

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 8

SUBJECT: APPROVE OUT-OF-COUNTRY TRAVEL FOR COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO REPRESENTATIVES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE JAPAN CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE US-JAPAN PROGRAM ON HEALTHY AND RESILIENT AGING (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

In accordance with San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) Policy D-7, *Out-of-County Business and Related Guidelines and Processes*, and Administrative Code section 470(h), this is a request to approve out-of-country travel for the Director, County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Aging & Independence Services (AIS) and the Acting Director, County Office of Emergency Services (OES) to participate in the Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE) one-week learning tour in Japan.

JCIE, in partnership with AARP, invited County policymakers, leadership and community partners to join the tour, scheduled for early December 2025, based on the County's recognized leadership in implementing the Aging Roadmap and advancing age-friendly initiatives. The goal of the tour is to foster collaboration and information-sharing across regions to address common issues facing aging societies and creating age-friendly environments. The tour will focus on shared challenges facing aging societies, with a special emphasis on disaster preparedness and response, and social isolation-all of which align with the County's Aging Roadmap priorities.

Furthermore, in-person attendance is essential, as it will allow County representatives to participate in site visits, engage with Japanese policymakers, service providers and researchers, and gain first-hand insights into innovative, age-friendly practices that cannot be fully replicated through virtual participation. This opportunity is offered at no cost to the County, with JCIE covering airfare, accommodations, and related program expenses.

Today's action requests the Board authorize out-of-country travel, in accordance with Board Policy D-7, *Out-of-County Business and Related Guidelines and Processes*, and Administrative Code section 470(h), for the Director of AIS and the Acting Director of OES to participate in the JCIE one-week learning tour in Japan in early December 2025.

This item supports the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by continuing to support older adults and persons with disabilities through collaborating with other jurisdictions to share and learn about disaster preparedness and social isolation mitigation strategies.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Per Administrative Code section 470(h), authorize the Director, Health and Human Services Agency, Aging & Independence Services and Acting Director, Office of Emergency Services out-of-country travel to Japan to participate in the Japan Center for International Exchange one-week learning tour scheduled for November 29 through December 6, 2025.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Continuing to support those most disproportionately affected by social isolation, disasters, and emergencies is a priority for the County of San Diego (County). Building on ongoing cross-departmental and community collaboration, and the priorities outlined in the Aging Roadmap, County staff continue to seek innovative ways to address the needs of the most vulnerable populations. Participation in this one-week learning tour will benefit older adults, persons with disabilities, caregivers, and their families by facilitating the exchange of knowledge on successes, challenges, and lessons learned related to disaster preparedness and response, and reducing social isolation.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Approving today's recommendation for out-of-country travel to Japan for County of San Diego (County) representatives to participate in the Japan Center for International Exchange one-week learning tour supports the County's Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to County services, and Sustainability Goal #4 to promote health and well-being. This learning tour provides a unique opportunity for County leaders to strengthen strategies and expand knowledge that will support older adults, people with disabilities, caregivers, and their families, particularly in the areas of disasters preparedness, emergency response, and reducing social isolation.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the proposed action. Travel expenses, including airfare, accommodations, and related program expenses will be covered by the Japan Center for International Exchange. County of San Diego representatives will receive regular salary and benefits, and no overtime will be incurred as a result of this trip. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Aguirre, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Aguirre, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

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County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter