 million (3.4% of the other funds combined budget).

Transfers and revisions to the amended budget can be made by formal action of the Board of Supervisors in accordance with the California County Budget Act, Government Code (GC) Section 29125. Increases to the overall budget require 4 votes. Transfers of appropriations between departments within the same budgetary fund that do not increase the overall budget, or the cancellation of appropriations require a majority vote. Transfers of appropriations to facilitate transfers between budgetary funds require 4 votes even if the overall budget is not increased.

In the Public Safety Group (PSG), the recommendation includes appropriation adjustments to purchase four ambulances and equipment to support fire and emergency medical services, align funding for debt service payment, to purchase items in Jails Commissary Enterprise Fund; and in the Medical Examiner's Office for unanticipated decedent transportation costs and supplemental contracted toxicology support.

In the Health and Human Services Agency (HHS), recommendations include an appropriation adjustment for the County Public Health Laboratory project.

In the Land Use and Environment Group (LUEG), recommendations include appropriation adjustments for the Ramona Airport Tower Transient Apron Rehabilitation Project, for Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Improvements at Joan MacQueen Middle School, to support construction of the Calavo Park Project, for the Smuggler's Gulch Improvement Project and to support additional Geotech and design requests of the Otay Lakes Park Sewer System Project, and to support increased costs of construction for Sweetwater Summit Regional Park Campground Expansion Phase 2.

In the Finance and General Government Group (FGG), recommendations include appropriation adjustments to support increased fuel costs and for anticipated legal settlements.

In the Capital Program, recommendations include appropriation adjustments for projects that are anticipated to be completed and closed at the end of the fiscal year.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**  
**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Accept the Fiscal Year 2022-23 third quarter report on projected year-end results.

**Increases to the Overall Budget and/or Transfers Between Budgetary Funds**  
**(Recommendations 2 through 12):**

2. Establish appropriations of \$3,965,000 in San Diego County Fire, Services & Supplies (\$1,850,000), for contracted services, equipment and supplies to provide additional ambulance services, and Capital Assets Equipment (\$2,115,000), to purchase four ambulances and equipment to support fire and emergency medical services in the San Diego County Fire Protection District based on Operating Transfer In from San Diego County Fire Protection District (SDCFPD). **(4 VOTES)**
3. Cancel appropriations of \$150,000 in Criminal Justice Facility Construction Fund, Operating Transfers Out, based on revenue from fines, forfeitures and penalties; *and* establish appropriations of \$150,000 in the Courthouse Construction Special Revenue Fund, Operating Transfers Out, for debt service payment based on unanticipated revenue from fines, forfeitures and penalties. **(4 VOTES)**
4. Establish appropriations of \$650,000 in the Jail Commissary Enterprise Fund, Services & Supplies, for commissary items based on anticipated receipts. **(4 VOTES)**
5. Establish appropriations of \$2,200,000 in DPW Airport Enterprise Fund (AEF), Fixed Assets, to provide funds for the Ramona Airport Tower Transient Apron Rehabilitation Project based on unanticipated revenue from the Federal Aviation Administration (\$1,980,000) and available prior year Airport Enterprise Fund fund balance (\$220,000). **(4 VOTES)**

6. Establish appropriations of \$185,000 in Park Land Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) Area 27 Alpine Fund, Services & Supplies, to finalize payment for the outstanding invoice to Alpine Union School District for improvements at Joan MacQueen Middle School based on available prior year PLDO Area 27 Alpine Fund fund balance. **(4 VOTES)**
7. Establish appropriations of \$2,000,000 in Park Land Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) Area 20 Spring Valley (\$735,210), Spring Valley Improvement Impact Fee (\$1,161,640), and Spring Valley In Lieu Fee (\$103,150), Operating Transfers Out, based on available prior year PLDO Area 20 Spring Valley, Spring Valley Improvement Impact Fee, and Spring Valley In Lieu Fee Fund fund balance; *and* establish appropriations of \$2,000,000 in the Capital Outlay Fund for Capital Project 1022858 Calavo Park, to support construction of the project, based on Operating Transfer In from Parkland Dedication Fund. **(4 VOTES)**
8. Establish appropriations of \$3,250,000 in Capital Outlay Fund to provide funding for Capital Project 1025467 Smuggler's Gulch Improvement Project at Tijuana River Valley Regional Park based on grant funding awarded by the State Water Resources Control Board. **(4 VOTES)**
9. Establish appropriations of \$3,000,000 in the Department of General Services Fleet Internal Service Fund (ISF) Parts and Fuel, Services & Supplies, to support increased fuel costs based on unanticipated revenue from client departments. **(4 VOTES)**
10. Establish appropriations of \$6,756,850 in the County Health Complex Fund for Capital Project 1024604, County Public Health Laboratory, based on Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Enhancing Detection Expansion Grant Funding (\$4,900,000) and Advanced Molecular Detention Program Grant Funding (\$1,856,850). **(4 VOTES)**
11. Establish appropriations of \$12,000,000 in the Public Liability ISF, Services & Supplies for several major unanticipated legal settlements based on available Public Liability ISF fund balance. **(4 VOTES)**
12. Transfer appropriations within departments between Services & Supplies and Operating Transfers Out, as noted in Appendix D, in the net amount of \$29,322,277 for major maintenance projects listed in Appendix D that were subsequently reclassified, based on capitalization thresholds, for financial reporting purposes; *and* establish and cancel appropriations, as noted in Appendix D for a net increase of \$29,322,277 in the Major Maintenance Capital Outlay Fund and adjust related funding sources as noted to accurately classify major maintenance projects for financial reporting purposes. **(4 VOTES)**

**Transfers Within Budgetary Funds and/or Cancellation of Appropriations  
(Recommendations 13 through 16):**

13. Transfer appropriations of \$600,000 from the Public Safety Group, Services & Supplies to Medical Examiner, Services & Supplies, for unanticipated decedent transportation costs (\$315,000) and supplemental contracted toxicology support (\$285,000).

14. Transfer appropriations of \$161,892 within the Capital Outlay Fund and related Operating Transfer In from the General Fund to provide funding for Capital Project 1021152 Otay Lakes Park Sewer System to support additional Geotech and design requests based on transfer from Capital Project 1022650 Otay Lakes County Park Recreation Amenities (\$33,361) and 1021894 Otay Valley Regional Park Bike Skills Course (\$128,531).
15. Transfer appropriations of \$116,520.77 within the Capital Outlay Fund and related Operating Transfer In from the General Fund to provide funding for Capital Project 1023065 Sweetwater Summit Regional Park Campground Expansion Phase 2 to support increased costs for construction of the project based on transfer from Capital Project 1022612 Lincoln Acres Park Acquisition and Expansion.
16. Cancel appropriations and related revenue of up to \$4,103,390.20 as noted in Schedule C for Capital Projects that will be completed and closed by the end of Fiscal Year 2022-23. This is composed of \$1,962,958.40 in the Capital Outlay Fund, and \$2,140,431.80 in the Justice Facility Construction Fund.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

After the Board of Supervisors adopts the Operational Plan, it is monitored by the departments, Groups, and the Board. Departments are expected to work within their respective budgets. Budgets may, however, be modified during the year as circumstances warrant. In conjunction with the fund balance projection process, the Chief Administrative Officer meets with each Group to review accomplishments, emergent issues, and budget status. Department heads are required to communicate any potential problems or errors to the appropriate authority. Groups complete fund balance projections quarterly providing explanations of significant variances of their budget. The recommended actions are intended to provide resources to address inequities in County services and to identify disparities, develop meaningful outcomes, and create a County government culture of equity, belonging, and racial justice.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's actions support the sustainability measures across the County considering the environment, economy, health/wellbeing, and/or social aspects of the community by aligning the County's available resources with services to maintain fiscal stability and ensure long-term solvency.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds associated with today's recommendations are partially included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operational Plan. If approved, in the General Fund these actions will result in an increase to the overall budget of \$3,965,000, transfers within budgetary funds of \$28,281,678 and no cancellation of appropriations. The funding sources for the increase is Operating Transfers In from San Diego County Fire Protection District.

In all other funds combined, these actions will result in a net increase to the overall budget of \$57,260,736, transfers within budgetary funds of \$1,919,012, and cancellation of appropriations of \$6,758,543. The funding sources for the net increase are Operating Transfers In from the General Fund (\$23,507,276), available Public Liability Internal Service Fund (ISF) fund balance (\$12,000,000), Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Enhancing Detection Expansion Grant (\$4,900,000), State Water Resources Control Board (\$3,250,000), revenue from client

departments (\$3,000,000), available prior year Park Land Dedication Ordinance fund balance (\$2,185,000), Operating Transfers In from Parkland Dedication Fund (\$2,000,000), Federal Aviation Administration (\$1,980,000), Advanced Molecular Detention Program Grant (\$1,856,850), Operating Transfers In from various non-General Fund (\$1,719,199), Miscellaneous Revenues (\$650,000) and available prior year Airport Enterprise Fund fund balance (\$220,000). These are offset by a decrease in Community Development Block Grant (\$7,589).

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

- 36. SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODES FOR GROSSMONT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, HELIX CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL, SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT (MTS) AND UPPER SAN LUIS REY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

## **OVERVIEW**

The Board of Supervisors serves as the Code Reviewing Body for any local agency, other than city agencies, with jurisdiction wholly within the County, per Government Code Section 82011. The recommended action would approve the adoption of the new Conflict of Interest code of Upper San Luis Rey Groundwater Management Authority; and the proposed amendment to the Conflict of Interest codes of Grossmont Union High School District, Helix Charter High School and San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS).

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Approve the Conflict of Interest codes of the following agencies:

1. Grossmont Union High School District
2. Helix Charter High School
3. San Diego Metropolitan Transit District (MTS)
4. Upper San Luis Rey Groundwater Management Authority

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

County government includes standing and special citizen boards, commissions, committees and task forces formed to advise the Board of Supervisors and County staff on issues and policies and to serve as links to the community. Boards, commissions and committees provide an inter-relationship between the residents and the government of the County and as such must provide transparent bias-free decision-making. The Board of Supervisors serves as the Code Reviewing Body for any local agency, other than city agencies, with jurisdiction wholly within the County, pursuant to Government Code Section 82011. Under the California Political Reform Act, a public official has a disqualifying conflict of interest in a governmental decision if it is foreseeable that the decision will have a financial impact on their personal finances or other financial interests. In such cases, there is a risk of biased decision-making that could sacrifice the public's interest in favor of the official's private financial interests. To avoid actual bias or the appearance of possible improprieties, the public official is prohibited from participating in the decision.

The recommended action would approve the adoption or amendments of the Conflict of Interest codes submitted by various entities. The Conflict of Interest code in this Board Letter enables the County of San Diego to provide transparency and accountability to individual residents, ensuring equitable operations of the government that are free from undue influence.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Under the Political Reform Act, all public agencies are required to adopt a Conflict of Interest code that designates positions that are required to file the Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700). Conflict of Interest codes must be maintained as updated and accurate to ensure that necessary public officials report their personal financial interests. These required filings provide public transparency about possible conflicts of interest and to ensure governmental decisions are made in the best interest of the public. This board letter supports the County of San Diego's sustainability goal of, "Engaging the community to partner and participate in decisions that impact their lives and communities and transparently share results of outcomes."

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The funding source for administration of this task is included in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Adopted Budget for the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**37. SUBJECT: CLOSED SESSION (DISTRICTS: ALL)****OVERVIEW**

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**  
**(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)**  
**Abiding Place Ministries, a Church v. Gavin Newsom, et al.; United States District Court, Southern District Case No. 21-cv-00518-RBM-DDL**
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**  
**(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)**  
**David Blackburn, et al. v. County of San Diego; San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2016-00018510-CU-EI-CTL**
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**  
**(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)**  
**151 Limited Liability Company v. County of San Diego, et al.; San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2023-00010536-CU-MC-CTL**
- D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**  
**(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)**  
**Mickail Myles v. County of San Diego, et al.; United States District Court, Southern District Case No. 15-cv-1985-BEN-BLM**

- E.     CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
Janet McNally, et al. v. County of San Diego; San Diego Superior Court Case No.  
37-2021-00044385-CU-PO-CTL
- F.     CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph 2 of subdivision (d) of  
Government Code section 54956.9: (Number of Potential Cases – 1)
- G.     CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
The Protect Our Communities Foundation v. County of San Diego; San Diego,  
Superior Court Case No 37-2023-00008265-CU-TT-CTL