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Attached please find our public support letter for the policy proposals on the September 27, 2022 agenda, "Increasing Veterans in the County Workforce: Hiring San Diego Heroes" and "Prioritizing Our Veterans: Establishing a Center for Military and Veteran Reintegration in East County."

It is our esteemed honor to support this policy and the relief and prosperity that it will bring to veterans and their families throughout San Diego County.

And although I cannot be there physically to support the process in person, I will be there in spirit with heartfelt gratitude.

Sincerely,
Maurice D. Wilson, MCPO USN (Ret)
Pres/ED

Via email: Publiccomment@sdcounty.ca.gov

Chair Nathan Fletcher
County of San Diego
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 335
San Diego, CA 92101

23 September 2022

Dear Chair Nathan Fletcher,

The National Veterans Transition Services, Inc. (NVTSI) aka REBOOT is pleased to support the policy proposals on the September 27, 2022 agenda, "Increasing Veterans in the County Workforce: Hiring San Diego Heroes" and "Prioritizing Our Veterans: Establishing a Center for Military and Veteran Reintegration in East County."

Our MISSION is to help **REBOOT** the Lives and Careers of Transitioning Service Members, Veterans, and Spouses. Our VISION is to see all veterans achieving, within their potential, their goals in the transition domains of: **education, employment and career, living situation, personal effectiveness/wellbeing, and community-life functioning.**

We are dedicated to assisting veterans in successfully transitioning from military service, adjusting to civilian life, and securing meaningful employment through community collaboration, the integration of services and the implementation of best practice tools which facilitate self-sufficiency and prosperity.

These two Items will be beneficial to San Diego County veterans. The first, "Increasing Veterans in the County Workforce: Hiring San Diego Heroes" would have the County of San Diego reexamine its own workplace policies and find ways to increase veteran recruitment and retention with the aim of doubling County worker veteran employment by 2030. The second, "Prioritizing Our Veterans: Establishing a Center for Military and Veteran Reintegration in East County" asks our County team to reimagine the way we provide services to veterans, and create a new veterans service center in East County.

San Diego veterans play a critical role in our lives, economy, and community. As of 2021, more than 230,000 veterans call San Diego County their home with an average of approximately 7,000 active-duty service members deciding to settle in San Diego County after leaving military service. This large and important group of people, who served our nation to protect our rights, deserve the utmost respect and support when reintegrating into civilian life.

Veterans may at times experience difficulty adjusting to life after their military service has ended. I ask the Board of Supervisors to support both of these items in the hopes we can better support our local heroes and provide new opportunities for them to be successful now and in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Maurice D. Wilson, MCPO USN (Ret), Pres/ED
National Veterans Transition Services Inc. aka REBOOT