

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS  
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING

**TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025, 9:00 AM AND WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025, 9:00 AM**  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER,  
BOARD CHAMBER, ROOM 310  
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

**GENERAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025, 9:00 AM**

Order Of Business

- A. REGULAR SESSION: Meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisors Terra Lawson-Remer, Vice-Chair; Joel Anderson; Monica Montgomery Steppe; also, Andrew Potter, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

ABSENT: Supervisor Jim Desmond; (District 1 Seat Vacant)

- B. Statement (just cause) and/or Consideration of a Request to Participate Remotely (emergency circumstances) by a Supervisor, if applicable.

- C. Invocation was led by Reverend Marshela Salgado-Solorio.

- D. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gabriel Shuster.

- E. Presentations or Announcement of Proclamations and Awards:

Vice-Chair Terra Lawson-Remer presented a proclamation declaring April 22, 2025 to be, Gabriel Shuster Day throughout the County of San Diego.

Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe presented a proclamation declaring April 22, 2025, to be Father Joe's Villages Day throughout the County of San Diego.

Supervisor Joel Anderson presented a proclamation declaring April 24, 2025, to be Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day throughout the County of San Diego.

Supervisor Joel Anderson presented a proclamation declaring the Month of April 2025, to be Financial Literacy Month throughout the County of San Diego.

- F. Non-Agenda Public Communication: Individuals can address the Board on topics within its jurisdiction that are not on the agenda. According to the Board's Rules of Procedure, each person may speak at only one Non-Agenda Public Communication session per meeting. Speakers can choose to speak during either the General Legislative or Land Use Legislative Session.

- G. Approval of the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the sessions of April 8, 2025 and April 9, 2025, and minutes for the San Diego County Fire Protection District meeting of December 10, 2024.

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors approved the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the sessions of April 8, 2025 and April 9, 2025.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

ABSENT: Desmond; (District 1 Seat Vacant)

- H. Consent Agenda

- I. Discussion Items

- J. **Time Certain: 6:00 p.m.**

**Item 14: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:**

**TRUTH ACT COMMUNITY FORUM REGARDING IMMIGRATION AND  
CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT ACCESS TO INDIVIDUALS DURING 2024**

- K. 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.

- L. Recess to Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 9:00 AM for the Land Use Legislative Session

NOTICE: THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE ANY ACTION WITH RESPECT TO THE ITEMS INCLUDED ON THIS AGENDA. RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY COUNTY STAFF DO NOT LIMIT ACTIONS THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD NOT RELY UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE BOARD LETTER AS DETERMINATIVE OF THE ACTION THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE ON A PARTICULAR MATTER.

**Board of Supervisors' Agenda Items**

<b>Category</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Public Safety	1.	DISTRICT ATTORNEY - REQUEST APPROVAL OF A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT FOR SECURE COVERED PARKING FOR COUNTY VEHICLES
	2.	ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS AND AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT AND AWARD OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR SAN PASQUAL FIRE STATION 84 LIVING QUARTERS PROJECT AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (4 VOTES)

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| Health and<br>Human Services           | <p>3. AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT TOBACCO GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING, ADOPT A RESOLUTION, AND AUTHORIZE APPLICATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES</p> <p>4. AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION FOR EVIDENCE-BASED FAMILY HOME VISITING SUPPORT SERVICES</p>  |
| Financial and<br>General<br>Government | <p>5. ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING ELECTION RESULTS OF THE APRIL 8, 2025 FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION</p> <p>6. APPOINTMENTS: VARIOUS</p> <p>7. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED</p> <p>8. SELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE CHAIR AND CHAIR PRO TEM OF THE 2025 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</p> <p>9. ADVANCING TRANSPARENCY AND ENGAGEMENT BY EXTENDING AGENDA REVIEW TIME</p> <p>10. ENSURING SAFE AND SECURE ELECTIONS THROUGH SUPPORTING THE USE OF VOTER ID IN CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS</p> <p>11. SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 379: SURVIVOR SUPPORT AND DEMAND REDUCTION ACT</p> <p>12. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS JULY 2025 MEETING CALENDAR</p> <p>13. CLIMATE CHANGE IS REAL AND SAN DIEGO IS FIGHTING BACK</p> |
| Public Safety                          | <p>14. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:<br/>TRUTH ACT COMMUNITY FORUM REGARDING IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT ACCESS TO INDIVIDUALS DURING 2024</p> <p>15. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:<br/>AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XX OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCE CODE, RELATING TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE, SAN DIEGO COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AND COUNTY SERVICE AREA 17 CHARGES AND FEES (4/22/25 - FIRST READING; 5/6/25 - SECOND READING UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING)</p>   |

	16.	NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ARTICLE XX SECTION 364.6, RELATING TO MEDICAL EXAMINER FEES AND CHARGES
	17.	ANNUAL REPORT ON GUN VIOLENCE AND UPDATE ON GUN VIOLENCE REDUCTION WORK PLAN
Health and Human Services	18.	APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XV-B OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CHARGES AND FEES
	19.	ENDING VETERAN HOMELESSNESS
Land Use and Environment	20.	APPROVAL OF THE TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT OF WILLIAM MORGAN IN THE CRITICALLY NEEDED POSITION OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS, BEFORE 180-DAYS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE DATE OF RETIREMENT
Closed Session	21.	CLOSED SESSION
Public Communication	22.	NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

**1. SUBJECT: DISTRICT ATTORNEY - REQUEST APPROVAL OF A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT FOR SECURE COVERED PARKING FOR COUNTY VEHICLES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Downtown San Diego continues to be an area filled with high-rise offices, residences and retail businesses, along with amenities attractive to many visitors. As a result, there is a scarcity of affordable covered and secure parking facilities for County-owned vehicles and safety equipment within proximity to the Hall of Justice. The amount of available parking at the Hall of Justice is inadequate to satisfy all the District Attorney's parking needs.

To meet the need for secure and covered parking within relative proximity, the District Attorney's Office has identified the ACE Parking Inc. parking garage on Columbia Street as a safe environment to park County-owned law enforcement vehicles. ACE Parking Inc. is the only service provider that can continue to accommodate the estimated 200 parking spaces required. Pursuant to Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, procurement of secure parking spaces from ACE Parking Inc. qualifies for single source since the unique service is not available from other sources.

This is a request to authorize the Director of Purchasing and Contracting to enter into a one-year contract with four (4) option years, beginning on July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030, with ACE Parking Inc. to continue providing an estimated 200 covered and secure parking spaces at the Columbia Street parking garage on behalf of the District Attorney's Office. The current contract expires June 30, 2025.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, approve and authorize the Director of the Department of Purchasing and Contracting to enter into negotiations with ACE Parking Inc. and subject to successful negotiations and a determination of a fair and reasonable price, award a contract(s) for secure parking spaces within a five-block radius of the Hall of Justice, for one (1) year and four (4) option years beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2030, and an additional six (6) months if needed, and to amend the contract(s) as needed to reflect changes to services or funding subject to the approval of the District Attorney.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The District Attorney's Office is committed to ethically prosecuting those who commit crimes, protecting victims, and preventing future harm. Today's action will permit the District Attorney's Office to meet its operational needs and continue pursuing equal and fair justice for all San Diego communities.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action supports the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals of a fair and equitable justice system. The District Attorney's Office's use of secure and proximity parking allows for a timely response to the community's law enforcement needs, contributing to overall regional sustainability.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request will be included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the District Attorney's Office. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$400,000 in Fiscal Year 2025-26 and estimated costs and revenue of \$400,000 in Fiscal Year 2026-27. The funding sources are revenue from various State grants and programs, including Proposition 64 Consumer Fraud, Insurance Fraud, and the Computer and Technology Crimes High-Tech Task Force (\$116,000), and General Purpose Revenue (\$284,000) in each fiscal year. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

ABSENT: Desmond; (District 1 Seat Vacant)

2. **SUBJECT: ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS AND AUTHORIZE  
ADVERTISEMENT AND AWARD OF A CONSTRUCTION  
CONTRACT FOR SAN PASQUAL FIRE STATION 84 LIVING  
QUARTERS PROJECT AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION  
(DISTRICT: 2)**

## **OVERVIEW**

The San Diego County Fire Protection District (SDCFPD) provides around-the-clock fire protection and emergency medical services to approximately 100,000 residents across 1.5 million acres of unincorporated San Diego County. The SDCFPD includes several isolated and minimally populated communities. One of those communities includes San Pasqual in unincorporated northeastern Escondido. Through a partnership with the City of San Diego's Fire-Rescue Department (City Fire-Rescue), the County maintains the station and City Fire-Rescue provides staffing, vehicles, and equipment to serve County residents in San Pasqual and adjacent City of San Diego communities.

The current station has an apparatus bay and a small three-bedroom modular home for firefighters to reside while on shift. City Fire-Rescue has notified County Fire staff of the potential to increase their staffing from two to four firefighters at the San Pasqual station. However, to meet the existing bargaining unit agreement, each firefighter is required to have their own sleeping room. To accommodate this change, a larger modular home with four bedrooms and two bathrooms would need to be installed. The total estimated cost of the project is approximately \$865,000 with construction expected to begin in Fiscal Year 2025-26. Once the project is completed, County residents will receive additional firefighting and advanced life support resources at no ongoing cost to SDCFPD.

Today's request seeks to find the project is exempt from CEQA, establish appropriations for the project, authorize the Director of Purchasing and Contracting to advertise and award a construction contract for the modular home project, and authorize the Director, Department of General Services to administer the construction contract. Moving forward on this project will be dependent on the City of San Diego adopting a Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget that includes a staffing increase at the San Pasqual station. Should the Board approve today's recommendations, the project can immediately commence once the staffing increase is confirmed.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find that the proposed actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as specified under sections 15303, 15304 and 15311 of the CEQA Guidelines.
2. Transfer appropriations of \$865,000 from San Diego County Fire, Services & Supplies, to Contributions to Capital Outlay Fund, Operating Transfer Out, to provide funding for the San Pasqual Fire Station 84 Living Quarters project.
3. Establish appropriations of \$865,000 in the Capital Outlay Fund for Capital Project 1027530, San Pasqual Fire Station 84 Living Quarters, based on an Operating Transfer In from the General Fund. **(4 VOTES)**
4. Authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to advertise and award a construction contract and to take any action authorized by Section 401, et seq. of the Administrative Code, with respect to contracting for the construction of the San Pasqual Fire Station 84 Living Quarters Project.
5. Designate the Director, Department of General Services, as the County officer responsible for administering the awarded contract for the construction of the San Pasqual Fire Station 84 Living Quarters Project and authorize the Director, Department of General Services to execute any and all documents necessary for the implementation of the construction contract.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

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 former County Service Area No. 135 (now SDCFPD). Furthermore, with 79 percent of the San Diego region's unincorporated area designated as High or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones. The living quarters project at San Pasqual will offer the necessary space to boost daily staffing levels to four firefighters and provide additional services to rural residents in the SDCFPD and surrounding communities.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed actions in today's request support the County of San Diego's commitment to resiliency and align with the Sustainability Initiative of the County of San Diego's 2025-2030 Strategic Plan by further enhancing the regions fire protection and emergency medical services capabilities to foster safe and resilient communities.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operational Plan for the Capital Outlay Fund. If approved, this request will establish appropriations of \$865,000 in the Capital Outlay Fund for Capital Project 1027530 San Pasqual Fire Station 84 Living Quarters, based on a transfer of existing General Purpose Revenue from San Diego County Fire. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **ACTION:**

Noting for the record that this item was heard on April 23, 2025; ON MOTION of Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended.

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

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

3. **SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT TOBACCO GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING, ADOPT A RESOLUTION, AND AUTHORIZE APPLICATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

## **OVERVIEW**

In November 2016, California voters passed Proposition 56, the California Healthcare, Research, and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016, which increased the cigarette tax by \$2.00 per pack of cigarettes. Through Proposition 56, the California Department of Justice (CADOJ) offers grant funding to support Tobacco Retail Licensing (TRL) efforts in local jurisdictions throughout the state.

Since 2021, the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Public Health Services, TRL Program has applied for and received funding from CADOJ to support the local TRL Ordinance (No. 10699), approved by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) on December 8, 2020 (8). On January 23, 2024 (4), the Board accepted \$1,279,771 in Tobacco Grant Program funds from CADOJ for the term of January 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027, adopted a resolution, and authorized applications for future funding opportunities to raise awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco use and to reduce access to tobacco products for San Diego County residents. In June 2024, the County applied for additional funding, and in October 2024, was awarded for the term of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028. If approved to accept additional funding, planned activities include continuing to perform compliance checks for all retailers, creating an education option for retailers who are cited in lieu of a license suspension, and expanding the data management system.

Today's actions request the Board to authorize acceptance of \$2,402,082 in funds from the CADOJ for the term of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028, for Tobacco Tax Health Education Revenue, including any extensions, amendments, and revisions thereof that do not materially



impact either the program or funding level. Today's action also requests to waive Board Policy B-29, adopt a resolution and authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, HHSA, to apply for additional funds when available.

This item supports the 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 our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by providing services to reduce and eliminate tobacco use among San Diego County residents, specifically youth, who live within, or visit, the unincorporated areas of the county that will ultimately promote a healthy, safe, and thriving region.

### **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 grant applications and full cost recovery of grants.
2. Authorize the acceptance of \$2,402,082 in grant funds from the California Department of Justice for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028, for the Tobacco Grant Program and authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services Agency, 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. Adopt a resolution of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors authorizing acceptance of a grant from the state of California Department of Justice Tobacco Grant Program under Proposition 56, the Healthcare, Research, and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016.
4. Authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee to apply for additional funding opportunity announcements, if available.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

According to the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, since the inception of the California Tobacco Control Program, there has been a substantial decline in adult smoking in California over the last 30 years. Results from the 2023 California Health Interview Survey showed an adult smoking prevalence of 5.1% in the state. However, disparities in cigarette smoking continue to persist by age, gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, income level, education, and those who experience psychological distress, or reside in rural areas. According to the 2023 California Health Interview Survey (CHIS), though the percentage of African Americans in California who smoke has fallen from 12.3% in 2018 to 9.0% in 2023, rate of smoking in this population exceeds that of the White (5.2%) and Latino (5.0%) populations. The percentage of smokers in the Asian American population is lower than that of the White and Latino populations at 3.5%.

The 2023 California Youth Tobacco Survey (CYTS) (formerly called the California Student Tobacco Survey), for San Diego County, found that vapes were the most popular tobacco product, with 7.8% of surveyed youth being current users. By contrast, according to the CYTS, only 1.2% reported currently smoking cigarettes and 0.5% using little cigars or cigarillos. Overall, according to the CHIS, 9.7% of adults reported currently using a non-cigarette tobacco product.

The Tobacco Retail Licensing Program (TRLP) in the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services is responsible for the oversight of the County's Tobacco Retail Licensing Ordinance including administration, education, compliance verification and enforcement activities. Acceptance of funds will advance the goal of the TRLP to limit youth access to tobacco products and reduce the initiation of overall tobacco use by County residents.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed actions support the County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goal #4 to protect the health and well-being of everyone in the region, with a focus on collaborating with community partners and stakeholders and advocating for environmental justice for communities that have been disproportionately impacted by tobacco use. Today's actions will help to further enhance the County's activities, including license enforcement, compliance checks, license inspections, public education outreach, community engagement and education, and preventing and reducing the use of tobacco products by minors and youth.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-27 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in costs of \$846,112 and revenue of \$766,918 in FY 2025-26, costs of \$883,423 and revenue of \$800,019 in FY 2026-27, and costs of \$923,060 and revenue of \$835,145 in FY 2027-28 for a total cost of \$2,652,595 and revenue of \$2,402,082 for the entire grant term, to support tobacco retail licensing activities. Funds for subsequent years will be included in future operational plans. The funding source is the California Department of Justice Tobacco Grant Program.

A waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested because the funding does not offset all indirect costs. These indirect costs which will not be recovered are estimated at \$79,194 for FY 2025-26, \$83,404 for FY 2026-27, and \$87,915 for FY 2027-28, for a total unrecovered indirect cost of \$250,513 for the entire grant term. The funding source for these unrecovered costs is the Tobacco Retail License fee. The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency certifies the public benefit for providing these services far outweighs these costs. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, and adopted Resolution No. 25-018, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TOBACCO GRANT PROGRAM UNDER PROPOSITION 56, THE HEALTHCARE, RESEARCH AND PREVENTION TOBACCO TAX ACT OF 2016.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

ABSENT: Desmond; (District 1 Seat Vacant)

**4. SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION FOR  
EVIDENCE-BASED FAMILY HOME VISITING SUPPORT SERVICES  
(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego (County) provides Evidence-Based Family Home Visiting Support Services for children and families following the Healthy Families America (HFA) evidence-based family-focused model. The HFA model is currently utilized for services provided by both the County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Medical Care Services (MCS) department and the First 5 Commission of San Diego County (First 5) and employs a framework to strengthen the health and well-being of parents and children through a series of home visits. County Public Health Nurses (PHNs) conduct the home visits provided by MCS. The First 5 program is administered by contracted providers employing a trained, community-based, culturally responsive family support specialist.

Through a business re-engineering process, HHSA has determined that a more equitable and effective option would be to integrate these two programs to optimize the level of care provided to the families receiving home visitation services and maximize available revenue. If approved, today's recommendation authorizes the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to issue a competitive solicitation for Evidence-Based Family Home Visiting Support Services and award one or more contracts for the delivery of these services. Selected providers will coordinate service delivery with PHNs to ensure that each family is provided with the appropriate level of service based on need.

Today's item supports the County vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have historically been left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities by supporting families in making healthy lifestyle choices, developing resiliency, and enjoying the highest quality of life.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administration Code, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to issue a Competitive Solicitation for Evidence-Based Family Home Visiting Support Services, and upon successful negotiations and determination of fair and reasonable price, award one or more contracts for a term of one year, with four option years and up to an additional six months if needed; and to amend contracts as needed to reflect changes to services and funding.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) has been instrumental in supporting Home Visiting programs for over two decades, with the goal of improving the health and well-being of families and reducing health disparities by building and sustaining community partnerships. This includes engaging overburdened families through home visiting services, cultivating and strengthening nurturing parent-child relationships, promoting healthy childhood growth and development, and enhancing family functioning by reducing risk and building protective factors. Additional resources include referrals to the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program, food assistance, diaper bank, housing, medical providers and behavioral health services.

The Home Visiting program is designed to support families who are particularly vulnerable to adverse childhood experiences, ensuring person-centered services are utilized to address their specific needs. The program emphasizes culturally responsive practices by tailoring services to the unique needs of diverse communities. Every effort is made to match eligible families with staff who speak their language and understand their culture and staff are trained in active listening and cultural humility.

The Home Visiting program utilizes Parent Satisfaction surveys as an essential tool for collecting feedback from families, providing insights into their experiences. Participant feedback promotes program improvements and can further strengthen community engagement by demonstrating responsiveness and a commitment to meeting the evolving needs of families. In Fiscal Year 2023-24, the Medical Care Services (MCS) Home Visiting program provided services for 900 families and First 5 provided home visiting services to 632 families, countywide.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed action supports the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal #1 to engage the community in meaningful ways; Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access; and Sustainability Goal #4 to protect the health and well-being of everyone in the region. The home visiting approach creates fair and equitable access to services by meeting families where they are at and collaborating with the family to create service plans that support their well-being. Through the Healthy Families America evidence-based family-focused model, this approach fosters positive parenting, promotes child health and development, and helps prevent child maltreatment.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are partially included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this will result in estimated annual costs and revenue of up to \$6.0 million in FY 2025-26 that would

grow in subsequent years as integration of the home visiting disciplines occurs and additional revenue is realized. The funding source for the new, integrated Home Visiting program includes Proposition 10 approved by the First 5 Commission, Social Services Administrative Revenue, California Home Visiting Program State General Fund Expansion, Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood funding from the California Department of Public Health, and Realignment. Appropriations are currently partially included as part of HHSA's FY 2025-26 CAO Recommended Operational Plan. Additional appropriation may be needed within HHSA depending on final program design to transfer Proposition 10 funding that is part of the budget under the First 5 commission. This would be requested as part of the FY 2025-26 CAO Recommended Operational Plan Change Letter or subsequent quarterly status adjustments. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

ABSENT: Desmond; (District 1 Seat Vacant)

**5. SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING ELECTION RESULTS OF THE APRIL 8, 2025 FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

State law requires that the Board of Supervisors (Board) declare the election results for those offices and measures under its jurisdiction. For the April 8, 2025 First Supervisorial District Special Primary Election, the Board must declare the results for the office of Board of Supervisors - District 1.

Today's action requests the Board to adopt a resolution declaring these election results.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Adopt a Resolution entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE APRIL 8, 2025 COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION (Attachment A, on file with Clerk of the Board).

### **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. The Registrar of Voters' conduct of 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 vehicles miles traveled to cast their vote. In addition, voters have the option of receiving voter information guides electronically to reduce paper waste. The recommended action today aligns with the Governance lens of sustainability and the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal of providing just and equitable access to County services.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the adoption of the Resolution. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, and adopted Resolution No. 25-019, entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE APRIL 8, 2025 COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

ABSENT: Desmond; (District 1 Seat Vacant)

## **6. 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," 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". Board Policy I-1, "Planning and Sponsor Group Policies and Procedures."

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON**

Appoint Thomas Yocom to ABANDONED VEHICLE ABATEMENT SERVICE AUTHORITY, SAN DIEGO, Seat 2, for an indefinite term.

Appoint Lauren Welty to CHILD AND FAMILY STRENGTHENING ADVISORY BOARD OF SAN DIEGO, Seat 3, for a term to expire January 8, 2029.

Appoint Sam McGovern to CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, Seat 2, for a term to expire January 6, 2031.

Re-appoint Katrina Westley to JACUMBA HOT SPRINGS SPONSOR GROUP, Seat 5, for a term to expire January 8, 2029.

Appoint Mark Hartley to LAKESIDE COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP, Seat 15, for a term to expire January 8, 2029.

#### **SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND**

Appoint Colton Sudberry to PLANNING COMMISSION, Seat 6, for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

Appoint David McCulloh to SAN DIEGO MILITARY AND VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL, Seat 5, for a term to expire January 4, 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

#### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

ABSENT: Desmond; (District 1 Seat Vacant)

**7. 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

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

ABSENT: Desmond; (District 1 Seat Vacant)

**8. SUBJECT: SELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR AND CHAIR PRO TEM OF THE 2025 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The Board of Supervisors will select the Chair, Vice Chair, and Chair Pro Tem for the 2025 calendar year. This item was continued from the January 28, 2025 (14) General Legislative Session.



## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Select a Chair, Vice Chair, and Chair Pro Tem.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Chair's primary role is to preside at all meetings of the Board and ensure that business is conducted in an orderly fashion and that all have an equal opportunity to observe and participate in the proceedings. The Board promotes civil discourse in public discussion and debate, utilizing the adopted "Code of Civil Discourse" from the National Conflict Resolution Center, as its expression of conduct that should be aspired to by all participants in public meetings.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Officers have opportunities to support sustainability goals that engage the community in meaningful ways and continually seek stakeholder input to foster inclusive and sustainable communities.

## **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**

There is no business impact associated with this action.

## **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors continued this item to July 22, 2025.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

ABSENT: Desmond; (District 1 Seat Vacant)

## **9. SUBJECT:     ADVANCING TRANSPARENCY AND ENGAGEMENT BY                   EXTENDING AGENDA REVIEW TIME (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego's (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) holds regular bi-weekly sessions to address a wide range of community matters, enabling informed discussions, decision-making, and public participation. Meeting agendas are made available to the public in advance, in compliance with legal requirements, promoting transparency and inclusivity. However, there is an opportunity to enhance transparency and accessibility by extending the time for stakeholders to access and analyze agenda items. Other jurisdictions follow similar practices, allowing the public more time for review and input.

For residents of unincorporated areas, attending Board meetings at the County Administration Center (CAC) presents significant challenges. The drive alone can take over three hours, particularly during peak traffic hours, to arrive by the 9:00 AM start time. Public transportation is often not a viable alternative, as limited routes connecting rural communities to downtown San Diego require multiple transfers and result in travel times that also exceed three hours.

Additionally, some bus and trolley services begin operating only shortly before the start of Board meetings, making it nearly impossible for residents to arrive on time. Residents who work traditional business hours must also request time off, creating financial and logistical burdens, particularly for hourly workers. Despite remote alternatives like calling in and submitting electronic comments, challenges remain for backcountry residents during Public Safety Power Shutoffs. The inability to participate in real-time limits their engagement and effective communication, significantly restricting public involvement in the decision-making process.

By extending the agenda review period, residents would have more time to analyze agenda items, make necessary arrangements, and ensure their voices are heard in the democratic process. Various jurisdictions, including the California Legislature and other cities and counties, employ similar practices, granting the public extended periods to review legislative and policy items before governing bodies cast their votes. In addition to the Legislature, which requires bills to be introduced and in print for a minimum of thirty days before they can be acted upon, other jurisdictions provide anywhere from seven to ten days for public review, emphasizing the importance of transparency and public access in decision-making processes. By adopting such best practices, the County of San Diego can continue to lead in promoting transparency and facilitating public participation.

To further strengthen transparency and public engagement, today's action proposes adjusting the Board agenda process, providing the community with more time to review and contribute to discussions on proposed items before they are voted upon by the Board. This aligns with the County's commitment to open governance and encourages a broader range of perspectives to shape Board decisions.

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

##### **SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON**

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to investigate the potential to adjust the current process for publicly posting Board of Supervisors (Board) meeting agendas to provide the public additional time to review items that will be considered and voted upon during Board meetings and report back to the Board in 180 days with recommendations. The analysis should include an assessment of additional public notice times up to and including 30 days before consideration at a Board meeting.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

By extending the amount of time the public has to review Board of Supervisors meeting agendas and related materials, we create a more accessible process for underserved individuals who may have limited access to technology, mobility issues or other challenges and need additional time to comprehensively review agenda items. This inclusivity ensures that all community members, regardless of their background or ability, can engage actively and contribute their perspectives.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

A more informed and engaged public contributes to social sustainability. By providing stakeholders the time and information necessary to provide meaningful input on matters of public interest, we nurture a sense of trust, responsibility, and shared commitment to the well-being of our community.

## **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.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

By fostering transparency, promoting informed decision-making, and strengthening civic engagement, today's action aligns with the County of San Diego's strategic goals and demonstrates its commitment to accountable and inclusive governance practices.

## **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

ABSENT: Desmond; (District 1 Seat Vacant)

## **10. SUBJECT: ENSURING SAFE AND SECURE ELECTIONS THROUGH SUPPORTING THE USE OF VOTER ID IN CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

In the United States, identification (ID) is required for many essential activities in daily life, such as driving, traveling, purchasing alcohol, getting a job, opening a bank account, renting or buying a home, receiving government benefits, among others. Yet, despite the need for ID in so many aspects, one aspect where it's not required is voting. While an ID is needed to register to vote, you do not need an ID to cast a ballot. This is a vulnerability in our election system. This leaves elections vulnerable to impersonation and fraud. For so many important aspects of life, people must prove their identity-but not when it comes to casting a ballot.

81% of Americans support a requirement to show government-issued photo ID to vote according to Pew Research. Dozens of countries, including most of Europe, require ID to vote. 38 states in America have some variation of voter ID laws. Yet, California does not. Senate Bill 1174 was a mistake, and California should take steps to rectify it. San Diego County should advocate to overturn SB 1174 and adopt voter ID practices.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND**

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to include in the Board's Legislative Program support of legislation that will require voters to show identification before voting in elections.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's recommendation. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **ACTION:**

Noting for the record that this item was heard on April 23, 2025; A motion was made by Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, for the Board of Supervisors to direct the Chief Administrative Officer to include in the Board's Legislative Program support of legislation that will require voters to show identification before voting in elections and support any efforts to increase access to obtain identification to vote.

AYES: Anderson, Desmond

NOES: Montgomery Steppe

ABSTAIN: Lawson-Remer

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

*(Motion failed due to lack of required affirmative votes.)*

## **11. SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 379: SURVIVOR SUPPORT AND DEMAND REDUCTION ACT (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

In 2022, Senate Bill 357 decriminalized loitering for the purpose of engaging in prostitution. The effect of this decriminalization has left communities, law enforcement, and vulnerable youth-particularly 16- and 17-year-old victims of trafficking-without critical protections. Despite being legally defined as minors, the lack of clear statutory language left uncertainty over whether these individuals could be treated as victims of trafficking under the law.

In response, Assembly Bill 379 (AB 379), authored by Assemblymember Maggie Krell, would ensure that those who are victims of commercial sexual exploitation are treated with dignity and care while reaffirming law enforcement's ability to investigate, deter, and penalize those who fuel demand for exploitation. AB 379 explicitly reaffirms that any individual under the age of 18-including 16- and 17-year-olds-who is engaged in commercial sex is a victim, not a criminal. It mandates that these minors be referred to diversion programs and offered appropriate support, rather than being processed through the criminal justice system. This change resolves the confusion created by SB 357 and restores the ability of law enforcement and service providers to assist exploited youth.

AB 379 also strengthens enforcement against those who perpetuate the demand for commercial sex. It increases penalties for individuals who knowingly solicit or engage in sex with minors and establishes a new misdemeanor offense for loitering with intent to purchase sex.

The bill also creates the Survivor Support Fund, directing State revenue from offender fines to community-based organizations that serve trafficking survivors. These funds will expand outreach, trauma-informed services, and recovery programs.

Today's action recommends the Board of Supervisors adopt a position of support for AB 379 which would restore necessary legal tools, reinforce protections for minors, and strengthen the state's response to commercial sexual exploitation.

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

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

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to express the County's support for Assembly Bill 379, consistent with Board Policy M-2.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Assembly Bill 379 advances equitable access to protection and support for minors involved in commercial sexual exploitation by ensuring consistent treatment of all individuals under 18 as victims, including 16- and 17-year-olds. AB 379 supports a system that prioritizes safety, recovery, and long-term stability for individuals disproportionately affected by trafficking and exploitation. AB 379 has the support of District Attorney Summer Stephan. AB 379 has also garnered significant community support, including the People's Association of Justice Advocates.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Assembly Bill 379 advances the County's sustainability goals by improving public health, safety, and social well-being. It diverts minors from the justice system into care, supporting better long-term outcomes. The Survivor Support Fund promotes economic and social sustainability by funding survivor-led organizations that provide trauma-informed services and strengthen community resilience.

#### **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.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

Noting for the record that this item was heard on April 23, 2025; ON MOTION of Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors directed the Chief Administrative Officer to express the County's support for Assembly Bill 379, consistent with Board Policy M-2, except as to Section 4 of the Bill (creating proposed Penal Code Section 653.25); and to direct the Chief Administrative Officer to advocate for the state legislature to redraft its language such that the elements of the offense are defined with clarity and specificity as to the proscribed conduct.

AYES: Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

NOT PRESENT: Anderson

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

**12. SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS JULY 2025 MEETING CALENDAR (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On December 10, 2024 (20), the Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted the meeting calendar for the 2025 calendar year. To timely declare the election results from the First Supervisorial District Special General Election on July 1, 2025, it is necessary to amend the 2025 meeting calendar and set a meeting for July 22, 2025.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**VICE-CHAIR TERRA LAWSON-REMER**

Adopt the resolution: A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AMENDING THE DATES AND TIMES FOR MEETINGS OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN JULY 2025.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Board of Supervisors annually adopts a calendar for regular meetings. This ensures that the public is well informed of the meetings and can plan for active participation in local government.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The amended meeting calendar allows stakeholders to plan for community engagement and identify meaningful ways to continually seek input to foster inclusive and sustainable communities.

**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.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

There is no business impact associated with this action.

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Lawson-Remer, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, and adopted Resolution No. 25-020, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AMENDING THE DATES AND TIMES FOR MEETINGS OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN JULY 2025.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

ABSENT: Desmond; (District 1 Seat Vacant)

**13. SUBJECT: CLIMATE CHANGE IS REAL AND SAN DIEGO IS FIGHTING BACK (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

We all saw what happened in Los Angeles. The climate crisis intensified high winds and prolonged drought into an apocalyptic firestorm that leveled neighborhoods and overwhelmed

emergency response. Just a year earlier, San Diego was slammed by the most extreme January rainfall since 1850, triggering a “once in a thousand years” flood that displaced 1,200 people and damaged thousands of homes.

The climate crisis isn’t a far-off threat. It’s here, it’s happening, and San Diegans are paying the price. We’re seeing catastrophic floods, deadly heat waves, collapsing infrastructure, and skyrocketing insurance premiums. And the costs don’t stop when the headlines fade. Rising seas erode our bluffs, destabilize our coastal ecosystems, strain our power grid, degrade our air and water quality, and accelerate risks for dangerous pathogenic diseases.

At the exact moment we need stronger science and smarter planning, federal leaders are dismantling the very protections we rely on to stay safe, gutting climate science, slashing clean energy funding, and giving polluters a free pass. We must fight back, to protect our homes, our health, and the future of our communities.

The science is clear: 99.9% of peer-reviewed climate research confirms that human-caused climate change is accelerating. The past ten years have been the hottest on record. In 2024, the United States experienced 27 climate disasters that cost at least \$1 billion, up from just three such disasters in 1980. Meanwhile, insurance companies are increasingly raising premiums to unaffordable levels to cover these risks and are pulling out of fire-prone and flood-prone areas completely.

San Diego’s greatest asset is our natural environment, from beaches and coastlines, mountains, deserts, chaparral, and open spaces that define our quality of life. Our economy depends on it too, with tourism, fishing, agriculture, outdoor recreation all relying on a healthy environment. But the current administration’s slash-and-burn policies are selling out San Diego’s health, safety, and future, all to protect the profits of big polluters.

Led by Elon Musk’s Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), the federal government is dismantling San Diego’s climate safety infrastructure. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the agency we rely on for flood forecasts, coastal alerts, and disaster response, is being gutted. Nearly 25% of NOAA’s workforce has been fired or forced out. Critical weather labs and cloud data systems have gone dark. Ocean buoys that help us manage fisheries, monitor oil spills, and navigate the coast safely are being neglected or shut down. And research that protects our region - like mapping deep ocean dumpsites off the Southern California coast, which contain thousands of pounds of hazardous pesticides, munitions, and industrial waste - is in jeopardy

The EPA is being decimated too. The administration’s budget would slash 65% of the agency’s funding and eliminate programs that keep our air, water, and soil safe. Staff working on cleaning up “Superfund” hazardous waste sites are being laid off, jeopardizing remediation at places like Camp Pendleton, and leaving the Tijuana River Valley more vulnerable to environmental collapse. The EPA also announced plans to eliminate all offices focused on tackling elevated pollution in low income and minority neighborhoods, threatening progress in Barrio Logan and other frontline communities with a long history of toxic exposure. Last month, the EPA revoked a \$1 million grant with the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District for air quality monitors, gutting efforts to track pollution and protect public health where it’s needed most.

These attacks on environmental science will mean more asthma, more cancer, more chemical dumping, and fewer tools to stop it. At the very moment we need stronger protections, polluters will get a free pass, and San Diegans are being left to pay the price. And the costs are staggering: experts estimate these rollbacks will result in an additional 8,000 premature deaths a year and 10,000 asthma attacks every single day, costing the public \$25 billion annually in hospital bills and missed work and school days.

Meanwhile, our clean energy economy, one of San Diego's fastest-growing sectors, is being threatened. San Diego's cleantech community has already lost \$50 million in federal grants funding to scale clean energy technologies. If we let polluters win, San Diego will lose thousands of local jobs, billions in economic output, and the momentum we've built towards energy independence.

We cannot let that happen. Today's item calls on the County to speak out with moral clarity, to reaffirm that climate change is real, and that protecting our environment is not optional, it is essential. It calls on the County to join the "America is All in" coalition, a nationwide alliance of local government and private institutions driving to meet the goals identified in the Paris Climate Agreement, halving US emissions by 2030 and reaching net zero emissions by 2050, while guarding against the impacts of climate disruption. And we're sending a clear message to federal leaders: San Diego will not stay silent while climate science is being dismantled, and our region is put at risk. I urge my colleagues to join me in standing up for science, for clean air and water, and for the future of our region.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **VICE-CHAIR TERRA LAWSON-REMER**

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to amend the County's 2025 Legislative Program to include advocacy for sustained or increased federal funding for NOAA and EPA programs critical to San Diego's public safety and climate resilience, and opposition to efforts to dismantle federal environmental science and regulatory infrastructure.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to take bold local action to affirm our commitment to addressing the climate crisis by joining the "America is All In" coalition and return to the Board with a strategic assessment of the best ways to utilize America is All In to advance the County's environmental and climate priorities within 90 days.
3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to send a climate and environmental action advocacy letter to federal leadership, including the Special Government Employee for DOGE Elon Musk, the NOAA Administrator, the EPA Administrator, and ranking members of relevant Congressional committees. The letter should document the full range of negative impacts of the current administration's environmental and climate policies on San Diego and advocate for robust corrective action.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The burdens of climate change, pollution, and toxins fall on all of us but disproportionately impact those least able to bear them. Not only are environmental health hazards concentrated in low income and minority communities, but, as we saw in Hurricane Katrina, those communities struggle to evacuate during natural disasters. Many low income and minority people lack the



means to rebuild after a disaster and end up permanently displaced. Today's action will speak out against the disproportionate harms enabled by the destruction of environmental science and regulation.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Robust support for climate action and environmental protection is essential to achieving the County's sustainability goals. Today's action supports those goals by documenting the climate and environmental challenges facing the County due to changes in federal policy and taking proactive steps to address them.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's recommendations. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and limited additional staff time.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

San Diego businesses already struggle with environmental disasters and disruptions and the increased costs they entail. They realize these costs in terms of lost business, property damage, higher insurance premiums for property and health, worker sick days and more. Businesses that rely on our oceans and beaches such as tourism and fishing face long term threats from sea level rise, coastal ecosystem destabilization and heat, not to mention the increased risk of chemical dumping and oil spills. San Diego agriculture faces threats from heat and drought. San Diego's outdoor sports and entertainment industries rely on good air quality and moderate temperatures. San Diego cleantech faces the shrinking of market opportunities. Today's action warns about the impacts of these harms to San Diego's business community and reaffirms our commitment to continue addressing them going forward.

#### **ACTION:**

Noting for the record that this item was heard on April 23, 2025; A motion was made by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, for the Board of Supervisors to take action as recommended.

AYES: Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

NOES: Desmond

NOT PRESENT: Anderson

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

*(Motion failed due to lack of required affirmative votes.)*

- 14. SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:  
TRUTH ACT COMMUNITY FORUM REGARDING IMMIGRATION  
AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT ACCESS TO INDIVIDUALS  
DURING 2024 (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

In 2016, the State of California enacted the Transparent Review of Unjust Transfers and Holds Act, also known as the "TRUTH Act." As part of the TRUTH Act, Government Code Section 7283.1(d) requires that the governing body of a county hold an annual community forum if a

local law enforcement agency within that county provided federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) access, as defined in the Act, to individuals during the previous year.

This is a request for the Board of Supervisors to hold a TRUTH Act community forum in order to provide information about ICE's access to individuals, and to receive and consider public comment. This forum was noticed to the public on March 21, 2025. During the forum, the Sheriff's Office will report on the Office's interactions and communication with ICE during 2024. No other County departments provided ICE access, as defined in the Act, to individuals in 2024.

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

1. Hold a community forum on April 22, 2025, in accordance with Government Code Section 7283.1(d).
2. Receive a report from the Sheriff's Office regarding ICE access to individuals during 2024.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

To increase transparency and public access to information, the County will hold a community forum and solicit public comment regarding any County departments that have provided access, as defined in the Act, to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) with a summary of data. Information reported includes the number of individuals to whom the agency has provided ICE access and their demographic characteristics, the date ICE access was provided, and how ICE access was provided, either through a hold, transfer, notification request or through other means.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed actions to hold a public Transparent Review of Unjust Transfers and Holds (TRUTH) Act Community Forum and receive a report from the Sheriff's Office regarding Immigration and Customs Enforcement access to individuals during 2024 contribute to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals of engaging the community and providing just and equitable access. To engage the community in meaningful ways and solicit stakeholder input in the civic process, the County of San Diego is hosting a community forum in a publicly accessible space and with at least 30 days of public notice with the goal of designing public processes that encourage people and diverse stakeholders to participate in decisions that impact their lives and communities. Furthermore, by inviting public comment to all community members wishing to participate, and by offering translated materials and interpretation services in Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Korean, Persian (Farsi and Dari), Somali, Spanish, Filipino (Tagalog), and Vietnamese, the proposed TRUTH Act Community Forum furthers the County of San Diego's vision of investing in just and equitable access to County services for all residents.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommendations to hold a community forum and receive a report regarding ICE access to individuals. If approved, there will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

The Board of Supervisors held a community forum on April 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in accordance with Government Code Section 7283.1 (d) and received a report from the Sheriff's Department regarding ICE access to individuals during 2024.

ABSENT: Desmond; (District 1 Seat Vacant)

15. **SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XX OF THE SAN DIEGO  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCE CODE, RELATING TO  
SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE, SAN DIEGO COUNTY EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL SERVICES, AND COUNTY SERVICE AREA 17 CHARGES  
AND FEES (4/22/25 - FIRST READING; 5/6/25 - SECOND READING  
UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING)  
(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

San Diego County Fire (County Fire), which includes the Community Risk Reduction Fire Marshal services, Emergency Medical Services (County EMS) Office, acting as the Board of Supervisors (Board) designated Local EMS Agency (LEMSA), and the County Service Area 17 (CSA 17) ambulance transportation zone, recently conducted a review of fees and rates to ensure compliance with Board Policy B-29 (Fees, Grants, and Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery), which requires County departments to recover the costs to provide services to agencies or individuals. As a result, County Fire is proposing actions that support the cost of providing services, while ensuring fair and equitable fee levels for customers and the public. After reviewing the current fees and rates, County Fire staff is proposing to increase 21 fees, decrease one fee, add one new fee, and remove 4 fees reflecting prior Board authorizations to dissolve County Service Area 69 ambulance transportation services. County Fire is also proposing 15 new rates for businesses and organizations requesting on-site and dedicated presence of fire apparatus and staff. For reference, a fee is a fixed charge for a service provided, whereas a rate is an hourly amount charged for the total amount of time spent providing the requested service. The Auditor and Controller reviewed and approved the supporting documentation and the methodology for establishing the fees in this proposal for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

**Fire Marshal Fees:**

County Fire staff reviews residential and commercial projects in the San Diego County and Deer Springs Fire Protection Districts to ensure compliance with the County Fire Code and California Fire Code. Fire Marshal staff are also responsible for performing annual business and State-mandated inspections. While a fee currently exists in the administrative code for annual business and State-mandated inspections, those inspections are currently done at no cost to the businesses and other facilities, resulting in a shortfall of outside revenue in order to offset the cost of providing this service. Fire Marshal fees were last updated for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22. The revised fee package includes charging for those services beginning in FY 2025-26.

**Emergency Medical Services Office Fees:**

County EMS has the responsibility to credential Emergency Medical Technicians and paramedics, authorize Mobile Intensive Care Nurses, inspect and permit private ambulances, permit air ambulances, approve continuing education providers, and designate Base Hospitals and Trauma Centers. On May 21, 2024 (21), the Board approved a three-year phased increase for County EMS fees. The updated fees before the Board today are based on the second year of the phased approach and take into consideration an annual analysis of staff time and costs for each service so that full cost recovery is achieved by year three. Due to the Board's approved three year phased approach, full cost recovery for these services will not be achieved in FY 25-26 and a waiver of B-29 is requested as the fees collected will not fully cover the cost of services provided.

**County Service Area 17 Fees:**

County EMS is responsible for the administration of CSA 17, which provides contracted ambulance transportation services for the incorporated cities of Del Mar, Solana Beach, and Encinitas, the communities of Del Mar Heights and Del Mar Terrace, and the unincorporated areas of Rancho Santa Fe, 4-S Ranch, and a portion of Elfin Forest. The proposed ambulance transport user fee received support from the CSA 17 Advisory Committee and would be consistent with the San Diego County Fire Protection District's Board of Directors approved fee for the SDCFPD Ambulance Service Area. In CSA 17, the average collection rate on fees assessed is about 26% due to various reimbursement rates from Medicare, Medi-Cal, commercial insurance, and patient private pay. Since 100% of the fee assessed on ambulance transports are not collected, full cost recovery for services will not be achieved in FY 25-26 and a waiver of B-29 is being requested. CSA 17 fees were last updated for FY 2021-22 when an Out-of-County fee for ambulance transports was added to the fee schedule. Prior to FY 21-22, the current resident and non-resident ambulance transport fees were approved by the Board on June 14, 2011 (7).

Today's action requests that the San Diego County Board of Supervisors approve amendments to Article XX of the San Diego County Administrative Ordinance Code to fees charged for services by County Fire's Community Risk Reduction, County EMS, and CSA 17. The Board last approved revisions to some of County Fire's fees on May 18, 2021 (1), County EMS fees on May 21, 2024 (21), and CSA 17's fees on May 4, 2021 (18).

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

On April 22, 2025:

1. Find the proposed project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as specified under Section 15273 of the CEQA Guidelines and approve the findings in Attachment D pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15273 (a)(1), which provides a statutory exemption for the establishment, modification, structuring, restructuring, or approval of rates, tolls, fares, or other charges by public agencies that the public agency finds are for the purpose of meeting operating expenses.

2. Approve the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading):  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XX OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCE CODE, RELATING TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE, SAN DIEGO COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AND COUNTY SERVICE AREA 17 CHARGES AND FEES
3. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, and Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery which requires full cost recovery for services.

If, on April 22, 2025, the San Diego County Board takes action as recommended, then on May 6, 2025:

1. Consider and adopt (unless ordinance is modified on second reading):  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XX OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCE CODE, RELATING TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE, SAN DIEGO COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AND COUNTY SERVICE AREA 17 CHARGES AND FEES

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Services and oversight provided by San Diego County Fire is partially supported through a fee charged to individuals and agencies applying for new residential and commercial building permits, tenant improvement permits, gate and grading permits, and special event permits. County Fire provides this detailed level of oversight ensuring residents in the San Diego County and Deer Springs Fire Protection Districts receive equitable fire protection by appropriately inspecting residential and commercial properties and ensures compliance with the County Fire Code and California Fire Code.

County EMS provides regional leadership and regulatory oversight of the EMS delivery system and ensures that residents in all areas of the County have access to safe, effective, and equitable prehospital care from trained and verified EMS professionals. County EMS also ensures this through appropriately credentialing licensed and verified personnel, permitting and inspecting privately operated transport vehicles, and designating specialized hospital facilities as required by State statute.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's actions are supportive of the County's Sustainability goals to provide just and equitable access to County services by ensuring all residential and commercial properties are appropriately inspected and comply with County Fire Code and California Fire Code. By ensuring all EMS responders are duly credentialed in a comprehensive and timely manner, all private ambulances (including air ambulances) are permitted and inspected, continuing education providers have accurate and current lesson plans and course records, and hospitals have the correct specialty care designations. Lastly, ensuring communities remain resilient and capable of responding to the immediate needs of individuals and families within CSA 17.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact in the current fiscal year. If approved, this request will result in an estimated increase in revenue of \$685,000 in County Fire, and \$3.5 million in CSA 17 in Fiscal Year 2025-26. Costs and revenue for this request will be included in the Fiscal Year 2025-27 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for County Fire and CSA 17. The funding source is fees

paid by agencies or individuals for services. The proposed fees will not cover all the operating costs for these services in County Fire and CSA 17. Estimated unrecovered costs of \$1.9 million will be supported by existing General Purpose Revenue for County Fire (\$0.3 million), and existing property tax for CSA 17 (\$1.6 million). There is no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed fees and rates for County Fire will have an impact on the business community within the San Diego County Fire Protection District and the Deer Springs Fire Protection District.

### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors closed the Hearing and took action as recommended, introducing the Ordinance for further Board consideration and adoption on May 6, 2025.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

ABSENT: Desmond; (District 1 Seat Vacant)

**16. SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ARTICLE XX SECTION 364.6, RELATING  
TO MEDICAL EXAMINER FEES AND CHARGES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

The San Diego County Department of the Medical Examiner (Medical Examiner) is responsible for investigating and determining the cause and manner of death for all homicides, suicides, accidents, and sudden and/or unexpected deaths according to California Government Code Section 27491 and Health and Safety Code Section 102850.

The Medical Examiner recently conducted a review of all six (6) of its fees and rates to ensure compliance with Board Policy B-29 (Fees, Grants, and Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery), which requires County departments to recover the costs to provide services to agencies or individuals. As a result, the Medical Examiner is proposing to increase five (5) fees and to decrease one (1) fee. The Auditor and Controller reviewed and approved the supporting documentation and methodology used to determine the proposed fees to be adjusted in this proposal for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

Today's action requests that the Board of Supervisors (Board) approve amendments to Article XX of the San Diego County Administrative Code. The Board last approved revisions to the Medical Examiner fees on May 21, 2024 (20), when the Board approved the introduction of an amended ordinance, which included a directive to phase in the fees over two years. Today's request includes two steps, first the ordinance will be introduced on April 22, 2025, then it will be scheduled for consideration and adoption on May 6, 2025. If the proposed ordinance is altered on May 6, 2025, then on that date, a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance's adoption. A waiver of Board Policy B-29 is also requested as the phased fees will not achieve full cost recovery in the second year of implementation of the five fees proposed for increase.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

On April 22, 2025:

1. Approve the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading):  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ARTICLE XX SECTION 364.6, RELATING TO MEDICAL EXAMINER FEES AND CHARGES
2. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, and Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires full cost recovery for services.

If, on April 22, 2025, the Board takes the actions recommended in Item 1 above, then on May 6, 2025:

1. Consider and adopt (unless ordinance is modified on second reading):  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ARTICLE XX SECTION 364.6, RELATING TO MEDICAL EXAMINER FEES AND CHARGES

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The San Diego County Department of the Medical Examiner (Medical Examiner) mission is to contribute to safe communities and to justice and equity for the residents of San Diego County by certifying the cause and manner of death for all homicides, suicides, accidents, and sudden and/or unexpected deaths in the county. The Medical Examiner has and continues to identify ways to reduce departmental costs to provide its services to the public. Fees paid by customers, ensure that Medical Examiner services, which benefit a single agency or individual, do not reduce resources available to the entire region.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed adjustments to the San Diego County Department of Medical Examiner (Medical Examiner) fee structure are a result of the cumulative increase of the cost drivers such as salaries and benefits, services and supplies, and associated departmental and countywide costs. The adjustments to the Medical Examiner fees are based on available expenditure and revenue data and time studies. The proposed actions 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.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact in the current fiscal year. If approved, the revised County of San Diego Department of Medical Examiner (Medical Examiner) fees will be effective July 1, 2025.

Related anticipated costs for services and revenue from the fees will be included in the Fiscal Year 2025-27 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the Medical Examiner. At the Board of Supervisors directive on May 21, 2024, fee increases are being phased in over two years which will result in the Medical Examiner not achieving full cost recovery during that timeframe. For Fiscal Years 2025-26 and 2026-27, revenue from fees paid by customers is estimated at \$6,500 each year and will not fully cover operating costs for the services provided. The unrecovered estimated costs of \$95 each year will be supported with General Purpose Revenue (GPR) included in the Fiscal Year 2025-27 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the Medical Examiner. There is no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

Noting for the record that this item was heard on April 23, 2025; ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors closed the Hearing and took action as recommended, introducing the Ordinance for further Board consideration and adoption on May 6, 2025.

AYES: Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

NOT PRESENT: Anderson

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

## **17. SUBJECT: ANNUAL REPORT ON GUN VIOLENCE AND UPDATE ON GUN VIOLENCE REDUCTION WORK PLAN (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

On February 6, 2024 (14), the Board of Supervisors (Board) received the Gun Violence Reduction Program (GVRP) Work Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 and directed staff to return in early 2025 with an initial update on Work Plan actions. On February 6, 2024 (15), the Board directed that the annual report on gun violence in San Diego be combined with the GVRP Work Plan update in early 2025.

Since then, Public Safety Group Executive Office (PSG EXO) staff developed an implementation plan for the GVRP Work Plan and engaged and collaborated with County departments, community stakeholders, non-governmental organizations, and public agencies to advance the strategies and actions contained in the GVRP Work Plan. The GVRP Work Plan, is, and will remain, driven by data to meet the evolving needs of San Diego County residents, identify emerging trends, and assess effectiveness of actions and interventions.

The annual gun violence report presented today provides relevant data on gun violence in San Diego County, including the number of privately made, non-serialized firearms, commonly known as ghost guns, recovered by the San Diego Sheriff's Office. Additionally, data from the Department of the Medical Examiner and Emergency Medical Services is included, covering firearm-related hospitalizations, emergency department visits, homicides, and suicides. The GVRP Work Plan update provides current progress on Work Plan actions for FY 2024-25 and outlines Work Plan actions to be carried out in FY 2025-26.

Today's requested actions are for the Board to receive the annual report on gun violence in San Diego County and to receive an update on the GVRP Work Plan.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Receive an annual report on gun violence in San Diego County and
2. Receive an update on the Gun Violence Reduction Program Work Plan.



## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

According to John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Center for Gun Violence Solutions, 48,204 people died by firearms in the United States in 2022. This presents an average of one death every 11 minutes. In San Diego County, from 2020-2024, there were 1,071 deaths by firearm (734 were suicide and 337 were homicide). Between January 2021 and September 2024, there were 823 firearm-related emergency department visits and 639 firearm-related hospitalizations among the County's six trauma facilities. While gun violence impacts people of all ages, genders and racial/ethics backgrounds, it does not impact people equally. In San Diego County, the firearm-related homicide rate for Black residents in 2024 was 7.1 per 100,000 people, while Asian residents had the lowest rate at 0.0. Hispanic residents have the highest proportion of firearm-related hospitalizations and emergency department visits in the county between 2021 and September 2024. Regional suicide data shows that White men over the age of 65 have the highest rates of firearm-related suicide in the County.

The strategies outlined in the FY 2024-25 Gun Violence Reduction Program Work Plan are designed to make a direct impact on preventing firearm-related violence in the short term, while also addressing the root causes that contribute to risk in the long run. By concentrating programs, services, and practices on the communities and individuals most affected by violence and its underlying factors, the goal is to create lasting solutions. Prioritizing equity, the objectives are to reduce disparities and disproportionality, while improving the health, safety, and well-being of residents through collaborative partnerships, innovation, and active community involvement, in alignment with the County of San Diego's Equity Strategic Initiative.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed actions have contributed to the County of San Diego Sustainability Goals by creating long-term systemic changes that address the root causes of violence while fostering safe, resilient communities. Staff have leveraged County resources from departments that aid in mental health services and community building efforts to assist in reducing the social and economic disparities that often contribute to violence. The Gun Violence Reduction Program (GVRP) Work Plan identifies programs and policies that prevent gun violence, reduce suicides, increase awareness of gun violence and suicide prevention through educational materials, and strengthen support services for firearm injury victims and their families. Actions included in the Work Plan are supported by community partnerships and collaboration, particularly the GVRP Community Partnership Council, and the GVRP County Leadership Committee. These groups play a crucial role in providing guidance, identifying opportunities and challenges, and helping to develop ongoing solutions.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's recommendations to receive an annual report on gun violence in San Diego County and an update on the Gun Violence Reduction Program Work Plan. Staff will return to the Board for authorization and approval of funding source(s) for any future related actions with a fiscal impact. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

Noting for the record that this item was heard on April 23, 2025; ON MOTION of Supervisor Lawson-Remer, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors continued this item to May 6, 2025.

AYES: Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

NOT PRESENT: Anderson

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

18. **SUBJECT: 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**

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is an integrated health, housing, and social service organization with a robust service network that spans across the San Diego County region and contributes to making people's lives healthier, safer, and self-sufficient. Services provided by HHSA provide vital resources and care to some of the most vulnerable San Diego County residents. Today's action requests the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) approve amendments to Article XV-B of the San Diego County Administrative Code related to fees and rates established for services delivered in two HHSA departments, Public Health Services and Behavioral Health Services. The Board last approved revisions to HHSA fees and rates on May 21, 2024 (5).

The proposed ordinance represents a comprehensive package that seeks to support the cost of providing services, while maintaining fees that are fair and reasonable 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 HHSA fees and rates, in order to ensure costs are fully recovered for services provided to agencies or individuals. A total of 127 HHSA fees and associated costs were reviewed, resulting in proposed additions, adjustments, and determinations to maintain existing fees.

Today's action requires two steps. On April 22, 2025, 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 6, 2025, the proposed ordinance will be brought back to the Board for consideration and adoption.

This item supports the 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 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**

On April 22, 2025:

Approve the introduction of the ordinance (first reading):

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

If on April 22, 2025, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors takes action as recommended,  
then on May 6, 2025

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**

To develop the cost recovery proposal, the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency (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 fair and reasonable fees 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 reasonable for customers and the public. Updates include County 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. The proposed ordinance will also include a revised rate 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 action supports the County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access by aligning available County 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 (FY) 2025-26 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in no additional costs and an estimated increase in revenue of \$281,936 in FY 2025-26. There is no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

Noting for the record that this item was heard on April 23, 2025; ON MOTION of Supervisor Lawson-Remer, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors continued this item to May 6, 2025.

AYES: Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

NOT PRESENT: Anderson

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

## **19. SUBJECT: ENDING VETERAN HOMELESSNESS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

Homelessness remains a critical issue in the County of San Diego, particularly among the veteran population. As one of the largest military communities in the United States, San Diego is home to over 240,000 veterans who have made significant sacrifices in service to our country. However, many face substantial challenges during their transition from active duty to civilian life, including securing stable employment, accessing healthcare, and finding affordable housing in an increasingly competitive market.

The transition to civilian life often results in the loss of the support structures that veterans relied on during their active-duty military service. Combined with the region's rising housing costs, this leaves veterans vulnerable to homelessness.

According to a 2023 study by the Journal of American Medical Association psychiatry, veterans are more likely to suffer from mental health challenges and substance use disorders than the general population. Addressing veteran homelessness is not only a moral imperative but also a strategic priority for the County.

The County has made important strides in recent years to address homelessness, with targeted initiatives specifically focused on reaching functional zero for veteran homelessness. These efforts have yielded promising results, including increased housing placements, improved coordination with service providers, and expanded access to mental health and substance use disorder treatment. However, the scale and urgency of the issue demands a more streamlined, collaborative, and scalable response to accelerate progress and ensure that no veteran is left behind.

By creating a by-name list and targeting landlords via social media, the County will leverage data-driven, evidence-based strategies to expedite access to stable housing and treatment to end veteran homelessness regionwide.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND**

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a social media campaign that targets landlords to encourage increased participation in the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program and report back to the Board within 180 days with a strategy, cost and funding options. This strategy should include retargeting landlords who have previously participated in the program or expressed interest.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a strategy to end veteran homelessness using a by-name-list specific to veterans and report back to the Board within 180 days.
3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to assess the feasibility of establishing a fund to provide landlords participating in the VASH voucher program with financial assurance for property damage caused by VASH tenants and report back to the Board within 180 days.
4. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to collaborate with other jurisdictions to deploy the veteran by-name-list strategy regionwide. Report back with an update on collaboration efforts within 180 days.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Veterans are disproportionately impacted by substance use and mental health challenges, which can make securing stable housing more difficult. By developing a by-name list and engaging directly with landlords, we can improve access to housing and offer those who have served a stronger pathway to long-term stability.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action to identify funds to increase landlord participation in housing homeless veterans would contribute to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal of protecting health and wellbeing. Creating a veteran-specific by-name-list also contributes to the County of San Diego's Sustainability goal of protecting health and wellbeing.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for the actions requested are included in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operational Plan based on existing staff time in the Health and Human Services Agency funded by General Purpose Revenue and other funding sources. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years. There may be fiscal impacts associated with recommendations included in staff's report back to the Board, depending on the proposed strategy and feasibility. Any necessary appropriation and funding changes or additions would return to the Board for consideration and approval.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

Noting for the record that this item was heard on April 23, 2025; ON MOTION of Supervisor Lawson-Remer, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors continued this item to May 6, 2025.

AYES: Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

NOT PRESENT: Anderson

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

20. **SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT OF WILLIAM MORGAN IN THE CRITICALLY NEEDED POSITION OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS, BEFORE 180-DAYS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE DATE OF RETIREMENT (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego's Assistant Director, Department of Public Works (DPW), William Morgan, retired on March 7, 2025, and will receive a pension from the San Diego County Employees' Retirement Association (SDCERA). The Assistant Director, DPW is a critically needed position and William Morgan has agreed to return as a retiree-rehire on May 2, 2025, until the Assistant Director position is filled and will provide necessary onboarding transition support to the successful candidate. DPW's Assistant Director is a critical position that reports directly to the Director of DPW. William Morgan has the expertise and ability to fill this executive position in DPW. The recruitment for Assistant Director is in progress and anticipated to be filled by the end of Summer 2025.

According to California Government Code section 7522.56, any retired person receiving a pension from a public retirement system shall not be employed by an employer in the same retirement system for a period of 180 days following the date of retirement. An exception to this rule is when the employer certifies the nature of the employment, and that the appointment is necessary to fill a critically needed position before 180 days have passed since the date of retirement. Such appointment must be approved by the governing body of the employer in a public meeting.

This is a request to approve the employment of William Morgan as a retiree-rehire Assistant Director of DPW to perform work of limited duration and which is critically needed before 180 days have passed since Mr. Morgan's retirement date. Mr. Morgan possess strong institutional knowledge having served as DPW's previous Interim Director, Assistant Director, and Deputy Director and as such, has extensive County experience and depth of knowledge that will enable a smooth transition for the next Assistant Director. His leadership will be invaluable in supporting the department while the Director works to identify a permanent replacement.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Approve the temporary employment of William Morgan as the Assistant Director, DPW that is critically needed before 180 days have passed since Mr. Morgan's retirement date

to effectively discharge the duties of Assistant Director, DPW, be available to serve in a position required by Charter and State statute and ensure a smooth onboarding and transition for the next Assistant Director.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Assistant Director, DPW has a significant responsibility for overseeing and manage various operations to ensure the effective delivery of public services and development of infrastructure. Today's action will ensure continuity of operations in the County, including effective implementation of the Board's diversity, equity, and inclusion policies and programs.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action provides stability and continuity in ongoing operations and institutional knowledge and will ensure continuous operations for the Department of Public Works.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal year 2024-25 Operational Plan in the Department of Public Works. As a retiree-rehire, William Morgan's pay rate cannot be less than the minimum, nor exceed the maximum, paid by the County to other employees performing comparable duties, divided by 173.333 to equal an hourly rate. The maximum base monthly salary for this position is \$23,349.73 and the hourly equivalent is \$134.71, and the minimum base monthly salary for this position is \$14,592.93 and the hourly equivalent is \$84.19. William Morgan's hourly pay rate will be \$93.25 for no more than 960 hours per fiscal year. The funding source is State Highway User Tax Account. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Lawson-Remer, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

ABSENT: Desmond; (District 1 Seat Vacant)

### **21. SUBJECT: CLOSED SESSION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

##### **A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**

(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)

Joseph Frias v. County of San Diego, et al.;

United States District Court Case No.: 22-cv-675-JO-AHG

##### **B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**

(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)

Alba Marroquin De Portillo, et al. v. County of San Diego, et al.;

United States District Court Case No.: 23-cv-0978-WQ-VET

C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
Cleveland National Forest Foundation, et al. v. County of San Diego;  
San Diego Superior Court Case No.: D083555; 37-2022-00044215-CU-WM-CTL

D. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
(Government Code section 54957.6)  
Designated Representatives: Susan Brazeau, Clint Obrigewitch  
Employee Organizations and Unrepresented Employees: Teamsters Local 911,  
Deputy District Attorney Association, Deputy District Attorney Investigators'  
Association, Deputy Sheriff's Association of San Diego County, San Diego  
Deputy County Counsels Association, San Diego County Probation Officers'  
Association, Public Defender Association of San Diego County, San Diego  
County Supervising Probation Officers' Association, Service Employees  
International Union, Local 221 and all unrepresented employees.

**ACTION:**

County Counsel reported that for Closed Session on April 22, 2025, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions:

On Item 21A, Joseph Frias v. County of San Diego, et al., by a vote of 3-0, the Board authorized County Counsel to file an interlocutory appeal of the district court's ruling denying qualified immunity to several Sheriff's deputies in a lawsuit involving allegations that deputies used excessive force.

On Item 21C, Cleveland National Forest Foundation, et al. v. County of San Diego, by a vote of 3-0, the Board authorized County Counsel to file a petition for review in the California Supreme Court if the Court of Appeal denies the County's petition for rehearing in a lawsuit challenging the County's adoption of the 2022 Transportation Study Guide.

ABSENT: Desmond; (District 1 Seat Vacant)

**22. SUBJECT: NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Joseph Moore spoke to the Board regarding support for County workers and requested improving compensation.

Michael Brando spoke to the Board regarding public engagement.

Katheryn Rhodes spoke to the Board regarding County funding reserves.

Flower Alvarez-Lopez spoke to the Board regarding program efforts from Universidad Popular.

Paul the Bold spoke to the Board regarding homelessness issues and housing policies.

Consuelo spoke to the Board regarding censorship.



Truth spoke to the Board regarding local government actions and the policies that are supported by Supervisor Lawson-Remer.

Kathleen Lippitt spoke to the Board regarding marijuana fatality crashes.

Kevin Stevenson spoke to the Board regarding County actions to fight the Federal government.

Justin Castro spoke to the Board regarding the County not responding to him and voter fraud.

**ACTION:**

Heard, Referred to the Chief Administrative Officer

The Board recessed at 7:54 p.m., until Wednesday, April 23, 2025 for the Land Use Legislative Session and to continue consideration of the matters on this agenda.

ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of San Diego, State of California

Consent: Vizcarra

Discussion: Zurita

NOTE: This Statement of Proceedings sets forth all actions taken by the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors on the matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.

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