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San Diego County Board of Supervisors
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Chair Lawson-Remer and Members of the Board,

On behalf of Youth Will, a member of the Community Budget Alliance, I am writing to express our strong support for the proposal to establish an Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Sustainable Fiscal Planning, brought forward by Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer and Supervisor Monica Montgomery-Steppe.

San Diego County is facing serious fiscal uncertainty due to unprecedented state and federal disinvestment in essential programs. Cuts to Medicaid, SNAP, housing, Medi-Cal, and other core services, alongside unfunded mandates and increased local burdens, risk destabilizing the safety net and undermining the County's ability to meet urgent community needs.

As an organization committed to the improvement of youth development and prioritizing the health of San Diego's youth, we know firsthand how vital County services are to the well-being of residents, especially low-income communities, working families, and other vulnerable groups. Services like these should not be jeopardized by unpredictable decisions made by those in power.

We believe the proposed Fiscal Planning Subcommittee offers a proactive, community-centered approach to:

- Safeguard essential services,
- Explore equitable local financing solutions,
- Protect vulnerable residents, and
- Maintain the County's strong financial standing.

We are particularly encouraged by the proposal's focus on key priority areas, including healthcare access, behavioral health, childcare, and environmental sustainability.

Youth Will urges the Board of Supervisors to approve this proposal and begin the process of developing a robust fiscal strategy that reflects community priorities and protects San Diego's future.

Sincerely,

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