



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

## AGENDA ITEM

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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**DATE:** July 22, 2025

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

### **SUBJECT**

**RESPONSE TO 2024-2025 GRAND JURY REPORTS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

The 2024-2025 San Diego County Grand Jury recently completed its term and filed one report with recommendations requiring a response from the County.

California Penal Code Section 933(c) requires:

- That the governing body of agencies that are the subject of Grand Jury reports respond in writing to the Findings and Recommendations addressed to such agencies; and
- Elected officials such as the Sheriff respond on behalf of their respective agencies.

Therefore, this is a request for the Board of Supervisors (Board) to review and approve the draft Finding and Recommendation responses prepared by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and authorize the CAO to transmit the responses to the Grand Jury via the Superior Court Presiding Judge. The proposed response addresses the recommendations and findings contained in the following report:

- Fire Country: Forging a United Defense in the Backcountry

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Approve the proposed response and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to transmit the response to the Grand Jury via the Superior Court Presiding Judge.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to submit a copy of the Past Grand Jurors Association Implementation Review Committee's 2026 Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors, no later than December 31, 2026, which provides updates to the County's responses to the 2024-2025 Grand Jury report recommendations.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Grand Jury is a body of 19 residents selected by the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego under the supervision of the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court. Members of the Grand Jury are charged and sworn to investigate county matters of civil concern and may examine any aspect of county government and city government, including special legislative districts and

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joint powers agencies, to ensure that the best interests of San Diego County residents are being served.

Today's actions to approve the proposed response and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to transmit the response to the Grand Jury continues the County's commitment to transparency, open government, and collaboration across agencies, ensuring that the County continues to function in the best interest of the public it serves.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed actions support the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal of engaging the community in meaningful ways and continually seeking stakeholder input to foster inclusive and sustainable communities. The Grand Jury plays a vital role in providing input on various aspects of County government and its role within the community. This process continues to center the County on the core aspect of Community Engagement within the General Management System.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT**

N/A

**BACKGROUND**

The 2024-2025 San Diego County Grand Jury recently completed its term and filed one report which includes recommendations requiring a response from the County of San Diego (County).

California Penal Code Section 933(c) requires the governing body of agencies that are the subject of Grand Jury reports to respond in writing to the Findings and Recommendations addressed to such agencies. Copies of all Grand Jury reports and the subject agencies' responses to them are posted on the Grand Jury website.

This is a request for the Board of Supervisors to review and approve the draft Findings and Recommendation responses prepared by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and authorize the CAO to transmit the response to the Grand Jury via the Superior Court Presiding Judge. The proposed response addresses the recommendations and findings contained in one Grand Jury report.

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**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN**

The Grand Jury report listed above and the County of San Diego's corresponding response addresses matters associated with the County of San Diego's 2025-2030 Strategic Initiatives of Community and Justice.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ebony N. Shelton'.

EBONY N. SHELTON  
Chief Administrative Officer

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

Attachment A – 2024-25 County of San Diego Grand Jury Responses