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San Diego County Board of Supervisors  
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Honorable San Diego County Board of Supervisors,

In recent years, the integration of technology and artificial intelligence into criminal enterprises has expanded at an accelerated rate. As threats to our most vulnerable populations are on the rise, enhancing real-time coordination and collaboration amongst law enforcement partners is critical.

For this reason, I support Item 1 on the May 5 San Diego Board of Supervisors agenda "Approve Lease Amendment for the Sheriff's Office in San Diego and Notice of Exemption." Item 1 proposes to amend the San Diego Sheriff's Office lease that houses the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) to allow the San Diego Law Enforcement Coordination Center (SD-LECC) to co-locate within the space currently occupied by HIDTA.

The SD-LECC is a central processing point, it provides support during investigations and facilitates communication amongst key partners. The SD-LECC plays a vital role in ensuring school safety. In 2018, the SD-LECC led the creation of a school threat Suspicious Activity Report (SAR), an online tool that empowers law enforcement and the community to report concerning behavior that could threaten school safety. First in the nation, the SARs have strengthened informed responses and prevented school violence.

The SD-LECC is also an innovative partner of San Diego's multi-agency Elder Justice Task Force (EJTF). First of its kind in the nation, the EJTF leads coordinated efforts on the financial exploitation of older adults by international scammers and their U.S.-based money laundering syndicates. The EJTF has made incredible progress in this space because of its ability to track every reported case in the county.

The SD-LECC created a portal and dashboard that tracks all cases reported through different sources ranging from local law enforcement partners like the San Diego Police Department and San Diego Sheriff's Office, the Federal Bureau of Intelligence (FBI) to the County of San Diego's Adult Protective Services. This enables investigators to link cases and conduct large scale investigations involving dozens of cases, millions of dollars in losses and allows the task force to develop cases for state prosecution by the District Attorney's Office, or for consideration for federal filings by the US Attorney's Office.

Most importantly, it is a tool to account for the loss in resources and identify trends used to target and defraud seniors. In 2025, this tool revealed an astounding approximate 1,800 victims and over \$160 million in losses directly traceable to San Diegans aged 60 and over, making us the only county in the nation actively counting the number of reported victims and cases in this manner.

The SD-LEDD has been a key partner in my office's efforts to protect our most vulnerable communities. San Diego is uniquely positioned to continue empowering all partners to maximize resources, identify risks, and proactively intervene to disrupt crime.

We look forward to continuing to leverage this valuable tool as a powerful resource to enhance public safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Summer Stephan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**SUMMER STEPHAN**

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