

Resolution No.: 24-121

Meeting Date: October 8, 2024 (14)

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TO DECLARE ITS SUPPORT FOR PROPOSITION 4 ON THE NOVEMBER 2024 BALLOT TO PASS THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WILDFIRE PREVENTION, DROUGHT PREPAREDNESS, AND CLEAN AIR BOND ACT OF 2024

WHEREAS, California faces devastating wildfires, vulnerable drinking water supplies, extreme summer heat, and other major threats from a changing climate; and the state's approach to natural disasters driven by a changing climate has historically been reactive rather than proactive, and;

WHEREAS, recent California wildfires have burned two million acres, released toxic smoke into our air, and polluted drinking water supplies with wildfires between 2008-2018 causing up to \$456 billion in damages across California and wildfire smoke exposure causing more than 50,000 deaths, and;

WHEREAS, today, nearly one million Californians lack access to drinking water that meets safety and reliability standards, according to the State Water Board; and there are hundreds of thousands of Californians who live in communities where water supplies are contaminated with unsafe levels of substances like arsenic, lead, nitrates, uranium, and perchlorate – where families cannot turn on the tap and safely drink or shower, and;

WHEREAS, extreme heat took the lives of several hundred Californians, led to thousands of hospitalizations and emergency room visits, and caused \$7.7 billion worth of economic damages between 2013-2022, and;

WHEREAS, we are already seeing that investing in smart planning and action to reduce the risk of fires and to restore lands along rivers to absorb floodwaters has proven to pay off, with a recent study finding that for every dollar invested to reduce our risk from disasters before they occur, we save roughly seven dollars in emergency response and clean-up, and;

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego has identified concrete solutions to address the impacts of climate change and build equitable climate resilience throughout the County of San Diego, including through watershed improvement, wildfire resilience, and coastal flooding projects, but needs additional funding for these climate resiliency projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors declares its support for Proposition 4 on the November 2024 ballot to pass the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

Claudia G. Silva, County Counsel

BY: Randall Sjoblom, Senior Deputy Counsel

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the above Resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors, County of San Diego, State of California, on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024, by the following vote:

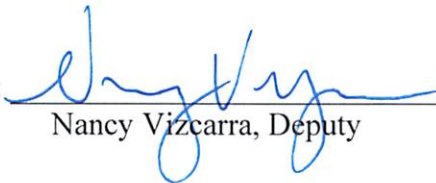
AYES: Vargas, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe  
NOES: Anderson, Desmond

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)  
County of San Diego) <sup>SS</sup>

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

ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By:   
Nancy Vizcarra, Deputy



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