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Email

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From:	Ron Kincaid
To:	Anderson, Joel; Lawson-Remer, Terra; MontgomerySteppe, Monica; Desmond, Jim; COSD Engage; FGG, CAO Mail; crystal.irving@seiu221.org
Cc:	Jeff McDonald; Gloria, Todd (External); CouncilMember Joe LaCava; Councilmember Jennifer Campbell; henryfoster@sandiego.gov; kentlee@sandiego.gov; CouncilMember Marni von Wilpert; Councilmember Stephen Whitburn; Councilmember Vivian Moreno; CouncilMember Raul Campillo; CouncilMember Sean Elo-Rivera
Subject:	[External] Fwd: Record $8.6B spending plan is proposed for county - U~T - 05/02/2025
Date:	Saturday, May 3, 2025 8:51:03 AM

Ms.Shelton and Ms.Irving,

https://enewspaper.sandiegouniontribune.com/infinity/article_popover_share.aspx?guid=f56d979b-aa33-4489-b45e-30369cedd0f6&share=true

"The recommended budget trims 190 jobs from the overall county workforce, or roughly 1%."

ONLY 1% - ?

What portion of the county budget is wages/salaries/benefits?

Staffing at ALL levels should be cut by AT LEAST 10%.

Funding for ALL programs should be cut by AT LEAST 10%.

DOGE !!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Ron Kincaid
rpkliberty51@gmail.com

PS - "Lawson-Remer and Montgomery Steppe proposed recalibrating the county reserve policy to free up some $355 million now being banked as part of a broader rainy-day fund."

AND THEN/AS SOON AS THE "RAINY-DAY FUND" IS GONE/SPENT - ?

From:	The Wrona Family
To:	COSD Engage
Subject:	[External] Resident comments on proposed budget cuts for San Diego
Date:	Thursday, May 8, 2025 2:34:22 PM

To whom it may concern:

It is particularly concerning to read about proposed budget cuts that would negatively impact the quality of life for families living in San Diego.
The most alarming proposals are:

-Reduced or total at beaches and parks
-Partial or total closure of libraries and library programs for all
-Reduced access to Lake Mira Mar and Lake Murray
-Reduced community center programs
-Proposed parking fees in Balboa Park which makes family outings even more expensive and possibly out of reach for many residents
-proposed closure of North County Police station in Carmel Valley

Please consider that San is so popular with residents and tourists due to access to Nature and community resources like Balboa Park. If it is more difficult to enjoy the beaches because there are limited or no bathrooms, or because parking becomes less available or affordable, people will stop coming here. There will be reduced tourist dollars if it is more difficult and expensive to get to the museums in the park. Communities may see an uptick in vandalism if there are no safe "third spaces" for teens, like libraries and parks.

Residents appreciate the many beautiful San Diego communities we are proud to call home. Many of us chose to live here despite higher taxes and cost of living because of access to beaches and safe parks for our families. Without access to Nature and community centers, what are we paying for?

Best regards,
Cynthia Wrona

From: [redacted]
To: COSD Engage
Subject: [External] Budget Input
Date: Monday, May 12, 2025 10:08:49 PM

As a 24 year resident of Lemon Grove, I would like to suggest that in order to save the county money and save our city tons of controversy, conflict and drama, please consider pulling the plug on the Troy Street sleeping cabin project.

As a pastor, I work with serving the unsheltered and I sincerely want to come up with successful solutions to help them find permanent housing, jobs and stability. However, I have serious concerns about putting that many people struggling with mental health & addiction all in one place without the proper screenings and support.

I truly believe that some of the millions of dollars to be spent on the cabins should be put into well-paid, passionate social workers who can get to know the unsheltered and help walk them through a personalized plan to become self-supporting.

I think a possible alternate idea would be for the county to partner with some of the churches in Lemon Grove and place a couple cabins on several of the church properties and provide several social workers and floating security guards who would work around the clock to service all the cabins in the city. If you worked hard, you could move several people through each cabin in the span of a year.

Please, please, please reconsider the sleeping cabins in Lemon Grove and use the proposed funding to balance your budget and provide more promising options to support the unsheltered.
Thank you,

Pastor Anne M. Stapleton
Grace Communion Lemon Grove
[redacted]

From: Nicola Frei
To: COSD Engage
Subject: [External] SDHS Proposed Budget Cuts
Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 8:56:41 PM

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing as a concerned resident to express my deep opposition to any budget cuts affecting the San Diego Humane Society. This organization provides crucial services to our community—from rescuing stray and injured animals to supporting pet owners through education, veterinary care, and crisis response.

Instead of reducing their funding, I propose that the City consider a more impactful approach: make backyard breeding illegal and enforce fines for violations. The public can play a key role by reporting illegal breeding operations, and those fines could be allocated directly to support the Humane Society's work.

This would not only generate revenue but also reduce the number of animals entering shelters due to overbreeding and neglect.

Let's invest in sustainable, humane solutions rather than weakening the very organization that upholds our city's values of compassion and care.

Thank you for your consideration.

Nicola Frei

From: Susan Hahn
To: COSD Engage
Subject: [External] County budget
Date: Thursday, May 15, 2025 12:17:09 PM

I am concerned about the Troy St Sleeping Cabin project - I have been opposed to this project as soon as I have heard this.

With the recent news of the County's Budget Deficit - my concern is the county is going to build this site and not be able to sustain it. Does the county have the 3 million it has stated it needs to maintain this site and contracts for the services for the next 3 years?

Susan Hahn
[redacted]

From: David Barber-Dunham
To: COSD Engage
Subject: [External] Please help to support the Mas Fresco Plus Program. Food as medicine helps us the poor to be healthy.
Date: Tuesday, May 27, 2025 1:38:49 PM

From: Cumarasegaran, Verna
To: COSD Engage
Subject: Budget comments
Date: Friday, May 30, 2025 2:55:01 PM

Good morning,

I'd like to provide my comments on some items specified in the budget summary (https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/openbudget/en/budget-summary.html).

1. "$3 million to improve a temporary space during the construction of a new Sheriff's substation in Ramona."

   Three million dollars for a *temporary* space seems excessive. It's not even to build a new temporary space, but to improve a single temporary space. It'd be good to review whether this improvement is really necessary and if so, whether the cost of $3 million is reasonable.

   Also, since there's a housing shortage, if the improvement to the temporary space were to go through, it should be done in a way that it can house homeless after the "temporary" period is over.

2. "Rebuilding of the Mira Mesa Epicentre into a County-operated community center scheduled to open in fall 2026."

   I'm not familiar with the financing of the Mira Mesa community center construction. I've always assumed it was fully funded by the San Diego City and the County was not involved. But based on the summary it seems County would be financially responsible for operating the community center. Building a new community center is not necessary. Currently there's a community center building with indoor gym, restrooms, as well as 2 separate playgroung areas with swings/slides and multiple baseball fields all in the same area. I've seen drawings of the new community center and only thing I see that'll be new is a pool and a large public art sculpture. There are atleast 3 other parks within 5 minutes drive from this location. Building a new community center is a huge waste of money because it doesn't increase the amenities available in a significant way given the cost of construction. I don't know how much it'd cost the County to operate the new community center, but it should look for a way to cancel the construction while it is still in the early stages.

   A better use of the space would be to leave the current playgrounds/baseball fields in place and build dense affordable housing in the space of community center. The mira mesa library is literally a 2 minute walk from the current community center and the library can function as a community center.

3. "$1 million to operate Safe Destination Nights, an after-school program serving 8,000 youths"

   I have seen some of the expenses associated with this program. It appears that serving pizza is a component of this program, as well as having games with prizes given out to winners. One of the aims of this program should be to use this opportunity to develop skills that will allow them to be self sufficient adults, such as learning to cook and developing specific skills to aid in getting job later. Instead of game activities, the money would be better spent providing training on developing self sufficiency skills.

Vern Gumarasegaran Auditor II
Office of Audits & Advisory Services
Auditor & Controller | Finance & General Government Group

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

From: Oly Ramirez
To: COSD Engage
Subject: [External] Programa MAS FRESCO PLUS
Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 11:26:15 AM

Hola, buenos días, mi nombre es Olimpia Ramirez. Mi familia y yo, hemos estado recibiendo las frutas de verduras del programa MAS FRESCO PLUS. Tengo dos niñas, una de 7 años y otra de 12 años, creo que a ellas sobretodo, les ha beneficiado tener en casa alimentos orgánicos, pues están creciendo y están aprendiendo a comer más saludable. De verdad esperamos que no cancelen este programa, ojalá que siga y que puedan continuar ayudando a las familias que tanto lo necesitamos.
Muchas gracias por leernos.

From: David Barber-Dunham
To: COSD Engage
Subject: [External] Please fund the Mas Fresco Plus program. It saves lives. David Barber-Dunham District 3.
Date: Friday, June 6, 2025 12:20:36 PM

From:	Patricia Frischer
To:	COSD Engage
Subject:	[External] County Budget - Arts and Culture Commission. Written testimony.
Date:	Friday, June 6, 2025 2:39:38 PM

Board of Supervisors
County Administration Building
1600 Pacific Highway - Room 335
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: County Budget - Arts and Culture Commission. Written testimony.

Dear Supervisors,

My name is Patricia Frischer, San Diego Visual Arts Network and North County Arts Network based in County District 3. Thanks to your leadership, this board approved the creation of the San Diego County Arts and Culture Commission two years ago. However, the County's proposed budget for FY26 fails to include the Commission's budget as recommended by the Commission's own adopted resolution. We urge you to reconsider, allocating adequate resources to support the modern arts and culture agency that you envisioned and set in motion.

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Respectfully,

Patricia Frischer, founder/coordinator [redacted]

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https://www.sdvisualarts.net/
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http://facebook.com/sdvan
http://twitter.com/SDVAN
https://www.instagram.com/patriciafrischer/

From: Carrie Frederick
To: COSD Engage
Subject: [External] Arts and Culture in San Diego County
Date: Saturday, June 7, 2025 2:08:09 PM

Board of Supervisors
County Administration Building
1600 Pacific Highway - Room 335
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: County Budget - Arts and Culture Commission. Written testimony.

Dear Supervisors,

My name is Carrie Frederick, a board member at Visions Museum of Textile Art, based in County District 3. Thanks to your leadership, this board approved the creation of the San Diego County Arts and Culture Commission two years ago. However, the County's proposed budget for FY26 fails to include the Commission's budget as recommended by the Commission's own adopted resolution. We urge you to reconsider, allocating adequate resources to support the modern arts and culture agency that you envisioned and set in motion.

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Respectfully,

Carrie Frederick
Board Member
Visions Museum of Textile Art

From: Naomi Nussbaum
To: COSD Engage
Subject: [External] County Budget for Arts & Culture
Date: Sunday, June 8, 2025 6:58:18 PM

Board of Supervisors
County Administration Building
1600 Pacific Highway - Room 335
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: County Budget - Arts and Culture Commission. Written testimony.

Dear Supervisors,
My name is Naomi Nussbaum, Executive Director of Synergy Arts Foundation, based in County District 3. Thanks to your leadership, this board approved the creation of the San Diego County Arts and Culture Commission two years ago. However, the County's proposed budget for FY26 fails to include the Commission's budget as recommended by the Commission's own adopted resolution. We urge you to reconsider, allocating adequate resources to support the modern arts and culture agency that you envisioned and set in motion.

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Respectfully,

Naomi Nussbaum
Executive Director



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(858) 204-2058

From: David Plettner-Saunders
To: COSD Engage
Cc: policy@sdartmatters.org
Subject: [External] Budget comment
Date: Monday, June 9, 2025 1:10:48 PM
Attachments: BOS Letter.pdf

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am attached my arts and culture budget comment for your consideration this week.

Thank you,

David

David Plettner-Saunders, Partner
Cultural Planning Group
[redacted]
www.culturalplanning.com

The Cultural Planning Group

David Plettner-Saunders
Managing Partner

Jun 9, 2025

Board of Supervisors
County Administration Building
1600 Pacific Highway - Room 335
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: County Budget - Arts and Culture Commission. Written testimony.

Dear Supervisors,

My name is David Plettner-Saunders, Partner with Cultural Planning Group, which is a consulting firm serving the national field of arts and culture and based in County District 2. Thanks to your leadership, this board approved the creation of the San Diego County Arts and Culture Commission two years ago. However, the County's proposed budget for FY26 fails to include the Commission's budget as recommended by the Commission's own adopted resolution. We urge you to reconsider, allocating adequate resources to support the modern arts and culture agency that you envisioned and set in motion.

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Respectfully,

David Plettner-Saunders

David Plettner-Saunders
Partner
Cultural Planning Group

[redacted]
david@culturalplanning.com

From: SD Museum Council Executive Director
To: COSD Engage
Subject: [External] County Budget - Arts and Culture Commission
Date: Monday, June 9, 2025 1:50:09 PM

Jun 9, 2025

Board of Supervisors
County Administration Building
1600 Pacific Highway - Room 335
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: County Budget - Arts and Culture Commission. Written testimony.

Dear Supervisors,

My name is Bob Lehman, Executive Director of the San Diego Museum Council, based in County District 3, and Vice Chair of the San Diego County Arts and Culture Commission. Thanks to your leadership, this board approved the creation of the San Diego County Arts and Culture Commission two years ago.

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Respectfully,

Bob Lehman
Executive Director, San Diego Museum Council
Vice Chair, San Diego County Arts & Culture Commission

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Bob Lehman
Executive Director
San Diego Museum Council
[redacted]

From: Elizabeth Washburn
To: COSD Engage
Subject: [External] The Arts are crucial in uncertain times!
Date: Monday, June 9, 2025 3:03:32 PM

Jun 9, 2025

Board of Supervisors
County Administration Building
1600 Pacific Highway - Room 335
San Diego, CA 92101

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is [Name], [Role] at [Organization], based in County District 3. Thanks to your leadership, this board approved the creation of the San Diego County Arts and Culture Commission two years ago. However, the County's proposed budget for FY26 fails to include the Commission's budget as recommended by the Commission's own adopted resolution. We urge you to reconsider, allocating adequate resources to support the modern arts and culture agency that you envisioned and set in motion.

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Respectfully,

Elizabeth Washburn
Artist/Executive Director
Washburn Fina Art/ Combat Arts San Diego

Executive Director
Combat Arts San Diego
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From: WILLIAM HELMS
To: COSD Engage
Subject: [External] Recent Budget Proposal Opposition
Date: Monday, June 9, 2025 5:54:48 PM

June 9, 2025

Re: Budget Proposal Opposition

We are writing this to express our dismay, disapproval as well as surprise and disbelief regarding the recent budget proposal and its suggested solutions to a money crisis that was largely created by past and present city administrators (Ash Street Building debacle, the mismanaged South Bay Expressway Toll Road and the outlandish city retirement packages being obtained to this day).

In particular, we strongly oppose the proposed closing of the majority of city bathroom facilities, the restricted access to Lake Murray and its surrounding recreation area and paid parking throughout Balboa Park.

-Closing bathroom facilities will increase community health hazards (for obvious reasons)

-Lake Murray has been a welcome escape for many who use it to exercise, have family time and fish. Stop by and see Lake Murray sometime and see how busy the days are there with people enjoying it

-Balboa Park land was developed in mind for ALL people to come and escape small homes/apartments, long days working indoors as well as enjoy exercise in long walks/runs and recreation with friends and family. Paid parking will inhibit many from being able to draw upon this valued city landscape

As is apparent, these proposals affect people who, for the most part, spend their paychecks to keep a roof over their head and food on the table!
It is hoped that you can be creative and come up with a different approach to solving the city's current money situation.

Susan and William Helms

From: Poblete, Jacqueline
To: COSD Engage
Subject: [External] Mas Fresco Plus
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 10:55:34 AM

Hi Engage San Diego County,

Please continue to provide funding for Mas Fresco Plus. Many residents in San Diego County rely on these initiatives to improve their access to healthy foods. Please protect this program so that people do not feel left behind because they have limited or uncertain access to necessary resources. My organization is currently implementing a similar program that benefits our economy, and we partner with two local farms to deliver produce to our participants. We want the San Diego population to be food secure, with reliable access to affordable and nutritious food.

Kindly,

Jacqueline Poblete, MPH
Supervisor, Digital Health Program
[Pronouns: She-Her-Hers]
Family Health Centers of San Diego
Laura Rodriguez Research Institute
jacquelinep@fhcsd.org

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Family Health Centers of San Diego- Exceptional in Every Way

From: Ayani Hashi
To: COSD Engage
Subject: [External] Email Testimony: Mas Fresco Plus
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 2:48:44 PM

My name is Ayani Hashi and I live in San Diego, District 4. I am a Community Health Worker and public health major, and I work directly with families who rely on the ¡Más Fresco! Plus program. I'm writing to urge you not to cut funding for this essential program, which provides a lifeline to many low-income and immigrant families across San Diego County.

Through my work, I see firsthand how families in food deserts, especially in Southeast San Diego ,struggle to access fresh, nutritious foods. Many of the people I support travel long distances just to find produce, often using unreliable public transportation or carpooling. ¡Más Fresco! For many, it is the only consistent access they have to fresh food.

This program has transformed lives. Families are able to double their produce intake, children are introduced to healthier foods, and parents are empowered to make better choices without sacrificing their limited income. Access to fresh food should not be a privilege reserved for the wealthy.

Cutting this program would be devastating to the communities I serve. Instead I would love to see it expanded so more people can qualify. The health of our communities depends on it.

Thank you for your time and your continued commitment to equity and wellness in San Diego County.

Sincerely,

Ayani Hashi

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Ayani Hashi
Community Health Worker
Mental Health Outreach & Education Coordinator
MNPA
[redacted]

From:	Anthony Dang
To:	COSD Engage
Subject:	[External] Public Comment on County Budget: Climate Action Campaign
Date:	Thursday, June 12, 2025 3:11:44 PM
Attachments:	County Budget Climate Action Campaign Letter 2025.pdf

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Dear County Staff,

Thank you for receiving our attached letter in regards to the County budget.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Anthony

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Anthony Dang (he/him)
Policy and Community Outreach Manager
Climate Action Campaign
[redacted]



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June 12, 2025

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

Re: County Budget and Climate Action Plan 20% Equity Benchmark Funding

Dear County Board of Supervisors,

Our request: Please track Climate Action Plan (CAP) implementation dollars in the budget specifically for the County's designated Environmental Justice (EJ) communities—North El Cajon, North Lemon Grove, Spring Valley, and Sweetwater. This is essential to accurately assess whether the County is on track to meet the Board's directive to allocate a minimum of 20% of CAP investments to underserved communities.

When the CAP was adopted in September 2024, the Board of Supervisors made a motion directing staff to "establish a benchmark of at least 20% of CAP investments in underserved communities through the County budget process." This 20% threshold is a minimum standard intended to ensure that environmental justice communities are prioritized in the County's climate efforts. Ideally, the County would exceed this minimum to truly advance equity.

However, the current proposed budget does not track CAP implementation dollars allocated to these identified EJ communities. Without this transparency, it is not possible to determine whether the County is on track to meet the 20% benchmark.

The County's 2021 General Plan Environmental Justice Element provides a valuable starting point for this tracking. It identifies 17 census tracts facing compounded vulnerabilities, which together form four distinct EJ communities: North El Cajon, North Lemon Grove, Spring Valley, and Sweetwater. These communities should be prioritized for CAP implementation dollars.

Looking ahead, the County should also consider developing a **Unified Climate Equity Index** to guide equitable distribution of climate investments across the region. The City of San Diego's Climate Equity Index is a strong example, using existing data to identify Communities of Concern. A similar tool that assesses the entire County would help ensure CAP funds are distributed in a way that advances environmental justice across all communities.

Thank you for your continued leadership on climate and equity. We urge you to take this important step toward ensuring accountability and fairness in implementing the CAP.

Sincerely,
Anthony Dang
Policy and Community Outreach Manager
Climate Action Campaign

From: Alejandra Carrillo
To: COSD Engage
Subject: [External] Comment on the County Budget - Arts and Culture Commission.
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 4:34:37 PM

Dear Supervisors,

My name is Alejandra Carrillo, Program Director at transcenDANCE Youth Arts Project, based in County District 4. Thanks to your leadership, this board approved the creation of the San Diego County Arts and Culture Commission two years ago. However, the County's proposed budget for FY26 fails to include the Commission's budget as recommended by the Commission's own adopted resolution. We urge you to reconsider, allocating adequate resources to support the modern arts and culture agency that you envisioned and set in motion.

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Respectfully,

Alejandra Carrillo *(She/her/hers)*
Programs Director / Directora de Programas
[redacted] **P** 619.310.5330 / **www.tdarts.org**

San Diego
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San Diego, CA 92115

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Lemon Grove, CA 91945

Comments received by:

Community Open House at County Operations Center (5/22/25)

Open House - May 22, 2025

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
Recommended Budget 2025-27

Name: Mary Moss

Organization/Affiliation (if applicable): _____

Email Address: maryemoss@gmail.com

Would you like to receive budget updates? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Which of the following topic(s) does your comment refer to?
Select all that apply.

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- ☐ Other (please specify) _____
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- ☐ Vulnerable Populations
- ☐ Behavioral Health

General Comments: _____

Additional space on back

All comments submitted become part of the official public record.

You can also submit your comments using any of the options below:
Online at engage.sandiegocounty.gov/countybudget25-27

Email at engage@sdcounty.ca.gov
All comments must be submitted by June 12, 2025, at 5 PM

Open House - May 22, 2025

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
Recommended Budget 2025-27

Name: Joelle Kohn

Organization/Affiliation (if applicable): UC Master Gardener Program of San Diego County

Email Address: jrkohn@gmail.com

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- ☐ Infrastructure
- ☒ Environmental Sustainability
- ☒ Other (please specify) Garden, growing, education
- ☐ Homelessness & Housing
- ☐ Public Safety
- ☐ Vulnerable Populations
- ☐ Behavioral Health

General Comments: I am with the Master Gardeners and want to be sure that funding continues for our important organization. The hours our volunteers give are almost 1 million across the state, with 350 volunteers in San Diego County. I volunteer full time →

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General Comments

and can't underline enough the importance to the county's residents of free advice, resources, workshops, and support. Our school garden program is especially important, as it is teaching the next generation how to grow their own food, how to care for plants using integrated pest management (IPM) versus harsh chemicals, and the importance of being stewards of our earth. Our program volunteers also go into memory care facilities and youth incarceration facilities to use garden techniques and training as therapy and as possible vocational training. The county residents who participate in these, along with our school children, all report a feeling of calm, optimism, ownership, and positivity. It is such an important time to help people connect to nature in this digital world. Our hotline is very effective at answering all questions about trees, plants, waterwise gardening (how to save water), fire-safe planting, and growing the best ornamental and edible food. Our community garden support also gives a home to folks from San Diego and new to SD. Gardening is a universal language that brings neighbors together.

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COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
Recommended Budget 2025-27

Name: Katrina McDonald

Organization/Affiliation (if applicable): County of SD

Email Address: katmacattack424564@gmail.com

Would you like to receive budget updates? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Which of the following topic(s) does your comment refer to?
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- ☐ General
- ☐ Budget Development
- ☐ Infrastructure
- ☒ Environmental Sustainability
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____
- ☐ Homelessness & Housing
- ☐ Public Safety
- ☐ Vulnerable Populations
- ☐ Behavioral Health

General Comments: I think the SD Regional Energy Network plan in the budget is important and essential for moving forward. Less reliance on one energy provider, greater energy outreach, and less reliance on the monopoly of a Corps. Super Charger is how the

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General Comments

County would be able to move forward. We might also want to add funding for looking into a lithium battery recycling station to further independence of the County and paper recycling of the batteries needed.

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COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
Recommended Budget 2025-27

Name: Karina Piu

Organization/Affiliation (if applicable): The San Diego LGBT Community Center

Email Address: kpiu@Thecentersd.org

Would you like to receive budget updates? ☑ Yes ☐ No

Which of the following topic(s) does your comment refer to?
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- ☐ General
- ☐ Budget Development
- ☐ Infrastructure
- ☐ Environmental Sustainability
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____
- ☑ Homelessness & Housing
- ☑ Public Safety
- ☐ Vulnerable Populations
- ☐ Behavioral Health

General Comments: I support fully funding Innovative Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services in The County budget. We NEED LGBTQ+ affirming housing services that

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General Comments

help our community now more than ever. These services are extremely effective, preventing folks from falling into homelessness in a cost-effective manner – it's cheaper to keep people in their homes than to ~~give them~~ find them a new home. Please fully fund these contracts to a full $3 million allocation. Our community needs access to affirming services from providers.

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COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
Recommended Budget 2025-27

Name: David Vance

Organization/Affiliation (if applicable):

Email Address: [redacted]

Would you like to receive budget updates? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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- ☐ Budget Development
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- ☐ Environmental Sustainability
- ☐ Other (please specify)
- ☒ Homelessness & Housing
- ☐ Public Safety
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General Comments: I support fully funding Innovative Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services in the County Budget. These are both highly successful programs that actually

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General Comments

Save the County money by keeping folks from falling into homelessness. Especially amid federal attacks against the LGBTQ+ community, the County has a responsibility to invest in supporting LGBTQ+ people in need.

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Jornada de puertas abiertas - 22 de mayo de 2025

CONDADO DE SAN DIEGO
Presupuesto recomendado 2025-27

Nombre: Alejandro Caballero Fernández

Organización/Afiliación (si corresponde):

Dirección de correo electrónico: [redacted]

¿Le gustaría recibir actualizaciones del presupuesto?

☒ Yes ☐ No

¿A cuál de los siguientes temas se refiere su comentario?
Seleccione todas las que correspondan.

- ☐ General
- ☐ Desarrollo del presupuesto
- ☐ Infraestructura
- ☐ Sostenibilidad ambiental
- ☐ Otros (especifique)
- ☒ Personas sin hogar y vivienda
- ☒ Seguridad pública
- ☒ Poblaciones vulnerables
- ☐ Salud conductual

Observaciones generales: I Support fully Funding innovative adult Housing Servicel and Enhanced Housing Servicel in the county Budget

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Observaciones Generales

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COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
Recommended Budget 2025-27

Name: Gus Hernandez

Organization/Affiliation (if applicable): _____

Email Address: [redacted]

Would you like to receive budget updates? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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- ☐ Budget Development
- ☐ Infrastructure
- ☐ Environmental Sustainability
- ☒ Homelessness & Housing
- ☐ Public Safety
- ☐ Vulnerable Populations
- ☐ Behavioral Health
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

General Comments: I support fully funding Innovative Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services in the County Budget.

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COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
Recommended Budget 2025-27

Name: Leah Taylor

Organization/Affiliation (if applicable): UCCE Master Gardener Program of SD County

Email Address: [redacted]

Would you like to receive budget updates? ☑ Yes ☐ No

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- ☐ Budget Development
- ☐ Infrastructure
- ☒ Environmental Sustainability
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____
- ☒ Homelessness & Housing
- ☒ Public Safety
- ☒ Vulnerable Populations
- ☒ Behavioral Health

General Comments: The Master Gardener Program is funded by a contract w/ AWM which has not been extended. We provide 35000 hours in volunteering at every corner of the county.

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General Comments

We have provided education at 900 schools, community gardens, detention facilities, libraries, farms, and anywhere ~~that~~ that requests gardening education that is science based. Our Cooperative extension office's contract w/ AWM supports these efforts through a coordinator and administrative help which is threatened to exist. We have reached more than 200,000 members of the community just in one year. Our volunteers go through 6 months of training to certify before being able to educate the public. Our group contributes more than just gardening, we are invaluable in our food system, ecosystem and assistance to all county departments. We want the board to know how we impact our community and why funding for our program is so important.

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COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
Recommended Budget 2025-27

Name: Sharon Zornes

Organization/Affiliation (if applicable): Master Gardener Association of San Diego Co

Email Address: sharonzornes@mastergardenersd.org

Would you like to receive budget updates? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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- ☐ Homelessness & Housing
- ☐ Public Safety
- ☒ Vulnerable Populations
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- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

General Comments: The Master Gardener Organization's mission is to educate the public with science based horticultural information. We support school gardens, community gardens, youth detention facilities, memory care

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General Comments

facilities, and maintain demonstration gardens throughout the County. Our 350+ volunteers provided over 34,000 volunteer hours in the 2024-2025 program year which represents $1.3 million in volunteer time.
We have Beginning Vegetable gardening, Ask A Master Gardener, a Speakers Bureau, Tool Care and sponsor a Spring & Fall event with educational outreach.

Our program is supported through the cooperative extension and we hope we will continue to receive the County support for future years.

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Jornada de puertas abiertas - 22 de mayo de 2025

CONDADO DE SAN DIEGO
Presupuesto recomendado 2025-27

Nombre: Diane Richmond

Organización/Afiliación (si corresponde): Master Gardeners of San Diego

Dirección de correo electrónico: [redacted]

¿Le gustaría recibir actualizaciones del presupuesto?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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Seleccione todas las que correspondan.

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☐ Desarrollo del presupuesto	☒ Seguridad pública
☐ Infraestructura	☐ Poblaciones vulnerables
☒ Sostenibilidad ambiental	☐ Salud conductual
☒ Otros (especifique)	

Observaciones generales: As a master gardener Volunteer we work throughout the County educating community members in gardening →

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Observaciones Generales

best practices. We have volunteers who work with memory care residents, school Gardens with children throughout the county, youth in detention centers, Community gardens, all to engage the San Diego County residents in sustainable living.

Please, reach out to us so we can help you understand the value we add to America finest City

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COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
Recommended Budget 2025-27

Name: Shital Parikh

Organization/Affiliation (if applicable): San Diego Master Gardener Assoc.

Email Address: [redacted]

or [redacted]

Would you like to receive budget updates? ☑ Yes ☐ No

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- ☐ Infrastructure
- ☑ Environmental Sustainability
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____
- ☐ Homelessness & Housing
- ☐ Public Safety
- ☐ Vulnerable Populations
- ☐ Behavioral Health

General Comments: I was impressed by OSEJ innitiave on exploring leasing of ~~parts~~ of county owned land for agriculture and using commuity Parks for community Gardens. & creating a model policy across jurisdictions for sustainable gardening

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We are 350 Master gardeners who have given 34,000 hours valued @ 1.3 millions in fiscal yr. 2023-2.

General Comments

We as master gardners can provide free ~~doo~~ educational support at community gardens and help with community engagement

We support and co-corduate about 80 community gardens at present.

I personally helped start and run the community garden at 7705 Belden St., SD. for SDHC. Its low income senior housing. Some of the fundig came from SD county Office through Home Depot grant. We would love to have such funding for communities in need.

As president of Friends of Del Mar Mesa I help Rangers maintain trails and plant & educate to maintain Del Mar Mesa Preserve open Space. 900 acres.

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COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
Recommended Budget 2025-27

Name: Heather Holland

Organization/Affiliation (if applicable): Master Gardener Association of San Diego County (MGASDC)

Email Address: [redacted]

Would you like to receive budget updates? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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- ☐ Public Safety
- ☐ Vulnerable Populations
- ☐ Behavioral Health
- ☒ Other (please specify) Ag + Natural Resources

General Comments: MGASDC should be utilized through county services. We advise on gardening best practices to assist the public on how to care

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General Comments

for our environment, nuture healthy soil, learn to grow healthy food, mental health benefits.

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COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
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Name: Rob Oswalt

Organization/Affiliation (if applicable): Master Gardener Assoc. of San Diego County

Email Address [redacted]

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- ☐ Public Safety
- ☐ Vulnerable Populations
- ☐ Behavioral Health
- ☒ Other (please specify) Funding for UCCE Master Gardener Administration

General Comments:
The Master Gardeners in San Diego County serve the public ~~to~~ by providing science based gardening information to the public for free. We support

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General Comments

the county community in schools, community gardens, senior facilities, the women's detention center, and any where gardeners have questions. We hold public events to answer questions for the public.
In our current fiscal year, we provided 34,000 volunteer hours to San Diego County. That is over a million dollars of value to the County. Our Cooperative Extension staff is funded by the county through the Ag department. We want leadership to know the value we provide to the community so that funding will be sustained long into the future.

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COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
Recommended Budget 2025-27

Name: Aaron Ngan

Organization/Affiliation (if applicable): The San Diego LGBT Community Center

Email Address: [redacted]

Would you like to receive budget updates? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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- ☐ Other (please specify)
- ☒ Homelessness & Housing
- ☒ Public Safety
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General Comments: The County's funding for innovative adult housing services and enhanced housing services have prevented hundreds of people from falling into homelessness. LGBTQIA+ providers like The San Diego LGBT Community Center and the

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General Comments

North County LGBTQ Resource Center know how to serve LGBTQIA+ clients best. With a housing model that is culturally competent and monetarily efficient, the ~$3 million allocation must be included in the approved budget.

Additionally, the $5 million allocation to the Immigrant Legal Defense fund to ensure access to due process and defend the Constitutional right to it.

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COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
Recommended Budget 2025-27

Name: Gloria Cru

Organization/Affiliation (if applicable):

Email Address: [redacted]

Would you like to receive budget updates? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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- ☐ Infrastructure
- ☐ Environmental Sustainability
- ☒ Other (please specify) Immigrant legal defenses progr
- ☒ Homelessness & Housing
- ☐ Public Safety
- ☐ Vulnerable Populations
- ☐ Behavioral Health

General Comments: I Support fully funding innovative Adult Housing services and enhanced housing Services in the County Budget. The lgbT community deserves an investment from our county and support our community housed!

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This program has already proven to support clients and is cost effective.

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Comments received by:

D4 Budget Forum (5/29/25)

QUESTION CARD

Name _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Question what are the less restrictive placement for previous detained youth.

what is being built on meadowlark.

re-entry hub for adults or juveniles

QUESTION CARD

Name Jerry Brent Moss, Sr.

Phone # [redacted]

Email [redacted]

Question Will the County provide some funding to keep qualified residents informed of the current status of Reparations bills in the California Senate?

QUESTION CARD

Name Joyce Henderson

Phone # [redacted]

Email

Question Re: funding for [redacted] Libraries

Considering proposed closures of a few libraries in the 4th Dist. on Sundays + Mondays,—

How can the County support avoiding thes closures?

Our district use libraries a bit differently—children come to the library after school to wait for their parents + adults use the library for help with job searching & literacy skill building.

QUESTION CARD

Name Ian Grooms

Phone # [redacted]

Email [redacted]

Question What is the current budget deficit at the County, and what steps is the County taking to address the deficit?

QUESTION CARD

Name ALASTAIR MCLEOD

Phone # [redacted]

Email [redacted]

Question WHO DECIDES WHICH ROADS GET REPAVED AND HOW IS THAT CHOICE DECIDED?

QUESTION CARD

Name Timothy Sirota

Phone # [redacted]

Email [redacted]

Question What is the County's plan to address the impact of Prop 36, specifically w/ an increase of 20% in criminal prosecutions for nonviolent drug possession & petty theft offenses? Will the Public Defender receive increased funding to provide representation for these community members impacted by the law change?

5/29/25

QUESTION CARD

Name Susan Villareal

Phone # [redacted]

Email [redacted]

Question How will the county accomodate/support childcare needs in newly built affordable family housing.

QUESTION CARD

Name Noah Lee Yick

Phone #

Email

Question Can you breakdown the 104 staff reductions in Self Sufficiency Services? If ~~they~~ there aren't any layoffs I'm curious what ~~the 104~~ accounts for the 104 reductions

QUESTION CARD

Name ALASTAIR MCLEOD

Phone # [redacted]

Email [redacted]

Question HOW IS THE COUNTY RESPONDING TO THE PROBLEM OF TIJUANA SEWAGE??

QUESTION CARD

Name GEORGINA TÓA SALAZAR

Phone # [redacted]

Email [redacted]

Question How has this budget been responsive to the funding crisis caused by federal grant terminations & EOs?

QUESTION CARD

Name _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Question Do you grant organizations that help the youth?

QUESTION CARD

Name _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Question what resources are available for non-profit organizations for community development?

QUESTION CARD

Name _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Question what is being done to increase affordable housing?

QUESTION CARD

Name _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Question Where is the funding 24M going for the substance abuse [residential] for youth as there won't be any more in patient, after Mcallister closes this summer. Facilities

QUESTION CARD

Name Mary Guerin

Phone # [redacted]

Email [redacted]

Question

Why was the whole GRG enhancement allocation been totally cut ($120K) providing educational Symposiums as well as fun activities such as Zoo or Sea World.

Allocation set up for Great Park

QUESTION CARD

Name JOHN HIGHKIN

Phone # [redacted]

Email [redacted]

Question What is the Supervisor's position on the San Diego County Arts & Culture Commission?

~~P.S. Sept~~ Does Supervisor Montgomery-Steppe support funding the Arts & Culture Commission this year?

QUESTION CARD

Name _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Question Will the county budget address decreased funding/support for undocumented people if proposed state and federal budgets cut supports to those residents?

QUESTION CARD

Name _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Question How can we prioritize funding services that are frequently used by our disadvantaged community members?

Comments received by:

Virtual Community Meeting (5/28/25)

County of San Diego Budget 2025-26 Virtual Community Meeting
May 28, 2025
Q&A Questions, Comments & Responses

Question/Comment	Answer, if applicable
[Q1 Written] Will you be considering funding for ¡Más Fresco! Plus?	**[A1 Written]** Thank you for your question. The ¡Más Fresco! Plus program is scheduled to complete on June 30 of this year. There are no plans to continue the program at this time.
[Q2 Written] Are the contracted services budgeted within County departments public knowledge? Who views reports or gives guidance on the impact of those services and how much of the budget is allocated to support contracts?	**[A2 Written]** Thank you for your question, Leah. Yes, all County contracts are public knowledge. County contracts are published on the County Department of Purchasing and Contracting website. Contracts can be searched via the link below. Furthermore, each County department is responsible for monitoring the performance of its contracts and makes budget determinations based on their operational needs. https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/purchasing/documentum-contract-search.html
[Q3 Written] Just a comment: the UC master gardener program has been integral to helping develop the community gardens in Ramona and Spring Valley, but is at risk of losing funding. We have also developed 8 intergenerational community gardens with funding from AIS, and maintain those gardens without any current funding, it's all volunteer power.	**[A3 Live Answered & Written]** Thanks for the comment. The County greatly appreciates the services Master Gardener volunteers provide to our communities. The current County allocation that supports the UCCE budget is not being reduced. County funding for UCCE has been maintained for FY 25-26.
[Q4 Written] We are asking for continued funding for the ¡Más Fresco! Plus program.	**[A4 Live Answered]** The ¡Más Fresco! Plus program is scheduled to complete on June 30 of this year. There are no plans to continue the program at this time. David, I would like to acknowledge a follow up comment asking for continued funding for the ¡Más Fresco! Plus program. I'm sure that our health and human services agency staff is taking notes. Thank you.
[Q5 Written] Hello: Will the slides be available? Thank you 🙏	**[A5 Written]** Yes, the presentation and a recording of the meeting will be available on the budget webpage.
[Q6 Written] Hello, thank you for providing this information. I represent a community-based organization that works inside Las Colinas jail, EMRF, and the SD County Probation youth facilities. Is there funding in the Public Safety budget specifically for rehabilitation services in County jails and youth facilities? The CDCR offers opportunities for grant funding - will the County offer similar opportunities for the organizations who are directly impacting lowered recidivism rates? We are asking because Las Colinas, YTC, and EMRF are all asking for increased programming from our organization, but there is no County funding as far as we understand. Thank you for your support!	**[A6 Written]** For Probation, we spend $2.2 million per year on rehabilitative services through SBCS. We also have a combined medical and behavioral health contract which includes cognitive behavioral therapy services, which are evidence based for reducing recidivism. That contract is $15 million annually, but the rehabilitative component is only a small part of that. The Sheriff offer's rehabilitative services in County jails and are investing $180.1 M in medical services and $61.5M in CCSA.

County of San Diego Budget 2025-26 Virtual Community Meeting
May 28, 2025
Q&A Questions, Comments & Responses

[Q7 Written] Is continued funding for the ¡Más Fresco! Plus program possible?	**[A7 Written]** David, thank you for your suggestion and feedback. We will share this with our County team.
[Q8 Written] How will the increased funding for licensed residential care facilities be utilized? Will it be used to assist prospective operators of these homes afford to acquire and renovate properties to make opening a facility financially viable or will it focus on preexisting facilities? Thank you ☺	**[A8 Live Answered & Written]** Hi, thank you for your question. County Behavioral Health Services received two State grants to both add new licensed board and care slots and preserve existing slots that serve people with serious mental health who are Medi-Cal eligible. Funding for has been awarded for some of these projects through a competitive procurement process. Prospective operators should sign up for notices on the County's BuyNet Website: https://sdbuynet.sandiegocounty.gov/page.aspx/en/usr/login?ReturnUrl=%2fpage.aspx%2fen%2fbuy%2fhomepage. There has been some funding awarded to existing contracted providers and some funding awarded to new licensed board and care providers. Grant funding has not been allocated for acquiring/purchasing new properties.
[Q9 Written] Hi there, for federal funding awards that have been reduced or have not seen increases- is the County offering opportunities to bridge those gaps in funding as opposed to reducing services?	**[A9 Written]** The County is tracking all federal actions - both from internal departments and external partners who may be impacted. We have systems in place to respond if funding to the County is impacted. We will continue to monitor federal funding and take action as appropriate. Thank you for your question.
[Q10 Written] How is the County seeking input from the 18 sovereign Tribal Nations for the budget? San Diego County is occupying traditional homelands of Kumeyaay, Kupa, Cahuilla, and Luiseno.	**[A10 Live Answered & Written]** The County is working with tribes on a variety of specific projects such as a roadmap for stronger tribal partnerships, and able to talk with tribal members on overall budget development priorities. In addition, In January we initiated the Environmental Justice Workgroup with 21 diverse members from across the County to help shape local government's sustainability services, programs, and policies with a social equity focus. This includes tribal representatives from tribal nations.
[Q11 Q&A Written] I found the answer to my question regarding the monies and sustainability for the Troy St Project to be vague and not sufficient. Looking at possible funding that most likely will not be able to in this current economic environment is fiscally irresponsible.	**[A11 Live Answered & Written]** We have secured funding for the first year of operations which will fund operations through June 2027. There are grant opportunities through Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention as well as Behavioral Health Services Act that we will be assessing in our future budget years after 2027.
[Q12 Written] I want to suggest that the County increases it's funding for programs supporting small businesses due to special economic conditions causing a slowdown in our local economy and the federal government pulling out a lot of support that funded economic development CBOs.	**[A12 Written]** Felix, thank you for your suggestion/comment.
[Q13 Written] I want to ask you to reconcile Funding ¡Más Fresco! Plus program is very good for our community.	**[A13 Written]** Regina, thank you for your suggestion and feedback. We will share this with our County team.

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[Q14 Written] Libraries, parks are essential for our kids and youth, as well having organic foods to keep communities healthier. {Community gardens, and green areas}	**[A14 Written]** Thank you for your comment and input.
[Q15 Written] Instead of question I want to enter into the record my request to the COSD for full funding of the Master Gardener Program.	**[A15 Written]** Thank you for your comment. The County acknowledges the services that the Master Gardeners provide to our communities. The funding that the County provides to UCCE will continue to be maintained for FY 25-26.
[Q16 Written] Why is the County expecting Tribal Nations to work/consult for free when you can include that in your budget now?	**[A16 Written]** Hi Emily, In the newly formed Environmental Working Group, members do receive participatory stipends. Staff will be reaching out to you to further explore your question tonight, and opportunities for funding.
[Q17 Written] The Master Gardener Program provided over 35,000 hours in the last fiscal year to county residents for community education, school programs, plant clinics, and conservation efforts. If these services were provided by staff they would be equal to 16 full time employees. I urge the Board of Supervisors to continue supporting this vital program. Thank you.	**[A17 Written]** The County acknowledges the efforts and the services that the Master Gardeners and UCCE provide to our regional community. The current County allocation that supports the UCCE budget is not being reduced. County funding for UCCE has been maintained for FY 25-26.
[Q18 Written] Mi comentario es en apoyo del programa ¡Más Fresco! Plus he sido promotora en este fabuloso programa que da un poco de seguridad alimentaria a las personas que no califican para EBT y personas con alguna enfermedad crónica y les ayuda a tener acceso a comida organica de productores locales ayudando aque coman mas saludablemente este programa necesita apoyo financiero para que mas personas sean beneficiadas. Ademas apoya a nuestros agricultores locales necesitamos que el condado de ayuda permanente a estos programas. [Translation] My comment is in support of the ¡Más Fresco! Plus program I've been a promoter for this fabulous program that provides a measure of food security to people who don't qualify for EBT and people with chronic illnesses, helping them access organic food from local producers and helping them eat healthier. This program needs financial support so more people can benefit. It also supports our local farmers. We need the County to provide permanent support for these programs.	**[A18 Live Answered & Written]** Gracias por su comentario. [Translation] Thank you for your comment.
[Q19 Written] Thank you, Dijana, for your response. You have secured funding from reallocating from another project. Grant opportunities are nice and will get more challenging to get with the current state of our country. To rely on opportunities and not have a plan in place differs from what has been told to the community. I have no faith in you all involved.	**[A19 Written]** Thank you very much for your comments and your advocacy! We really appreciate it.

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[Q20 Written] I didn't have time to comment but, to the suggestion that our Office of Equity and Racial Justice, or initiatives focused on correcting long-standing disparities (e.g., the retail marijuana project working towards using this opportunity to create some justice), are somehow unnecessary or unwanted: I support any initiative that helps us correct the wrongs we as a larger community (including our predecessors) is one of the most important things we can do in the county, and I hope we continue prioritizing and funding these initiatives.	**[A20 Written]** Hi Jerry, thank you for your feedback and we will take it into consideration.
[Q21 Written] How does the County juxtapose the importance of healthy food resources while the marijuana ordinance will incentivize local food farmers transition to growing marijuana instead?	**[A21 Answered Post Meeting]** The County is committed to funding programs and resources that support healthy nutrition. Some of those efforts include technical assistance and education support for school and community gardens.
[Q22 Verbal Comment] I wanted actually, rather than a question to thank the County for your commitment to housing. The youth housing and the housing production are particularly important, but there's more to be done. I support fully funding the innovative adult housing services and enhanced housing services in the budget this year because it is unusually effective in preventing homelessness with hard to reach communities who are being reached by trusted messengers. It's much cheaper than serving folks once they are homeless and an effective way to reach humanitarian goals. Thank you for considering my input.	**[A22 Verbal Response]** Thank you so much for your input.
[Q23 Verbal Comment] Hi. My name is Karina. First, I want to say thank you so much for this opportunity. I think it's really important that our community be able to learn more about the budget and have access to this knowledge. So, thank you for making this accessible, both in person and virtually. I am here really to echo what Sue just said to please support and fully fund the innovative adult housing services and enhanced housing services fees are housing services that are critical to our LGBTQIA plus community, especially in the moment that we are in right now, considering the fact that our folks are being attacked from the federal Government and experiencing a lot of misinformation and disinformation. Now more than ever, our local governments really need to step up and invest in our community and in the resources that serve our community and provide them, affirming, safe care. This program has been extremely successful. We have surpassed client goals and connected folks not only to housing but also prevented folks from falling into homelessness in the first place. And I really just want to emphasize the importance of these housing contracts, and I really hope and urge the County to invest in these contracts. Thank you.	**[A23 Verbal Response]** Thank you for your comments.

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[Q24 Verbal comment] I wanted to reiterate what the other two said regarding the innovative housing program. I was hoping that we can continue to fund these programs, because by metrics, we see that they are successful for both preventing homelessness and helping those who are experiencing homelessness. I've also had the pleasure of working alongside some of the… (sorry 'San Diego pause.' There's a plane overhead)…I've also had the pleasure of working alongside some of the people in North County LGBTQ Resource Center, and they work incredibly hard for their clients to make sure that they're able to achieve some form of stability thanks to County funding, so ensuring that my community, LGBTQ community, and others that benefit from this County housing budget can continue to do so, and perhaps even looking into expansion, even though I understand that there is a lot of other requirements that are coming to budgets right now would be really helpful, especially since we're doing well in trying to combat homelessness in our region. Thank you so much for the opportunity to allow me to speak, and for making this an accessible meeting.	**[A24 Verbal Response]** Thank you so much for coming.
[Q25 Verbal Comment] Thank you for this time and this opportunity. Recently, at the Board of Supervisors meeting they reallocated some monies from what would have been a Lakeside safe parking site, and they allocated somewhere between three to four million to the Troy Street site, which is 11 million to build and then an annual three to four million, the numbers I'm not clear on, to run annually. And so, they allocated this money from the lakeside. They just dumped that project and put it into the Troy Street for the fiscal year of 2026. Does that mean there's no plan for 2027? And what would that mean? Are you going to be taking away from programs? We know that the federal government, the federal with the federal cuts and the state uncertainty monies. How does the County plan to, I mean, this project hasn't been built yet. It's a really big chunk of money, three to four million per year, with increasing cost, no doubt, to maintain this, so I'm just concerned that the County is taking too big of a bite of a project right now to actually have some sustainability for it.	**[A25 Verbal Response]** Thank you for that question. It is really important to explore the sustainable funding for these projects, and we are continuing to do so through other sources, such as HHP funding or BHSA funding sources, that we're currently looking at. So, we will be looking at all the options for future funding and ensuring that the projects that we do stand up, have ongoing and sustainable resources.
[Q26 Verbal Comment] Thank you. My name is Kathleen Lippitt, I'd like to just request that the County and remind the County that it has access to excellent data gathering from SANDAG. SANDAG provides the data for both juvenile arrestees and adult arrestees in the San Diego region, and this information really should reflect your order the ordinances that are adopted, but they frequently don't, and the issue of drug use and homelessness is the issue that are very important and they are undermined by the County's ongoing, continued support for creating marijuana businesses and in the unincorporated communities where those	**[A26 Verbal Response]** Thank you so much for your comment.

unincorporated communities don't want them anyway. So, in the juvenile arrestee data from 2023, 59% of the youth reported having been arrested or booked for their drug involvement, 74% said they'd already been on probation, and 95% were still under probation. 50% had committed violent crimes, 38% property crimes, and 22% status offenses, 19% drugs, and 82% of the marijuana is one of the first drugs that they start with, and yet our County seems to not provide that data next to the ordinances that they adopt for the adult arrestees, it's not very different. The 55% reported that marijuana was the first drug that they tried. 97% had marijuana in their possession in the last 30 days, and homelessness was attributed to24%. Arrestees said that there was drug use that contributed to their homelessness. So, while the County is trying to prevent homelessness, it is not addressing the factors that are contributing to it, and I wish that the County would start doing its job with providing the public health information on the harms of marijuana use instead of instead of promoting the opposite of that. It is going to be problematic for many of its residents.	
[Q27 Verbal Comment] The reason I was asking about ¡Más Fresco! plus is because I'm a recipient of that program, and they have, besides helping local farmers and low-income families, they have reversed my health issues. I was up in the hospital with life threatening issues every three months, because of poor diet caused my low income and through my nutritionist in most fresco plus I've lowered my cholesterol, my triglycerides, I balanced out my thyroid, and I've gotten my life back, and they've made it possible to have healthy fruits and vegetables on the table, which are too expensive for us, for people, and so for a relatively small amount compared to the rest of your budget, they could continue operating for another six months or a year, and it would really help the people who depend on it. So, I just want to thank you for listening to me.	**[A27 Verbal Response]** Thank you, David, thank you for sharing your story with that. Take care of your health issues.
[Q28 Verbal Comment] Emily, thank you. I'll cut my introduction short due to the limitation of time, but traditionally, I was going to introduce myself and the language that comes from what we now know is San Diego County. I just wanted to, you know, recommend and reaffirm any funding that is allocated for tribal consultation, and that's on many departments that you listed in this meeting. One thing that is missing, and I have reached out to the Office of Sustainability is about the County's conservation planning process, as the County would just bought 500 plus acres on our traditional homelands in San Isabel, without including, you know, our tribe, our sovereign tribe, our government officials as well as our cultural practitioners. We are the constant, the Kumeyaay nations, no matter whose jurisdiction or timeline, we'll always be here, and we'll always be advocating for the	**[A28 Verbal Response]** Thank you, Emily. Thank you so much for your comments. I recall you called in last year, and you've been advocating for a long time on this issue that's very important to us as well. Thank you for that. We've been working really closely with the tribes on a number of issues that you highlighted, including developing a tribal roadmap to help establish how we can work most effectively with the tribes. Very much co-created with them, as well as working on a variety of other efforts with the tribes, starting with our land acknowledgements and going all the way to what you are discussing and what we are currently exploring, which is funding their support and engagement on various efforts. So, we're looking into that. We do have several other efforts that we've been working on with the tribes very closely, and building that relationship is very important to us as well. Thank you.

inclusion of tribal nations. And the county has the most tribal nations in one county in the United States, here in San Diego, and that's 18 tribal nations. Twelve of them are Kumeyaay, and every city that the County has jurisdiction is on Kumeyaay homelands as well as the unincorporated County areas. But I just wanted to open that door. And recommendation, there aren't too many tribal things that are being funded or supported from the county. (The County) just started the cultural resource guidelines, including the tribal governments. It only took how many years, 20. So just reaffirming that process. The County fails to provide support funding for the tribal consultants. They will pay a contractor to facilitate tribal consultation, yet they won't pay tribal consultants, which is ridiculous; that is definitely unacceptable. Tribal consultation requires funding, resources, logistics. So, to ask the tribal nations, which are sovereign governments, to provide free labor is ridiculous in the year 2025, I also want to recommend that the County provides a tribal webinar, or an opportunity to bring in tribal nations' input with this budget. I don't recall there is that effort. Maybe there is, but I haven't heard about it. I want to make that recommendation and support you in that. Thank you.	
[Q29 Verbal Comment] Thank you so much for your work and transparency with this budget. And thanks, as well to all the other commenters. I want to focus specifically today on allocations to roads and infrastructure, and more specifically, to allocations on cycling infrastructure. There's a massive pent-up demand for cycling infrastructure. And if the County can pass a tipping point where cycling infrastructure is prolific and safe enough to be practical for short-distance and last-mile use, this demand can finally be fully unleashed. In addition to being just good for one's health and plain fun. Cycling reduces wear and tear on roadways, greenhouse gas emissions, and traffic. All of which are beneficial. I would encourage the County to invest in separated cycling lanes along high-traffic county roads, specifically those with a physical barrier to keep cyclists safe from inattentive drivers. It is important that these lanes be continuous. There's no worse feeling than when a safe cycling lane ends and spits you back out into traffic. Additionally, I would encourage the County to invest in secure bicycle parking infrastructure at key locations, like parks, high-traffic areas, and transit centers. These can be locked boxes or something more passive, so maintenance costs are low. Being able to safely store one's bicycle increases the practicality of cycling for errands and daily use and thereby drives adoption. I think these changes would be very high ROI for the County, and it would reap the benefits as stated previously. Thank you so much.	**[A29 Verbal Response]** So much for your comments.
[Q30 Verbal Comment] Hey. Good afternoon, everybody. My name is Felix Lopez. I'm	**[A30 Verbal Response]** Our small businesses are the backbone in our region, and it's an

with Logan Heights Community Development Corporation. The only thing that I would like to suggest is to increase funding for small businesses just due to the special economic conditions that are causing a slowdown in our local economy, and also the federal government just pulling out a lot of support that funded economic development CBOs. I believe the County could really step in and bridge those funding gaps that are left and also increase its support now that we have some special economic conditions causing distress to small businesses.	important element for the County in terms of developing economic growth. We are raising efforts to increase how small businesses can participate in County services and increase our amount of spending with small businesses. I would like to turn it over to the director of our Department of Economic Development and Government Affairs, Matthew Parr, to share a little bit more about our efforts. I appreciate the suggestion and comment. As Carrie mentioned, we are actively working with the small business community and local nonprofits to enhance, uplift and provide resources for those businesses, not just in the current climate, but in general. And look forward to working with you and your organization to make sure that your feedback is heard and we can help assist in the future. So, thank you for your comment and suggestion.
[Q31 Verbal Comment] Thanks for allowing the public to be involved with the budget here. This is a lot of work you guys do, and you're doing a great job balancing so many different things. So, thank you for all that work. I just wanted to put in my two cents that the spending that you do should be delivering tangible results, like safer neighborhoods, better roads, affordable living and healthier children. So it's concerning when there's funding towards programs that do little to improve lives, for example, bureaucratic offices like the Office of Sustainability and Environmental Justice and the Office of Equity and Racial Justice that have continued to expand. And one especially that many people in the unincorporated areas of the county are concerned about is the Social Equity Cannabis Program. While it may sound progressive on paper, in practice, it normalizes and expands access to a substance that poses serious risks to youth, we should not be investing public dollars in programs that ultimately undermine the health and safety of our communities, especially when law enforcement is being asked to do more with less. It seems to be more of a function of political tools rather than engines of real world improvement. Programs that expand the number of cannabis storefronts are not going to pave roads, stack fire stations, or protect our neighborhoods from crime. Every dollar should be justified, and every program should prove its value by helping people live safer, healthier, and more affordable lives. Thank you.	**[A31 Verbal Response]** Thank you for your comment.
[Q32 Verbal Comment] First of all, I just want to commend you for having this process and, you know, just staff being here and being available and answering our questions. I think that's really helpful. I want to suggest, for next year, maybe there be more outreach done with like local organizations or do sub-grantees, so that we can increase turnout for this meeting and also the other meeting you all had as an open house. But, the reason I'm calling is because of what other folks have raised related to the	**[A32 Verbal Response]** Thank you for that question. These programs were funded with our American Rescue Plan Act funding, which was one-time funding and was allocated $5 million by our Board of Supervisors. Some of the components of the programs are scheduled to end in June, but other components of the Innovative Housing are continuing through the end of this year, through December of 2025. Again, we continue to explore any grant opportunities or other sources of funding to be able to continue any of our programs. And we will continue that, we have the

Innovative Housing contract. We know that those contracts have been very effective in supporting a lot of LGBTQ folks. One of the questions I had is, we are doing everything we can to advocate, and hopefully this funding gets reinstated and we are able to fund this contract. I would like to hear from the housing team, what it would look like if the funding is not allocated towards these programs? What would happen to some of those folks that have been benefiting from both of these contracts? Especially now that we're seeing so many attacks towards the LGBTQ community. We want to try to see how we can better serve our community.	commitment to do that, but as mentioned, the Innovative Housing Program, is in the upcoming year's budget and will continue through December. Thank you.
[Q33 Verbal Comment] Hi there. Jerry Hall here. Thank you for the opportunity to give feedback here. I've been familiar with the budgeting process for over a decade, so I understand the fundamentals, I believe. But some process concerns or recommendations are what I was hoping to share. One is, when we get the recommended budget from the CAO's office, it largely includes, from my perspective of BHS, that the budget that gets submitted is what ends up getting approved. And there may be a $20,000, $50,000 sway, but largely the plan is set, and the budget is approved. The public comments are heard and appreciated, and we move on. My concern is that we are involved in the planning process, not the planning approval process. And by that, I mean, reviewing the outcomes, and helping decide what strategies to take when we attack which problems the community prioritizes. And the second thing is that, we need to be involved much sooner. Also, we need line-item detail in plans. So, when we get the recommended budget, it basically shows that the amount spent, but there's no detail on the program. And when people look at that there's not really operational plans that are published from the different departments that I can find online anyway. So, in order for the community to be informed, we need information. In order to give you better feedback, we need to be informed. So, that's only going to happen if the County is more transparent and engages the community earlier in the process, in the actual planning cycle, rather than just at the end. Thank you very much.	**[A33 Verbal Response]** Thank you so much, Jerry for your comments. Definitely appreciate hearing from you, and also we do take it to heart in terms of shaping our community engagement for the budget, and we do try to get better every year. So, I hear you on when these meetings happened, and usually what it is that we release the CAO's recommended operational plan, and then we'd like to have something to present to the community and for the community to respond to. So, leading up to the release of the budget, there are some activities that happen. We do have a budget-specific section in our Engage portal at the San Diego County website, and that's a tool, but I think maybe one of the more powerful tools is really we like to hear from constituents and from our community year round. And if there is a service or program that is of particular interest to you, certainly reach out to the department that delivers that. And we do take feedback, as well as direct feedback like that. I know that a lot of our business groups and departments have annual, and more frequent than annual, periodic meetings, with advisory boards and other participants and stakeholder groups too, that help us to shape our budget. So really, we are always looking for community input. It is something that we're going to do better every year, and it is also something that we are always taking input on throughout the year. So, I hope that helps. With regard to your comment about wanting line-item detail for the budget. So, the other thing that we do is, we do post the data down to the program level on our open budget website, and we can put a link to that in the Q&A section, but we'll put it somewhere in there so that you have access to it and that will maybe give you some of the information that you're looking for. If you wanted to go down and see every single line in the budget. It is a very large document, so we do file one with the Clerk of the Board. You're always welcome to come and take a look there and come by. Stop by our office if you have any questions as well. This year in particular, we did change the look and feel of our online budget so you should be able to see all of the narrative as well in a searchable format. I hope that's helpful. Thanks for your question. [Link referenced: https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/budget and https://sandiegocounty.budget.socrata.com/#!/year/default]
[Q34 Verbal Comment] I am Melissa Peterman. I'm the executive director for Townspeople, and we're a long-standing housing and supportive	**[A34 Verbal Response]** I appreciate the question, Melissa. So, we recognize, of course, with all the fluidity in the federal budget and the impact, the potential impact to

services provider for people living with HIV AIDS. My primary question is, what happens to the San Diegans who rely on HOPWA funding and services? I think there are more than 700 per the last CAPER. If the supports from the funding are disrupted or diminished, and the housing that is able to be provided is like, really critical for these folks, like health and safety, and without it, both of those things are put at risk. And when looking at the proposed budget, the document itself doesn't appear to really reflect what's at stake. Within the HCV budget section, there are changes outlined to some of the other programs, but HOPWA isn't mentioned, and which is curious, just because we all know federal funding is uncertain and locally, the existing HOPWA grantees, we've been told to expect changes, but that isn't reflected in the budget document. So, I'd love to hear what we can do together to make sure the people who are relying on HOPWA services don't lose their homes, their care, their community, and what we can do together to make sure that the organizations who've been standing with those folks for some in many cases, decades, can continue to provide that support.	all the communities we serve, in this case, particularly folks with HIV AIDS and their families. We closely monitor this whole fluid scenario with the federal government and future allocations and adjust accordingly and definitely working in partnership with all of our current providers to work together to find a way to calibrate our services if funding is reduced and changes are made so that those services can be most effective for the population that we serve. It does require us to be in tune with what's happening with the changes, and then adjusting as those changes do, you know, make themselves clear, and we definitely work very closely with our HOPWA provider community, through the HIV Housing Committee and, of course, our Ryan White partnerships. So, we're working closely on monitoring, and we'll be working very closely with our providers to adjust to those changes accordingly. Thank you.
[Q35 Verbal Comment] Hello, I just wanted to not ask a question, but a reaffirmation on the tribal liaison that the County hired, Roberta, and the improvements she has brought to the processes which the County is seeking with the tribal nations. So, I don't know if that's prevalent for the budget, but I just wanted to reaffirm if there are opportunities to bring in more tribal liaisons, because she is just one person. And again, there are 18 tribal nations that are sovereign governments within San Diego County. So that's all. Thank you. Appreciate your time and efforts.	**[A35 Verbal Response]** Emily, thank you.

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The new contract (specifically) for the Sheriff's Office is a bit lop-sided based on the level of safety we provide to the county, the amount of responsibility we have and the continuous hours we work (24/7/365). I've attended the SEIU 221 Union Zoom meetings and what is being proposed by the BOS is not satisfactory. The cost of living in San Diego County alone demands better. I'm firmly requesting to release some of the reserve to help retain ALL of us affected by this contract. We have a retention concern that pay and benefits are a contributing factor. I'm asking all the decision makers to please reconsider your current proposal. Please meet at least 50% (or more) of what the Bargaining Team proposed. This will help retain knowledgeable and trained county workers of this new contract; who keep you and YOUR DISTRICTS SAFE.

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Hello, first off, I would like to express my appreciation for the indepthness of the budget report, including the overview and well-defined scope of the CoSD in comparison to the State and nation, and future projections. Also, I appreciate the goal for a balanced, as I do for my own household, for fiscal stability. Please note that I am concerned about the increased cost of living and the impact that it is having on the workforce and the ability of individual to earn a livable wage for single and married with 1-2 children (Section 2.8 CoSD Profile and economic indicators). The budget report highlights to breadth and what attracts people from all over the globe to move to San Diego, however, doesn't do enough to address what will be done to increase affordable wages, especially for professional jobs within the CoSD. This will leverage San Diego as not just a vacation destination but create stability for many individuals and families. If the reserves will be tapped into to balance the budget, I support a release of funds to increase salaries/benefits, so that individuals and families that work for the CoSD can serve families and not worry about whether they can afford to pay rent, purchase a home and pay their mortgage, buy food, i.e. eggs, play and live in San Diego. NOTE: Intriguing statement, [It was noted in the report that there are older people who are not selling and remaining in S.D., taking advantage of lower interest rate is one cause some problems with the housing market.] Too, there are thousands of people that are homeless on the streets of San Diego. I support maintaining funding to help support those in disparate situations and need help from the CoSD programs and services to move from temporary to permanent housing. Readily

	available service workers that provide a point in service and/or wraparound services and support is very important. On occasion, I have been in a position to help individuals who are on the street, and I have found it difficult to connect to a live person, even through 211 San Diego. More is needed to be done versus use of large tent in Downtown S.D. or parking lots. I want to see a change on our streets. Funding should remain in place to help these most vulnerable people get into permanent housing.
Screen Name Redacted 5/05/2025 04:26 PM	I am a resident of San Diego, and I urge you to oppose the proposed 20%, $3.5 Million cut to San Diego Humane Society's animal services contract. The reduction would eliminate essential services that keep our community safe. A budget cut of this magnitude could have devastating consequences for the pets, animals, and people who call San Diego home. These services save lives, and make San Diego a national leader in animal welfare. I support maintaining full funding for SDHS, and ask the city council to do the same. The people of San Diego OPPOSE these cuts.
Screen Name Redacted 5/06/2025 08:29 AM	How is it planning for uncertainty when you're proposing to cut 168 positions from HHSA, and that's AFTER restructuring to combine departments under PHS? The Sheriff's get 9 new deputies but lose 35 Child Safety positions? How does that make any sense in a way that's not just going to over police the SD population in a time where the feds would love nothing more than citizens afraid their own local governments are going to turn against them as well? You are always spouting off about HEART, well this budget proves that's just empty words since if you cared about protecting the County workers and the County residents you wouldn't cut positions in Health and Human Services just to have more budget for the Sheriff to hire more under educated and trained officers that will require more County lawsuit payouts when they inevitably violate someone's rights.
Screen Name Redacted 5/10/2025 11:20 AM	I think we should preserve library and park services in the budget. I have young kids and we actively use the libraries and the parks all the time.
Screen Name Redacted 5/10/2025 04:20 PM	The coming budget year is the new normal, not an emergency. Do not be short-sighted and use reserves to "balance" the budget. Show some fiscal responsibility and learn to live within your means.
Screen Name Redacted 5/13/2025 08:52 PM	I am writing as a concerned resident to express my deep opposition to any budget cuts affecting the San Diego Humane Society. This

organization provides crucial services to our community—from rescuing stray and injured animals to supporting pet owners through education, veterinary care, and crisis response. Instead of reducing their funding, I propose that the City consider a more impactful approach: make backyard breeding illegal and enforce fines for violations. The public can play a key role by reporting illegal breeding operations, and those fines could be allocated directly to support the Humane Society's work. This would not only generate revenue but also reduce the number of animals entering shelters due to overbreeding and neglect. Let's invest in sustainable, humane solutions rather than weakening the very organization that upholds our city's values of compassion and care.

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I respectfully request that you leave our Fire Pits at our local beaches and parks alone...do not remove them!. As a San Diego native...having a bomb fire at our beaches is what we are know for. It's what makes San Diego, San Diego. It allows our residents to enjoy time with family and friends. I also would request that the proposal for parking fees at beaches and Mission Bay park be eliminated. At a time when it's expensive to live in San Diego, the last thing that should happen is taking away the benefits from tax payers to be outdoors. Residents go to Mission Bay daily to watch their children play, to exercise and have a picnic. If a parking fee was required, residents would not be able to afford to do some of the simple pleasures that San Diego offers. I here that a ceremony was recently conducted to change a street name. At the ceremony was the mayor, the police , fire department and the press. How much money went into this ceremony along with the time spent to have this street name ceremonially changed? The city counsel and the Mayor work for the residents. The budget should focus on what the residents want, not the special interests of city counsel or a photo shoot to make an elected official look good. Any use of budget funds outside of benefiting both city and county residents is a fragrant misuse of the hard earned money of SD County residents.

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I respectfully urge you to protect—and if possible, expand—funding for the Department of Animal Services in the upcoming 2025–26 budget. This department plays a critical role in ensuring the safety and welfare of both animals and people in our community. From caring for lost and abandoned pets to responding to dangerous situations and providing low-cost veterinary care in underserved areas, their work is essential. I've personally seen the positive impact the department has through volunteering at the shelter. I've also seen firsthand how critically understaffed the shelter is, with too few people carrying too many responsibilities. The current team works tirelessly, but more staff is urgently needed to ensure the animals receive

adequate care and attention. The health and well-being of our community's dogs—both those in homes and those still waiting in shelters—are deeply tied to public health and a compassionate society. When we care for animals responsibly, we also protect families, neighborhoods, and vulnerable residents who rely on these services. Please continue to support this vital service and the compassionate staff who work so hard to protect our most vulnerable animals. Our community—and the animals in it—depend on it.

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It appears fiscally irresponsible to borrow monies from one program to another. The Troy St Sleeping Cabins has not even been built, and it is already borrowing for funds necessary in 2026. Where will the monies come from in 2027? The Federal government will not and the state will most likely not as well. There is no money and the County already did not manage the 10 million that the state would have provided. Tourism is way down, double digit down. We are in a state of economic insecurity. I oppose this project for many reasons, but this shows that this is too big, too big financially and is and most likely become Mis-Steppe's and the county's albatross.

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I support fully funding Innovative Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services in the County Budget and am asking for the county to include $3 million dollars in the final budget for Adult Housing Services & Enhanced Housing Services. While San Diego continues to experience a housing and homelessness crisis, now is NOT the time to cut funding to critical services that help our community remain in their homes and off the streets. I understand that it is a difficult budget year, but our budget cuts cannot come at the expense of the communities who need the most support.Including Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services in the County Budget makes sense from an economic perspective and from a humanitarian perspective. We urge you to fully fund these programs.

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My name is Melissa Peterman, and I'm the Executive Director of Townspeople, one of San Diego's longest-standing providers of housing and support for low-income residents living with HIV/AIDS. I'd like to speak up for the hundreds of San Diegans whose lives — and health — depend on continued support through the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS, or HOPWA, program. Today, more than 700 people in our region are stably housed through HOPWA-funded housing and services. Many are managing complex medical conditions, facing stigma, and surviving on extremely limited incomes. For them, housing is not just stability — it's survival. Disruptions to this funding wouldn't just mean administrative

transitions. They would mean real people — our neighbors — at risk of losing their homes, their care, and their safety net. The FY2025–26 County budget should recognize and reinforce the essential role HOPWA plays in our local health and housing systems. But Section 3.3.8 of the proposed budget includes no substantive mention of HOPWA — even while acknowledging reductions in other programs. That omission is deeply concerning, especially given that federal funding for HOPWA is stretched thin and under threat, and local providers have been warned to expect lower funding availability. I urge you to do everything possible to protect and preserve the services provided by San Diego's existing HOPWA providers — organizations with long-standing community trust, medical partnerships, and a deep understanding of client needs. When we support them, we support the health, dignity, and housing of some of San Diego's most vulnerable residents. These services cannot afford to quietly disappear. Thank you.

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I support fully funding Innovative Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services in the County Budget. The Innovative Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services programs have been immensely successful in providing stable housing and wrap-around services to vulnerable populations, including LGBTQIA+ individuals, preventing homelessness and improving quality of life. The data shows that these programs have already tripled their client goals, demonstrating their effectiveness, efficiency, and necessity in San Diego's ongoing homelessness crisis. Please fully fund these programs.

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I urge the board to keep immigration legal services funded this budget cycle! We need to make sure san diego residents have the assistance they need to be fairly represented and protected from unjust detainment or deportation.

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I think that country should not provide any services for illegal and undocumented migrants. Specifically it should not allocate budget for legal representation of undocumented migrants

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I support fully funding Innovative Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services in the County Budget. Nearly 40% of clients served through these programs reside outside of the City of San Diego but still within the bounds of the County of San Diego, including unincorporated regions. The County must continue to invest in programs that serve the entirety of the region. We should be continuing investments in affordable housing and homelessness

	prevention solutions, not gutting funds. More people will fall into homelessness as the Trump administration ravages the economy - prices for everything are already too high!
Screen Name Redacted 5/28/2025 10:55 PM	Please preserve Immigration Legal Services in the county budget. This federal administration is making up their own rules and defying the constitution. San Diego County must make a stand for the most vulnerable and ensure immigrants have access to the necessary legal supports to establish residency here and have due process.
Screen Name Redacted 5/29/2025 10:12 AM	I support fully funding Innovative Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services in the County Budget.
Screen Name Redacted 5/29/2025 04:32 PM	Please share: What flexible buckets of money that can move in response to the emergency/that have been left open to be response? How this budget has been responsive to the funding crisis caused by Federal grant terminations and EOs? Thanks!
Screen Name Redacted 6/02/2025 08:38 AM	Access to legal counsel is a fundamental civil right and a cornerstone of our legal system that should be afforded to everyone, regardless of who they are, where they came from or their experiences. I urge the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to: 1) Approve the Chief Administrative Officer's (CAO) recommended budget of $5 million for the Immigrant Legal Defense Program (ILDP) in this year's county budget; and 2) Maintain the Immigrant Legal Defense Program as a universal and merits-blind legal representation program. In the last couple weeks, ICE has been unjustly targeting and arresting immigrants attending their court hearings at the San Diego Federal Courthouse, some without legal representation. This is one example of why it is imperative that Immigrant Legal Defense Program is fully funded so every immigrant may have access to an attorney to accompany them to court to help them navigate their case and to fight for their rights, including in courthouse situations of unjust arrests by ICE. About 1 in 4 San Diegans are immigrants, and thus at risk of having to battle numerous human rights violations brought on by ICE. Immigrants are a core part of our San Diego community. Please don't allow the federal government to dismantle all the progressive change San Diego County has made, making it a welcoming beacon for many from all walks of life. Because when one of us loses our fundamental civil rights, we will all lose our civil rights.
Screen Name Redacted 6/02/2025 10:11 AM	I urge you to increase funding for IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES for people in immigration court. The time is now to act. The federal

government's ICE raids and deportations are being carried out in a cruel and brutal manner even when they are legal, which is NOT always the case. Their purpose is to intimidate hard working people. The hard working immigrants in San Diego support our businesses and communities and they absolutely deserve our financial support. Thank you very much.

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Immigrant Defenders Law Center urges you to approve the $5 million budget line item for the Immigrant Legal Defense Program, which is a lifeline to immigrants in San Diego and their family members. In recent days, ICE has been arresting San Diego community members in immigration court when they attend their court hearings and their cases are dismissed by an immigration judge. ICE is using expedited removal, a fast-track process to deport individuals who have been in the country for less than two years without judicial review despite having just appeared in immigration court. Recently in San Diego Immigration Court, ICE attempted to arrest individuals without showing valid judicial warrants even while their attorneys were present. Without lawyers by their side, it would have been nearly impossible to hold ICE accountable for attempting to detain the wrong individuals. These alarming actions illustrate the many reasons why no immigrant should be forced to stand alone in immigration court. The Immigrant Legal Defense Program is absolutely vital and should be fully funded.

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I support fully funding Innovative Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services in the County budget. These services have been immensely successful in providing stable housing and wrap-around services to vulnerable populations across the County. These services PREVENT homelessness by providing one-time stipends to keep folks in their housing, and also provides guidance in navigating housing solutions. Client goals through both these contracts have been surpassed, displaying both its success as well as the urgent need for these services. The care provided through these contracts is culturally competent and affirming, and the service providers are knowledgeable on how best to do so. In this time, we cannot afford to cut housing services to a population that is already facing numerous threats, including cuts to funding essential services for these communities. Please invest in these two LGBTQIA+ adult housing contracts to maintain important, cost-effective services for our community.

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Closing public bathrooms is how we got the Hep A outbreak that sickened hundreds and killed twenty San Diegans. Doing so while increasing "encampment abatement," a tactic of harassing homeless

	individuals and stealing their belongings to further drive them to the borders of society where they can be out of sight and out of mind, is just sick. To pair this with closing all libraries, a vital community service, two days a week is madness. These are not cost-saving measures, this is a dismantling of what the county government is even for. People rely on these resources - our friends and neighbors, whole families, young children and their parents, and teens. These measures will hurt our poorest communities and broaden the disparity between rich and poor. I urge you to reconsider.
Screen Name Redacted 6/02/2025 12:30 PM	this program was good lifeline for kids, we received good quality fresh produce x2 a month that my kids loved. we greatly appreciated the support.
Screen Name Redacted 6/02/2025 01:27 PM	Now is not the time to cut funds for services that can prevent homelessness, especially in the LGBTQ community.
Screen Name Redacted 6/02/2025 01:42 PM	I support fully funding Innovative Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services in the County Budget. The Innovative Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services have been immensely successful in providing stable housing and wrap-around services to vulnerable populations, including LGBTQIA+ individuals, across San Diego County. The services provided through these contracts PREVENT homelessness by providing one-time stipends to keep folks in their permanent, stable housing, while also helping unhoused populations navigate housing solutions. While San Diego continues to experience a housing and homelessness crisis, now is NOT the time to cut funding to critical services that help our community remain in their homes and off the streets. Including Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services in the County Budget makes sense from an economic perspective and from a humanitarian perspective. We urge you to fully fund these programs. Please include a $3 million allocation for Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services in the County’s final budget.
Screen Name Redacted 6/02/2025 03:14 PM	I support fully funding Innovative Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services in the County Budget. The services provided through these contracts PREVENT homelessness by providing one-time stipends to keep folks in their permanent, stable housing, while also helping unhoused populations navigate housing solutions. Innovative Adult Housing Services has already surpassed the total client goal for the ongoing contract, exemplifying the ongoing need for these services across the County. People can access services like temporary hotel stays with case management, and they

	get support with security deposits, utility assistance, move-in assistance, and referrals to eviction prevention programs. While San Diego continues to experience a housing and homelessness crisis, now is NOT the time to cut funding to critical services that help our community remain in their homes and off the streets. Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services helps to meet these goals by providing support for people who are losing their homes, helping people exit from homelessness, and providing support to people who are disproportionately affected by homelessness. Including Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services in the County Budget makes sense from an economic perspective and from a humanitarian perspective. We urge you to fully fund these programs.
Screen Name Redacted 6/02/2025 03:25 PM	I support fully funding Innovative Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services in the County Budget. The Innovative Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services have been immensely successful in providing stable housing and wrap-around services to vulnerable populations, including LGBTQIA+ individuals, across San Diego County. Innovative Adult Housing Services has already surpassed the total client goal for the ongoing contract, exemplifying the ongoing need for these services across the County. The types of services provided by these programs include wrap-around services like linkages to health services and family of choice reunification. San Diego is in the midst of a housing crisis, where not enough affordable housing is available for people who need it. Including Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services in the County Budget makes sense from an economic perspective and from a humanitarian perspective. We urge you to fully fund these programs.
Screen Name Redacted 6/02/2025 03:49 PM	I support increased funding for immigration legal services. I do not support any increase for policing or surveillance.
Screen Name Redacted 6/02/2025 05:15 PM	I support fully funding Innovative Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services in the County. The Innovative Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services have been immensely successful in providing stable housing and wrap-around services to vulnerable populations, including LGBTQIA+ individuals, across San Diego County. The services provided through these contracts PREVENT homelessness by providing one-time stipends to keep folks in their permanent, stable housing, while also helping unhoused populations navigate housing solutions.
Screen Name Redacted	My name is Nalani Fordham, with PWC and I am a resident of District

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4. I urge the Board to approve the CAO's proposed $5 million for the Immigrant Rights Legal Defense Program (IRLDP). Access to legal counsel is a fundamental right that should be available to everyone. That's why it is crucial that the County maintains IRLDP as a universal and merits-blind legal representation program. As an immigrant, I know firsthand how critical it is to have access to legal support when facing the threat of detention or deportation. The Immigrant Rights Legal Defense Program provides our community with hope, protection, and the chance to fight for our families and future. As a border region, we have a responsibility to provide legal access to those detained in our community.

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Access to legal counsel is a fundamental civil right and a cornerstone of our legal system that should be afforded to everyone, regardless of who they are, where they came from or their experiences. . I urge the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to: Approve the Chief Administrative Officer's (CAO) recommended budget of $5 million for the Immigrant Legal Defense Program (ILDP) in this year's county budget; and Maintain the Immigrant Legal Defense Program as a universal and merits-blind legal representation program.

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The San Diego proposed budget is giving way to much money to the police/sheriffs, when the community has been saying reallocate these funds. The sheriffs don't need millions of dollars for a space in Ramona. We don't need to continue funding the police at such a mass scale! We need community resources that help and uplift our community. Instead of increasing the police, sheriff, parking patrol use that $3 million allocation for Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services in the County's final budget. Support fully funding Innovative Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services in the County Budget: Homelessness Prevention and Wrap-Around Services. The Innovative Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services have been immensely successful in providing stable housing and wrap-around services to vulnerable populations, including LGBTQIA+ individuals, across San Diego County. The services provided through these contracts PREVENT homelessness by providing one-time stipends to keep folks in their permanent, stable housing, while also helping unhoused populations navigate housing solutions. These services are provided by providers with lived experience who can provide culturally-competent care and wrap-around services. Clients served through these contracts gain access to direct housing services and are brought into a wrap-around service model in which they are able to access services for a broad scope of needs, including behavioral health services. It's less expensive to keep someone in stable housing than to find new permanent housing solutions for someone who has already fallen into homelessness. The

County must continue to invest in programs that serve the entirety of the region. While San Diego continues to experience a housing and homelessness crisis, now is NOT the time to cut funding to critical services that help our community remain in their homes and off the streets. We understand that it is a difficult budget year, but our budget cuts cannot come at the expense of the communities who need the most support. San Diego is in the midst of a housing crisis, where not enough affordable housing is available for people who need it. According to the San Diego County 2025 Affordable Housing Needs Report, 135,211 low-income renter households in the county not have access to an affordable Housing. To meet the need, San Diego does not only have to create new affordable homes, we must protect low-income households from losing their homes, help end homelessness, and close LGBTQ+ and racial equity gaps in homelessness. Including Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services in the County Budget makes sense from an economic perspective and from a humanitarian perspective. We urge you to fully fund these programs and take from the allocation for the police, sheriff and parking enforcement to do it. Thank you, Ashley Burch

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Please reconsider taking away the $120,000 allocation for Symposiums, Zoo events and other enhancement support for Kinship families. Many of the families live on or below the poverty line. Kinship families need guidance to help these kids move beyond their trauma and family disruption cycles. As a Kinship family since 2013, our family has really benefitted from this support. These supports help me raise a happy productive grandchild. My grandchild and other like him need your support for their future. We please help, thank you.

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This department plays a critical role in ensuring the safety and welfare of both animals and people in our community. From caring for lost and abandoned pets to responding to dangerous situations and providing low-cost veterinary care in underserved areas, their work is essential for our public health and our well-being. I've personally seen the positive impact the department has through my volunteering at the shelter, taking feral cats to get fixed and their vaccines, and overall witnessing the important work they do. With shelters facing overcrowding and more animals needing help than ever, now is not the time to cut funding or limit resources. We need more education and resources to fix pets, teach people to properly care for their pets, etc., and space to properly care for our community's animals while they find good homes. Some animals come to the shelter because some owners fall sick and are no longer able to care for their beloved pet and we need dignified care for our community's family. We need to provide staff to walk and train them, provide enrichment, and more so that they can go to good homes. Investing in the shelter's services

now, will be a great return on investment when we see fewer strays, etc. thanks to wider spread services, outreach and education.

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South Bay People Power urges you to approve $5 million in this year's budget for the Immigrant Legal Defense Program (ILDP) and to protect the ILDP as a universal legal representation program without exclusions on who can participate. Access to legal counsel is a fundamental civil right and a cornerstone of our justice system, and our ILDP program helps make our immigration system more just and more humane. In light of the current escalation of ICE operations in our county, it is CRUCIALLY important that the county maintain the Immigrant Rights Legal Defense Program at full funding levels and accessible to ALL individuals in deportation hearings.

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Increase the funding for illegal immigration services!!!

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Hi, my name is Petra and I'm speaking today as a community member, a wife and a mom who's been directly helped by Más Fresco Plus. With all the federal cuts to SNAP and other programs, families like mine are already struggling. If you don't fund Más Fresco Plus, we're going to lose another safety net, one that has truly made a difference. Más Fresco Plus has been around for four years. It works. It helps us buy fresh fruits and vegetables and stay healthy. It lets us feed our kids and family healthy food with dignity. Not all of us can go to food banks and honestly, food banks don't always meet our needs and their food is not healthy. This program lets us choose what's best for our families and is delivered to our homes. That matters. I've been part of the effort to speak up for Más Fresco Plus. We've talked to leaders and shared stories. But the program still didn't make it into the County budget. That hurts. It feels like we're being forgotten. When my husband was diagnosed with cancer, we had nothing. If it weren't for Más Fresco Plus, we simply would not have had food on the table. It helped us survive. Please, don't let this program go away. Families like mine depend on it. We shouldn't have to fight so hard just to eat with dignity. Fund Más Fresco Plus and make it part of the County's ongoing support for our communities. Thank you. Petrita.

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I'm Alex and I'm a grandparent raising our four grandkids after our daughter passed away. We didn't expect to be in this position, but we're doing the best we can. Before Más Fresco Plus, we couldn't afford much more than canned food. Fresh fruits and vegetables just weren't in our budget. This program changed that. For the first time, our grandkids were able to try fresh produce. We made smoothies,

little salads, things we never thought we'd be able to make. Every time the box got delivered to our home, we felt excited and something to look forward to. It made us feel seen and cared for. Más Fresco Plus has helped us feed our grandkids in a way that feels respectful. It's not just food is dignity. It gave us some peace in a hard time. Please don't take this away. We really need this program. Families like mine are counting on it. Thank you.

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I support fully funding Innovative Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services in the County Budget. • The Innovative Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services have been immensely successful in providing stable housing and wrap-around services to vulnerable populations, including LGBTQIA+ individuals, across San Diego County. • The services provided through these contracts PREVENT homelessness by providing one-time stipends to keep folks in their permanent, stable housing, while also helping unhoused populations navigate housing solutions. • These services are provided by providers with lived experience who can provide culturally-competent care and wrap-around services. Clients served through these contracts gain access to direct housing services and are brought into a wrap-around service model in which they are able to access services for a broad scope of needs, including behavioral health services. • Innovative Adult Housing Services has already surpassed the total client goal for the ongoing contract, exemplifying the ongoing need for these services across the County. • Through these services, over 70% of clients served were successfully linked to housing. • These contracts are also efficient cost-saving mechanisms for the County as it is significantly less expensive to keep someone in stable housing than to find new permanent housing solutions for someone who has already fallen into homelessness. • The types of services provided by these programs include wrap-around services like linkages to health services and family of choice reunification. • People can access services like temporary hotel stays with case management, and they get support with security deposits, utility assistance, move-in assistance, and referrals to eviction prevention programs. • Nearly 40% of clients served through these programs reside outside of the City of San Diego but still within the bounds of the County of San Diego, including unincorporated regions. The County must continue to invest in programs that serve the entirety of the region. • While San Diego continues to experience a housing and homelessness crisis, now is NOT the time to cut funding to critical services that help our community remain in their homes and off the streets. • We understand that it is a difficult budget year, but our budget cuts cannot come at the expense of the communities who need the most support. • San Diego is in the midst of a housing crisis, where not enough affordable housing is available for people who need it. • According to the San Diego County 2025 Affordable

	Housing Needs Report, 135,211 low-income renter households in the county do not have access to an affordable home. • In 2024 there were only 8,123 beds available in the interim housing supply for persons experiencing homelessness in San Diego County, but there were more than 10,000 people experiencing homelessness in the county. • To meet the need, San Diego does not only have to create new affordable homes, we must protect low-income households from losing their homes, help end homelessness, and close LGBTQ+ and racial equity gaps in homelessness. • Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services helps to meet these goals by providing support for people who are losing their homes, helping people exit from homelessness, and providing support to people who are disproportionately affected by homelessness. • Including Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services in the County Budget makes sense from an economic perspective and from a humanitarian perspective. We urge you to fully fund these programs.
Screen Name Redacted 6/03/2025 11:01 AM	Please keep our community safe by increasing funding for legal representation for people who are abducted by ICE.
Screen Name Redacted 6/03/2025 11:14 AM	The county budget should be transparent, prioritize building and sustaining systems of care for county residents, and align with our shared values of justice and equity. I urge the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to: 1. Approve the Chief Administrative Officer's recommended budget of $5 million for the Immigrant Legal Defense Program in this year's county budget; 2. Maintain the Immigrant Legal Defense Program as a universal and merits-blind legal representation program; 3. Allocate $3 million for adult and enhanced housing services for LGBTQ+ individuals; and 4. Ensure that community members are able to view and access the county's budget and receive updated information on budget hearings. This matters to me because immigrant and LGBQT+ rights are under attack from the federal government, and we need to provide the support locally. Thank you
Screen Name Redacted 6/03/2025 11:17 AM	I urge the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to: Approve the Chief Administrative Officer's (CAO) recommended budget of $5 million for the Immigrant Legal Defense Program (ILDP) in this year's county budget; and Maintain the Immigrant Legal Defense Program as a universal and merits-blind legal representation program.
Screen Name Redacted 6/03/2025 11:31 AM	Dear Board of Supervisors, My name is Ezra, and I am a community member at The San Diego LGBT Community Center. I'm writing today in strong support of the inclusion of the two LGBTQIA+ housing

contracts in the County of San Diego's final budget. As someone who works closely with LGBTQIA+ community members, I can confidently say that safe, stable, and affirming housing is one of the most urgent needs for our community—particularly for transgender and nonbinary individuals, LGBTQIA+ seniors, youth, and people living with HIV. The housing programs supported by these contracts have already shown life-saving impacts by helping LGBTQIA+ San Diegans access wraparound care, stabilize their lives, and avoid homelessness. By continuing to fund these contracts, the County is not just making a fiscal decision—you're affirming that LGBTQIA+ lives matter, and that everyone deserves dignity, safety, and a place to call home. I urge you to include these two LGBTQIA+ housing contracts in the upcoming budget and stand with the many San Diegans who rely on these vital services. Thank you for your time and leadership. Ezra Radford

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Dear Board of Supervisors, My name is Ari, and I'm a staff member at The San Diego LGBT Community Center. I'm writing to express my heartfelt support for the inclusion of the two LGBTQIA+ housing contracts in the County's final budget. Every day, I see community members walk through our doors who are navigating trauma, instability, and rejection—simply for being who they are. LGBTQIA+ San Diegans, especially trans and nonbinary folks, often face unique barriers to safe housing: family estrangement, discrimination in shelters, and deep distrust in systems that haven't always protected them. Housing is not just a service—it is a human right. When we fund housing programs tailored to LGBTQIA+ individuals, we give people the chance to live authentically, access healthcare, build community, and begin to heal. Failing to fund these contracts isn't just a budget decision—it's a statement about whose lives are valued. I urge you to make the compassionate, ethical, and just choice: fully fund these housing contracts and ensure that San Diego is a place where LGBTQIA+ people are seen, supported, and safe. Thank you for your leadership and commitment to equity. With respect, Ari Lopez

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I oppose use of the budget towards police surveillance services and would instead propose allocation towards immigration legal services. Rather than increasing the violation of privacy of community members, let's take care of our neighbors that are already targeted by racial profiling before the use of predatory tech by police forces and ICE.

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As a lifelong San Diegan I want to affirm my support for $3M in housing for my LGBT+ neighbors. And at a time when ICE is wrecking families and communities we need full funding of the ILDP

so immigrants have all the resources needed to defend themselves from this abuse.

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My ask is to include a $3 million allocation for Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services in the County's final budget. These services are provided by providers with lived experience who can provide culturally competent care and wrap-around services. Clients served through these contracts gain access to direct housing services and are brought into a wrap-around service model in which they are able to access services for a broad scope of needs, including behavioral health services. These contracts are also efficient cost-saving mechanisms for the County as it is significantly less expensive to keep someone in stable housing than to find new permanent housing solutions for someone who has already fallen into homelessness. Including Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services in the County Budget makes sense from an economic perspective and from a humanitarian perspective. We urge you to fully fund these programs, thank you.

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No tengo comentarios

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es muy importante que continue el recurso para la comunidad de MasFrescoPlus, de frrutas y verduras para comer saludable la comunidad.

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My name is Alma Rincongallardo, and as a former recipient of the ¡Más Fresco! From 2022 to 2023, I urge you to protect the funding that keeps the Fresh Nutrition Incentive Program alive. ¡Más Fresco! Provided my family with access to fresh fruits and vegetables during one of the most difficult times in our lives. As a low-income family experiencing housing insecurity, we often had to make impossible choices between paying rent or buying food. This program helped ensure that hunger wasn't one of our struggles. From a young age, I assisted my parents with interpreting medical visits, translating bills, and signing leases. As I got older, my father and I worked to help make ends meet, but it wasn't always enough. The support from ¡Más Fresco! allowed us to put nutritious food on the table. It gave us stability and dignity. My younger brother was able to stay focused in school, and I was able to prepare for my future as a recent graduate from UCLA. As an aspiring physician, I understand firsthand how social determinants, such as nutrition and access to food, deeply impact health outcomes. Programs like ¡Más Fresco! don't just feed people; they nourish whole communities. They are investments in health, education, and opportunity. Please, when making budget

decisions, remember the families who depend on this program. Protecting ¡Más Fresco! is protecting our future. Sincerely, Alma Rincongallardo

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I am absolutely opposed to the county supporting federal kidnapping attempts by ICE or surveillance. We also need codes to enforce on short term vacation rentals, which are a giant problem for current residents and take away the available housing from our local community.

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I support fully funding the Immigrant Legal Defense Program (ILDP) and to maintain the ILDP as it currently operates. The ILDP helps to close the gaps in legal representation and makes our immigration system more just and more humane. I support the county securing funding for the program in this year's budget cycle to ensure its sustainability. However, any attempt to narrow the eligibility criteria to the program seeks to roll back hard-fought wins achieved in its initial passage in 2021. Advocates worked hard to establish an ILDP in San Diego County that is a universal, merits-blind program to provide legal representation for *all* immigrants in detention. The ILDP's current model ensures that any detained immigrant in need of an attorney during their deportation proceedings in San Diego County has access to one; and prevents attorneys from selecting cases based on their likelihood of winning. Access to legal counsel is a fundamental civil right and a cornerstone of our legal system that should be afforded to everyone, regardless of who they are, where they came from or their experiences. I urge the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to: 1) Approve the Chief Administrative Officer's (CAO) recommended budget of $5 million for the Immigrant Legal Defense Program (ILDP) in this year's county budget; and 2) Maintain the Immigrant Legal Defense Program as a universal and merits-blind legal representation program.

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community members who have immigrated deserve protection, and we need more transparency. Thank you, Faith

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This is very important to me because I have lived, worked, and paid taxes in San Diego for the last 40 years, and in addition to believing in supporting our most vulnerable residents, I have loved ones who are directly affected by these issues. The county budget should be transparent, prioritize building and sustaining systems of care for county residents, and align with our shared values of justice and equity. I urge the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to: 1. Approve the Chief Administrative Officer's recommended budget of $5 million for the Immigrant Legal Defense Program in this year's county budget; 4 2. Maintain the Immigrant Legal Defense Program as a universal and merits-blind legal representation program; 3. Allocate $3 million for adult and enhanced housing services for LGBTQ+ individuals; and 4. Ensure that community members are able to view and access the county's budget and receive updated information on budget hearings. Thank you for the opportunity to share my view

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because a people's budget ensures everyone has what they need to thrive. Right now, we are living through a time of crisis. Our county must step up. That means making urgent, people-first investments, like securing housing services for LGBTQ+ community members, keeping families together and ensuring San Diegans have real access to decisions that shape their lives. Thank you.

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My name is Kirby Knipp, and I live in County District 3. I'm comment today in solidarity with the LGBTQIA+ Regional Table partners—Trans Family Support Services, TransNorth County Resource Center, and San Diego Pride—to urge you to prioritize dedicated funding for LGBTQIA+ housing in this year's county budget. LGBTQIA+ San Diegans, particularly trans and nonbinary people, face disproportionately high rates of housing insecurity and discrimination. Without stable housing, our community members are denied safety, health, and opportunity. Investing in LGBTQIA+ housing solutions is not just a budgetary decision—it is a moral one. We ask that you allocate resources to culturally competent housing services, support affirming shelter providers, and ensure that county housing programs include protections for LGBTQIA+ residents. San Diego can and should be a place where every person—regardless of who they are or who they love—has a safe place to call home. Your leadership can make that vision real. Thank you.

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I support fully funding Innovative Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services in the County Budget. Including Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services in the County Budget makes sense from an economic perspective and from a humanitarian perspective. We urge you to fully fund these programs.

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This program brings healthy options and provides a better opinion for all families fresh vegetables and fruits all year around helps in the budget for the families I raised my hand the this grant keep bringing good health for more families

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My name is Omar Abusham, with CAIR-SD and I am a resident of District 4 I urge the board to ensure that community members are able to view and access the county's budget and receive updated information on budget hearings. This county is home to many working-class families, students, seniors and people with disabilities that want to participate in a collaborative budget process. When changes to budget hearings are made without sharing it with the public, it prevents active civic participation and limits the community engagement within the budget process.

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The Immigrant Legal Defense Fund is integral to our community providing others in need with access to legal services. For many of us, the experiences of immigrants and refugees are unimaginable. To expect them to navigate a new legal system in a language they may not know is wildly unrealistic.

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I am writing in support of the ILDP. I worked as a bilingual case manager at the Jewish Family Service - San Diego Rapid Response Network shelter for asylum seekers for two years prior to its closure under the current presidential administration. During a time when even legal immigrants (asylum seekers, for example) are being detained and deported without court hearings, it is absolutely crucial that we continue providing the support that ensures immigrants are able to receive due process. When I was a case manager, I worked with asylum seekers from all over the world, and I witnessed first-hand that they received complicated legal documents in English, the non-native language for the vast majority of immigrants. At the bottom of each individual's documentation, the language in which they received the notice of their rights was also indicated. I was particularly disturbed to notice a pattern that many immigrants received notice of their rights in a language they didn't speak, and many of the individuals I served would have extremely basic questions about their paperwork, which indicated to me that they were not given a sufficient explanation of the information on their paperwork. Immigrants bring tremendous vitality to our communities, our economy, and local families. Now, more than ever, it is essential that we stand for what's right and ensure that the rights of our community members are respected through access to legal representation, which ensures they receive a fair chance to plead their case and navigate a complicated legal system. Thank you.

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I am writing to you today to urge you to include a $3 million allocation for two housing contracts in the County's final budget. Homelessness is in the rise all around our city, and thus far, the actions being taken have been against the benefit of human lives. Disabled communities, LGBTQA+ communities, and the like have spent generations fighting to be treated with compassion and respect, and programs like The Innovative Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services have been immensely successful in providing stable housing and wrap-around services to vulnerable populations, including LGBTQIA+ individuals, preventing homelessness and improving quality of life. The data shows that these programs have already tripled their client goals, demonstrating their effectiveness, efficiency, and necessity. Housing should be an essential basic human right for ALL.

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Estamos abogando por la continuación y expansión de fondos para el programa más fresco plus , es un programa que brinda un verdadero valor a las familias .

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San Diego is in the midst of a housing crisis, where not enough affordable housing is available for people who need it. • According to the San Diego County 2025 Affordable Housing Needs Report, 135,211 low-income renter households in the county do not have access to an affordable home. • In 2024 there were only 8,123 beds available in the interim housing supply for persons experiencing homelessness in San Diego County, but there were more than 10,000 people experiencing homelessness in the county. • To meet the need, San Diego does not only have to create new affordable homes, we must protect low-income households from losing their homes, help end homelessness, and close LGBTQ+ and racial equity gaps in homelessness. • Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services helps to meet these goals by providing support for people who are losing their homes, helping people exit from homelessness, and providing support to people who are disproportionately affected by homelessness.

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The San Diego County budget should reflect our shared values of justice, equity, and transparency. We must invest in systems that protect and support our communities. I urge the Board of Supervisors to: 1. Approve the Chief Administrative Officer’s recommended $5 million for the Immigrant Legal Defense Program; 2. Maintain the ILDP as a universal, merits-blind legal representation program to

ensure due process for all; 3. Allocate $3 million for housing services tailored to the needs of LGBTQ+ individuals, especially those most vulnerable to housing insecurity; 4. Improve public access to the county budget and ensure transparency in decision-making. These investments are not only necessary—they are urgent. Our communities deserve to be protected, housed, and informed. Please meet this moment with leadership that prioritizes people over politics. Thank you.

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Good evening, supervisors. My name is Jasmine, I am a resident of District 2. A people's budget ensures everyone has what they need to thrive. Right now, we are living through a time of crisis. Our county must step up. That means making urgent, people-first investments, like securing housing services for LGBTQ+ community members, keeping families together and ensuring San Diegans have real access to decisions that shape their lives. I urge the board to take three actions: (1) First, include $3 million for LGBTQ+ housing services. LGBTQ+ San Diegans, especially trans and nonbinary individuals, experience some of the highest rates of housing insecurity in our region. In a housing crisis, we need inclusive, affirming housing services that prevent homelessness and displacement. (2) Second, approve the Chief Administrative Officer's recommended budget of $5 million for the Immigrant Legal Defense Program in this year's county budget and maintain the program as a universal and merits-blind legal representation program. Access to legal counsel is a fundamental right that should be available to everyone. (3) Third, make the county budget transparent and accessible to the public. People deserve to know exactly what's being funded, what's being cut and how their dollars are being spent. If the county is serious about community engagement, transparency must be the first step. I urge you to meet this moment with courage and compassion. Pass a budget that reflects our shared values of justice and equity.

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I am writing to support The Global Village project: www.globalvillagesd.org. Support for affordable housing, economic opportunity, and nonprofit infrastructure is critical to advancing a flourishing San Diego.

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Thank you for allowing us to speak today during The San Diego County Board of Supervisors meeting about Housing essentials with housing Innovative services. It's a service that will sustain economic development and provide many that ability to support their

households and prevent further crisis. I speak for the people we all serve. Thank you for this time and for looking into the great work we do to keep folx growing and improving with all the challenges this country is facing. Please stand with the People. Thank you.

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Please support health I was enrolled in Mas fresco program, was a very good benefit for my and my family

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The county budget should be transparent, prioritize building and sustaining systems of care for county residents and align with our shared values of justice and equity. We historically prioritize systems of oppression like law enforcement and underfund systems of support for our community including affordable housing, mental health resources, and other programs that actually keep are communities safe. I urge the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to: 1. Approve the Chief Administrative Officer’s recommended budget of $5 million for the Immigrant Legal Defense Program in this year’s county budget; 2. Maintain the Immigrant Legal Defense Program as a universal and merits-blind legal representation program; 3. Allocate $3 million for adult and enhanced housing services for LGBTQ+ individuals; and 4. Ensure that community members are able to view and access the county's budget and receive updated information on budget hearings. Vulnerable communities are being targeted, harassed, and victimized by systems of oppression. In this critical time, we need a budget that serves our community members and reflects our values. Thank you.

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Screen Name Redacted 6/04/2025 04:44 PM	I'm writing to support The Global Village project: www.globalvillagesd.org. Support for affordable housing, economic opportunity, and nonprofit infrastructure is critical to advancing a flourishing San Diego.
Screen Name Redacted 6/04/2025 08:28 PM	Please continue to FUND the legal services for our vulnerable immigrant population! We do not need more surveillance and police!
Screen Name Redacted 6/05/2025 08:27 AM	Thank you for letting the community be part of these decisions.
Screen Name Redacted 6/05/2025 09:41 AM	If you are truly concerned with removing waste and inefficiencies, I highly recommend looking at HHSA budget line by line. We should be more fiscally conservative and aim to reduce reallocate staff to better see our community. For example: the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (formerly known as Office of Refugee Coordination, had only 2 staff) is growing from 5 to 8 full time staff, despite operating with same core duties and funding with only 2 staff pre-pandemic and when OIRA wawas created (2021 Board Letter), one time funding for Afghans and Ukrainians will not come back due to current administration's agenda, so why are you not reducing staff? And what about it's Welcome Centers: what unique services do they provide that are not already provided by 211 and FRCs? You should review these costs more closely and reallocate staff where they are

needed.

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The Mas Fresco Plus program helped my family through a rough patch. My family learned how to eat healthier and about new recipes, which is great for our over all health. Please alocate funds for this program because it's a great help for the community.

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Mas Fresco Plus is a great program, it helped me a lot through hard times. It put fresh fruit and vegetables on my table, for me and my family,and taught us healthier eating habits. I'm very grateful for this program, so please find funds so that this program can keep on going.

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Please allocate funds for more programs like Mas Fresco Plus! This program is a lot of help for the community. I'm very grateful for the help that this program provided for my family.

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I am very grateful for the Mas Fresco Plus program. It put food on our table and helped us economically. There should be more programs like this for all of the low income community. Please allocate funds for more programs like this one.

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Apoyo el programa Más Fresco porque sería de mucho apoyo para las familias .

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I'm very grateful for Mas Fresco Plus program. It was a great help for my family through hard times. I wish there could be more programs like this one, for the whole community. Please allocate funds for more Mas Fresco.

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El programa nos ha servido y ayudado a mantener nutridos a nuestra familia no deberían de quitar este tipo de programas porque ayuda mucho a las familias y más ahorita que la situación económica no es tan buena me gustaría que este programa siguiera porque para mí familia fue de una gran ayuda gracias a el como les decía empezamos a comer más sano y sentirnos mejor

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El beneficio que tuvo mi familia fue muy bueno porque lo que me llegaba a mi casa me ayudo mucho en la alimentacion de mi familia y fie in apoyo economico tsmnien

Screen Name Redacted 6/05/2025 02:19 PM	Thank you me ayudo mucho el programa de MAS FRESCO, fue de gran ayuda con los altos costos de la comida
Screen Name Redacted 6/05/2025 02:38 PM	San Diego County families are having a hard time putting food on the table, especially now with the ascending inflation. Programs like Mas Fresco Plus, help SD County's most vulnerable residents and families, experiencing food insecurity, access fresh fruits and vegetables while also supporting local farmers, and help keep this important part of our economy prosperous. I feel that it's important to keep programs like Mas Fresco available for SD County residents and families. So, I ask the BOS to please include more funding in this year's budget to make this possible, for our communities, for a better chance of progress.
Screen Name Redacted 6/05/2025 02:53 PM	I'm very thankful for the Mas Fresco Plus program. It was of great help for me and my family, we got to try new recipes and learned new eating habits. I think that programs like this are very important for the families in our communities, so please try to allocate more funding to programs like Mas Fresco.
Screen Name Redacted 6/05/2025 03:21 PM	I urge voting members to consider increasing funds for immigration legal services, to ensure the timely and appropriate allocation of legal support to those facing immigration-related charges. Increased access to legal counsel could greatly improve the inhumane treatment of detainees that is occurring in the absence of such support.
Screen Name Redacted 6/05/2025 04:00 PM	I would like the budget to address and continue to support animal shelters, homeless shelters and services, South Bay rent controls for vulnerable populations like seniors, and support for our district, which continues to be affected by the Tijuana sewage runoff
Screen Name Redacted 6/05/2025 05:01 PM	I will like for the board of supervisor to take into account and allocate funds to still keep the program mas fresco running. This program has help me and my family so much. With the economy and the inflation being so high it was making it for me to bring healthy fruit and vegetables to the table for my family. But when mas fresco helped me a whole lot. That i was able to give my children better healthier option in food. So without this program I wouldn't know where my kids health be going towards. So please take into consideration in allocating some funds for this program.

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Hello board of supervisors. I will like for you guys to take into consideration and also allocating funds for the mas fresco program. I'm a diabetic person with a lot of other health conditions that what i received is not enough to pay rent and definitely get fresh food and vegetables in the table for me to eat. Before i was enroll in the program my health was going down fall but thanks to mas fresco I was able to eat healthier and my health starting going towards a better position. The inflation that we live in is making it harder for me to eat healther. But with mas fresco I'm able to eat a little bit better and it takes off a little of the burden from me in going to the store and knowing that I'm not able to get the fruit and vegetables that I need. Not only mas fresco is helping me but is also helping our local farmers and local business. So please take into consideration mas fresco in the decision with the budget and allocating some funds for the program. Thanks so much.

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I used to work at the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, and as a refugee myself, it is very important for me to highlight issues so that our immigrant communities and residents of San Diego are no longer misled about what this office is doing. Before going to the media, I want to give the board a chance to do what is right for our community. This office has hired more people than necessary for the work it does. There are very few contracts, some of which will end soon, and my colleagues tell me there are now more analysts than before—how can this be? Additionally, there are two chiefs now, which I do not understand, as all other programs have only one chief. The so-called welcome centers provide resources like 211, staffed with office assistants, and offer services that are already available elsewhere. The unique idea of these welcome centers was to have partners, but no one comes because people already know where to find them. It is a waste of money. Please stop wasting money the County doesn’t have and give them to organizations that genuinely help immigrants and refugees. Do not add more staff to the already overstaffed OIRA; reduce the staff. The work can be done by two or three people. It was a good decision to move the community workers, my colleagues, to another department where they can continue to support immigrants and refugees.

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First, this is not a easy way to provide comment, I had to look up my district and I don't know what the budget area is. Regardless, I work for a non profit that serves immigrants and I see how badly immigration legal services are needed for our long time neighbors who are being targeted, detained and deported. Especially now when the federal government are violating our rights and targeting hardworking community members who contribute in our communities.

	Everyone deserves a fair process, and providing legal representation for immigration court makes us all safer.
Screen Name Redacted 6/06/2025 08:44 AM	Increase funding for immigration legal services for people in immigration court.
Screen Name Redacted 6/06/2025 09:10 AM	I support the Más Fresco Plus program because it is very necessary in our community. The fruits and vegetables help us stay nourished and give us a better quality of life.
Screen Name Redacted 6/06/2025 12:05 PM	Es una gran ayuda para la economic del gogar, es estos tiempos tan dificiles donde los precios se han disparate, nos permits acquiring todo tipo de frutas y verduras, esperamos que nos sigan brindandonesta ayuna tan importance en los hogares.
Screen Name Redacted 6/06/2025 01:48 PM	Yo apoyo al programa Mas Fresco Plus porque es muy necesario en nuestra comunidad con las caja de verduras y frutas que envían semanalmente nos ayuda mucho manteniéndonos más saludables y consumiendo diferentes verduras algunas que normalmente no consumimos y todo está muy fresco ayudándonos en nuestra salud ,espero que esté programa continúe es mucha ayuda muchas gracias!!!!
Screen Name Redacted 6/08/2025 07:46 PM	Hello, please include at least a $3 million allocation for Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services in the County’s final budget. We understand that it is a difficult budget year, but our budget cuts cannot come at the expense of the communities who need the most support (please stop increasing the police department funds). I support fully funding Innovative Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services in the County Budget, since it makes sense from an economic perspective and from a humanitarian perspective. We urge you to fully fund these programs.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2025 08:22 AM	Unused landscape that was historically open to grazing permits should be reopened to grazing for reduction of wildfire fuels and increasing San Diego County's agriculture and self reliance on sustainable food.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2025 10:19 AM	Yo apoyo el programa

Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2025 11:30 AM	Yo apoyo al programa Más Fresco Plus porque es muy necesario en nuestra comunidad con las frutas y verduras nos ayuda a nutrirnos y tenemos una calidad de vida mejor.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2025 12:15 PM	Everything its so expensive for the community
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Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2025 01:59 PM	I am asking that you increase funding for IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES for people in immigration court. This incredibly vulnerable population of ours needs and deserves help.
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The President's proposed FY 26 budget for the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) recommends a personnel reduction of approximately 29% and a budget reduction of approximately 18% compared to FY25 (reference dhs.gov website). The President's proposed FY 26 budget for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) looks to shift more responsibility to state and local communities for disaster response (reference dhs.gov website). Additionally, the President's administration has also made comments stating they are planning on reducing financial support to the State of California. Based on the aforementioned cuts, I recommend additional funding and personnel be added to the San Diego County Office of Emergency Services (OES) to identify and mitigate the capability gaps resulting from the proposed changes to the federal budget. Areas to review include plans and procedures to respond to cybersecurity incidents (e.g., ransomware attack, cyber disruption of regional power infrastructure, etc.).

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I support the fresher plus program because it is a support for the community in these times.Fruits and vegetables help both the health and the economy of the people in the community.

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Nearly 1 in 4 San Diegans, including nearly 1 in 3 children, don't have

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enough to eat.b Produce prescription programs like ¡Más Fresco! Plus help residents experiencing food insecurity put healthy food on the table. Mas Fresco Plus is so successful because it reaches people where they are. The program delivers local produce to participants homes, addressing the barrier of transportation that too many residents face.

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Access to legal counsel for immigrants detained in San Diego County is urgently needed to prevent unlawful removals and ensure due process. In 2025 alone, approximately 500 individuals—including families and children—have been sent from San Diego to Costa Rica and Panama via military and ICE flights without proper fear screenings, legal access, or transparency. Many were fleeing persecution from countries such as Afghanistan, Iran, Russia, and Yemen. Recent reports detail horrific abuses in U.S. immigration custody, including overcrowding, medical neglect, and physical abuse—especially at facilities in California. One pregnant woman reportedly slept on a metal bench for ten days; a father from San Ysidro injured his head in a packed cell. All this occurs as ICE's detention budget expands and oversight offices are gutted. Despite federal claims to target those with violent convictions, nearly half of ICE detainees have no criminal record. In the absence of oversight and rising enforcement against both noncitizens and citizens, the Immigrant Legal Defense Program (ILDP) is a vital safeguard. Continued and expanded ILDP funding is essential to uphold justice and protect civil rights in our local communities.

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The budget needs to increase funding for immigration services. Immigrants are who make San Diego and all of our nation great. Noone is illegal on stolen land and we need a budget that supports all San Diegans regardless of immigration status. We demand a budget without surveillance funding and increases to police, who only traumatize our communities.

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Please increase funding for Immigration legal services for people in immigration court.

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Please increase the budget for immigrant services. With the ICE abductions, there will be an increased need throughout the county.

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$3 million to improve a temporary space during the construction of a new Sheriff's substation in Ramona - this funding for a "temporary" space seems abundant. What will this temporary space actually

provide the sheriffs? Does this temporary space require that level of funding? Can the sheriffs be accommodated elsewhere during their substation construction? Why does a temporary space require 3 Million USD? $14.3 million toward the purchase of a helicopter for expanded firefighting, and search and rescue missions - currently we have access to helicopters which are thankfully assisting in firefighting and search/rescue missions. How many incidents in the past year have required additional helicopters that we do not have? What data supports that there will be immediate vs long term benefits to acquiring an additional helicopter?

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Budgets reflect priorities and we need to prioritize the health and safety of our communities. We need to move away from overfunding law enforcement and start investing in people. Police do not prevent crime. Resources keep communities safe. More money need to be allocated for parks, libraries, and other communal spaces. After school programs, workforce development. Do not let a failure of imagination keep us from achieving the quality of life we deserve in such a high income area of a high income state.

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No more ALPR, no budget cuts to parks and libraries. We need less surveillance and more community programs and we need it NOW. We should not be giving more money to the SDPD while our libraries and parks and public programs at large are underfunded.

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Put aside half of your funding for IMMIGRATION LEGAL ASSISTANCE and GENERAL LEGAL BATTLES WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES. IMMEDIATELY arrest all MASKED "LAW ENFORCEMENT" including but not limited to national guard and federal agents. IMMEDIATELY arrest all military violating posse comitatus. Ban unmarked vehicles being used for law enforcement activities and enforce it. Or DEFUND POLICE and create a CIVILIAN TASK FORCE to do so. Demand Newsom to take control of the national guard to protect all Californians. Cancel any agreements of cooperation with ICE HSI DHS. Put into law safe spaces like schools and courts and even their parking lots and a small surrounding area. STOP paying police more than engineers. FIRE anyone with confirmed repeat misconduct. Set up databases for better tracking of miconduct from public servants with open access to search and add info by the public. Dismantle your surveillance state apparatus that is used by ICE. Focus on increasing single family housing supply. Increase transit options and efficiency. Maintain chapparal hills for fire risks. More scientific non-partisan public education on issues.

Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2025 10:13 AM	I urge you to FULLY FUND Innovative Adult Housing Services and Enhanced Housing Services programs and Immigrant Legal Defense. Is it the cost effective and humane choice.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2025 02:27 PM	My name is Kristen Henley and I am a native San Diegan who works at a local nonprofit serving older adults and individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia. I am writing to express my concern about proposed budget cuts that will negatively impact vulnerable communities in our county. I am particularly concerned about the elimination of two sources of funding for caregiver respite. Individuals who are caring for someone with dementia often experience severe physical, financial, and emotional burden due to the lack of supports available through federal programs like Medicare. We often encounter caregivers who have neglected their own health and well-being to provide care to their loved one. Respite programs in our county are the only source of relief for these caregivers. We cannot allow this funding to end without investing in additional respite funding to continue this important work.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2025 02:51 PM	I was fortunate to receive Más Fresco produce.. Excelent quality! A wide variety of vegetables and fruits. My family was able to eat variety of vegetables and fruits that are to expensive to buy at the grocery store.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2025 04:36 PM	Increase funding for immigration legal services for people in immigration court.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2025 09:48 PM	Increase funds for immigration legal services.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2025 09:58 PM	Please increase funding for immigration legal services. We need it now more than ever.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2025 10:09 PM	Please increase funding for immigrant legal services so that lawyers and legal advice are readily available to immigrants before and after court hearings. You can take monies from the police department's budget which is ridiculously high.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2025 10:57 PM	I’m a high schooler here and my friends and many family’s are scared and going thru unimaginable struggles. I would like for you guys to please raise the funding for immigration to help not only these immigrants but there kids who had no choice in their parents decision

and don’t deserve to have their family ripped apart.

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I believe closing libraries two days a week is a good idea. But have them closed on Mondays and Tuesdays during the school year. Or Sundays and Mondays, two days that are most likely to have the least amount of visitors. I approve of not having fire pits. They are not a necessity of life. Public safety is a top priority of any city.

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We want a budget that prioritizes affordable housing and accessibility, addresses environmental injustice, reverses systemic racial inequities, and fights for working-class communities. The massive cuts to libraries, parks and rec, youth programs, equity offices and climate justice initiatives will only deepen inequities and hurt working-class families - all at the expense of an ever-ballooning police budget that criminalizes the unhoused and BIPOC communities. Stop wasting money on smart street lights & automated license plate readers and excessive police overtime. ALPR compromises our status as a sanctuary city; excessive cop overtime compromises community and officer safety and robs taxpayers of public goods and services, which could be easily reined in by establishing an overtime policy that will ensure community and officer safety.

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Hello, I am an immigration attorney who provides pro bono services in San Diego County. With the increase in ICE enforcement, we desperately need increased county funding for immigration legal services. Otay Mesa detention center is near capacity, and the vast majority of those detained do not have legal representation. Our organization and other providers can only do so much, but increased investment from the county would allow us to provide friends and neighbors in SD county with life saving legal services. Thank you.

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I have concerns about the reduction in budget relating to Ombudsman visits for individuals living in residential care settings. Although some of this funding was made available initially through the American Rescue Plan Act, we have seen a great need for increased Ombudsman visits prior to the pandemic and in the years following it. Those living in nursing facilities who have dementia or cognitive impairments are often unable to advocate for themselves and rely heavily on safety nets such as Ombudsman intervention to ensure they are being treated with dignity and care. The quality of care offered through San Diego County nursing homes has not improved following the pandemic and continues to be of great concern to those who work with older adults.

Screen Name Redacted 6/12/2025 10:50 AM	Cuts to libraries and parks will be detrimental to public health and safety, as these programs are essential for supporting the welfare of our community as a whole, and the unhoused in particular. The police do not equate to public safety, and ALRP makes us all less safe, as data it's aqcuired has already been shared illegally and used against abortion seekers and by federal agencies to target immigrants. Studies have shown that parks reduce community violence and support public health and environmental justice. No cuts to libraries or parks. Fund programs that protect our immigrant neighbors and that have been shown to meaningfully improve the welfare of our communities.

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