



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

AGENDA ITEM

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Fifth District

DATE: March 4, 2026

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

Madison Rapp spoke regarding emerging research on cardiovascular harms associated with chronic cannabis use, including smoked and edible THC products, and urged the Board to consider these public health impacts when implementing the Social Equity Cannabis Program.

Kelsey Coughlin spoke regarding animal welfare at the County's Carlsbad animal shelter, the lack of an active volunteer program, the need for expanded low-cost spay and neuter services, and concerns about alleged neglect of horses on Artesian Road.

Kathleen Lippitt expressed concern that recent Board policies, including cannabis equity policies, marginalize residents of unincorporated communities and negatively impact public health and community representation.

Peggy Walker commented on the proposed Consumer Fairness and Public Protection Unit, urging that it scrutinize marijuana industry claims, the public costs of high-potency THC products, and related social and health impacts.

Blair spoke about the importance of reinstating and properly managing the volunteer program at the Carlsbad animal shelter, expanding accessible spay/neuter services, and ensuring euthanasia decisions are not driven by resource constraints.

Zohra Fahim spoke on behalf of Los Angeles Alliance for Animals, alleging ongoing severe neglect of horses on Artesian Road and similar longstanding concerns at Villa Chardonnay, and urged stronger enforcement and prosecution of animal cruelty.

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Nancy Knott spoke regarding the Carlsbad and Bonita animal shelters, stating that community members have been unable to volunteer at the Carlsbad shelter for approximately one year, and requested accountability, reopening of volunteer opportunities, and responses from the Board offices.

Becky Rapp commented on a recent Consumer Fairness and Public Protection webinar hosted by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, raised concerns about lack of transparency regarding participants and chat/Q&A, and referenced tobacco litigation as an example of product harms and corporate accountability.

Ann Riddle reported on State legislation AB 455 regarding disclosure of smoking and vaping in single-family homes, emphasized the risks of secondhand and thirdhand smoke and vapor (including marijuana), and questioned why the County would expand marijuana retail access if it is prioritizing public health.

RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Heard, referred to the Chief Administrative Officer.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT
N/A

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT
N/A

FISCAL IMPACT
N/A

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT
N/A

ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT
N/A

BACKGROUND
N/A

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN
N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Shelton', written in a cursive style.

EBONY N. SHELTON
Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT(S)
N/A