

**REQUEST FOR ADDITION OF LATE ITEM
TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA**

DATE: August 19th, 2024

TO: Nora Vargas, Chairwoman

FROM: Supervisor Lawson-Remer, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE REQUESTED: August 27th, 2024

SUBJECT OF ITEM: SUPPORTING SAN DIEGO'S SCHOOLS WITH SOLUTIONS TO THE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS AND SMARTPHONE ACCESS DURING SCHOOL HOURS

REASON ITEM CANNOT BE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA:

In light of Governor Newsom's urgent request on August 13th, 2024, for California schools to restrict smartphone usage in classrooms, a delayed vote on the proposed policy would severely limit our County's ability to respond timely to this call to action. The San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) and San Diego County's Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) are actively exploring opportunities to strengthen the region's response to the youth mental health crisis and the use of smartphones in schools. The timing of this Board Letter and the proposed recommendations are strategically aligned with these efforts to maximize impact for the region, including but not limited to, orienting schools to these issues at the start of the academic year, initiating critical stakeholder engagement, and leveraging the County's extensive resources to support these efforts.

Sincerely,



Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer
Vice Chair

CHAIR'S APPROVAL _____

