

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 17

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ALL COUNTY BOARDS,
COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND COMMUNITY PLANNING AND
SPONSOR GROUPS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

On May 24, 2022 (10), the Board of Supervisors approved recommended changes to Board Policy A-74, “Citizen Participation in County Boards Commissions, and Committees” that included several actions to support transparency initiatives and open government. The revisions included, among other items, a directive to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to develop a Code of Conduct for all appointees that promotes civil discourse.

The County’s boards, commissions, committees (BCCs), and Community Planning and Sponsor Groups include well over 1,000 members. The proposed Code of Conduct emulates the Board’s Rules of Procedure as described in the “Code of Civil Discourse” and provides enough specificity to clearly establish countywide standards while recognizing and balancing the needs and requirements of the operational variations of BCCs and Community Planning and Sponsor Groups.

Today’s action would adopt the proposed Code of Conduct and establish a standard for each of the County’s BCCs and Community Planning and Sponsor Groups.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Adopt the proposed Code of Conduct for County Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Community Planning and Sponsor Groups.
2. Approve amendments to Board Policy A-74, “Citizen Participation in County Boards Commissions, and Committees” and Board Policy I-1 “Planning and Sponsor Group Policies and Procedures” to incorporate the Code of Conduct.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The County’s boards, commissions, committees and Community Planning and Sponsor Groups are a wide-reaching mechanism for public engagement. As such, the County’s efforts towards accessibility and improved participation and outreach within underrepresented groups is particularly relevant to members of these boards, commissions, committees and Community Planning and Sponsor Groups. Adoption and dissemination of this Code of Conduct will further the County’s efforts to ensure that diverse voices of the community are heard in an equitable and meaningful way at public meetings.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Adoption of this Code of Conduct will contribute to the County's efforts to engage the community in meaningful ways and promote an environment that provides equitable access to opportunities for public engagement. The Code of Conduct includes commitments that contribute to County of San Diego Sustainability Goal No.1 by "encourag[ing] people and diverse stakeholders to partner and participate in decisions that impact their lives and communities."

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

There is no business impact associated with this action as the proposed Code of Conduct only applies to County boards, commissions, committees, and Community Planning and Sponsor Groups.

ACTION:

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

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

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter