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San Diego County Board of Supervisors  
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1600 Pacific Highway, Rm 335  
San Diego, CA, 92101  
(Via Email)

**Subject: Item #10: CREATE A UNIT DEDICATED TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, JUSTICE AND EQUITY**

Dear Chair Vargas and Esteemed Supervisors,

I am writing to express my support for Chairwoman Vargas' proposal to create a unit dedicated to reproduction health, justice, and equity within the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). The proposal to establish this new unit will significantly strengthen the continuum of care for everyone in our community, including our most vulnerable individuals, looking for reproductive health care services.

Reproductive health includes more than just pregnancy and maternal health, its spans many life stages and includes family planning, fertility services, sexual health services, menstrual health, gynecological care, gender-affirming care, prevention and treatment of gender-based violence, reproductive cancer screening and treatment, and education and counseling. These elements collectively address the diverse needs of individuals across different stages of life and gender identity, ensuring access to essential care and support. Together, these services reflect a holistic approach, promoting equity, health, and well-being for all individuals.

Our organization is one of many in San Diego County committed to providing these important services.

This new unit within HHSA will serve as a centralized and trusted source to connect people to needed services at what for many may be under challenging circumstances.

I thank Chairwoman Vargas for prioritizing reproductive health and health equity.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Mattson", is written over a blue horizontal line.

Kevin Mattson