

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 17

SUBJECT: RECEIVE THE INITIAL REPORT ON RAISING THE BAR FOR A MORE ACCESSIBLE SAN DIEGO COUNTY: IDENTIFYING ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO FURTHER SUPPORT FACILITY ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS, AND ACCESS TO SERVICES, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

On January 25, 2022 (20), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to identify areas within County services, programs, and activities to increase communication for persons with disabilities, conduct community engagement with relevant stakeholders and community members, and to work with the County of San Diego's Committee for Persons with Disabilities to receive input on the CAO's identified areas and proposed recommendations for implementation.

In addition, the Board directed the CAO to provide an annual report to the Board that outlines any enhancements to accessibility provided under the various County departments during the year and return to the Board of Supervisors with recommendations.

Today's recommendations are to receive the CAO's report on the key areas of focus to increase communication regarding access for persons with disabilities, the findings from community engagement, and the Committee for Persons with Disabilities input on the CAO's identified areas of opportunity. The first annual report to the Board on accessibility related enhancements implemented by various County departments during Fiscal Year 2021-22 will be provided separately as a memo to the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Receive the County of San Diego's (County) Chief Administrative Officer's Report of Accessibility Awareness Community Engagement Findings (Attachment A, on file with the Clerk of the Board).

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

According to the "2017 Demographic Profiles San Diego County" report about 9.8% or an estimated 312,565 persons with a disability live in the County of San Diego.¹ Conducting internal reviews along with engaging and seeking community input helps the County of San Diego in the identification of opportunities to increase communications regarding access and further enhance accessibility for persons with disabilities.

Historically, the County has been responsive to the needs and requests of people with disabilities. Recognizing the need for more equitable management of resources, there is an opportunity for the County of San Diego to take a more proactive approach to accessibility awareness to anticipate and provide for the needs of people with disabilities above the legal requirements.

This review provides the necessary information to enable the County of San Diego to prioritize and make progress toward enhancing accessibility for people with disabilities beyond the requirements of state and federal laws. Furthermore, the annual report of accessibility-related enhancements implemented by County departments during the year provides the Board and the community with a better understanding of the services, programs, and activities offered by the County to persons with disabilities.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

This action is appropriate as it aligns with the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal #2 - provide a just and equitable access to County services, policy decision-making, and resource allocation in support of sustainable communities.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's action. There may be future fiscal impacts associated with implementing recommendations contained in the report. Any such recommendations would return to the Board for consideration and approval. Upon return by staff, funding for future costs will need to be identified by the department and will proceed once identified. At this time, 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 Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended.

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

