

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2026**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 11

SUBJECT: CERTIFICATION OF INITIATIVE PETITION: MEASURE TO FUND SAN DIEGO COUNTY HEALTH & SAFETY SERVICES (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The MEASURE TO FUND SAN DIEGO COUNTY HEALTH & SAFETY SERVICES initiative petition was filed with the Registrar of Voters on May 4, 2026. The Registrar has examined the petition and finds it contains a sufficient number of valid signatures to submit to the Board of Supervisors for action.

In accordance with State law and Article XIII C of the California Constitution, the Board of Supervisors (Board) is now required to submit the initiative measure to the voters. The Board may either (1) submit the initiative measure to the voters at the November 3, 2026, statewide general election or (2) direct the preparation of an impact report, due within 30 days, submit the initiative measure to the voters, and schedule a special meeting sometime between July 25, 2026 to August 7, 2026 to adopt the resolution. The Board may also direct the auditor for the County of San Diego (County) to prepare a fiscal impact statement that is printed in the voter information guide.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Receive the certification from the Registrar of Voters that the initiative petition contains a sufficient number of valid signatures.
2. Consider and take action on one of the following options pursuant to Elections Code Sections 9111 and 9118:
 - Option One: Adopt the resolution entitled, A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS AN INITIATIVE MEASURE TO FUND SAN DIEGO COUNTY HEALTH & SAFETY SERVICES for the purpose of submitting the initiative measure, without alteration, to the voters of San Diego County at the November 3, 2026 statewide general election.
 - Option Two: Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare an impact report that must be presented to the Board within 30 days. Upon receipt of that report, the Board would then be required to adopt the above-referenced resolution to submit the initiative measure, without alteration, to the voters of San Diego County. Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 1405, the resolution submitting the initiative measure to the voters must be issued at least 88 days prior to the election. For the November 3, 2026 statewide election, that deadline lands on August 7, 2026. Given the Board's current meeting calendar, this option would require the Board to schedule a special meeting sometime between July 25, 2026 and August 7, 2026 in order to adopt the resolution in time to submit this initiative measure to the voters at the November 3, 2026 statewide election.
3. Consider whether to direct the County auditor to review the initiative measure and prepare a fiscal impact statement pursuant to Election Code Section 9160, which is limited to 500 words and is printed in the voter information guide.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

A person's vote can influence policy and who represents them in government, which in turn impacts their environment, health, and quality of life. The Registrar of Voters' conduct of fair, accurate, and transparent election processes allows all eligible citizens to have a part in matters that affect them.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

A person's vote has a direct influence on the sustainability of their neighborhood, community, and local region. By voting and being civically engaged, San Diego County residents have a direct impact on their health, equity, the economy, and environment. With the County's implementation of the vote center model, all active registered voters receive a ballot in the mail as required by current law. This increases accessibility by providing voters with the opportunity to consider the method that is most convenient for them to return their ballot and has the possibility of reducing vehicle miles traveled to cast their vote. In addition, voters have the option of receiving voter information guides electronically to reduce paper waste. The recommended action today aligns with the Governance lens of sustainability and the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal of providing just and equitable access to County services.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are included in the Fiscal Year 2026-27 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the Registrar of Voters to conduct the November 3, 2026 statewide general election based on General Purpose Revenue and program revenues. There will be no change in General Fund cost and no additional staff years associated with today's action.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Lawson-Remer, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions:

1. Received the certification from the Registrar of Voters that the initiative petition contains a sufficient number of valid signatures.
2. Adopted Option One pursuant to Elections Code Sections 9111 and 9118:
 - Option One: Adopted Resolution No. 26-097 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS AN INITIATIVE MEASURE TO FUND SAN DIEGO COUNTY HEALTH & SAFETY SERVICES for the purpose of submitting the initiative measure, without alteration, to the voters of San Diego County at the November 3, 2026 statewide general election.
3. Amended the ballot question in Attachment D:
 - To clean-up sewage pollution in Tijuana River Valley, improve wildfire prevention, emergency response, access to healthcare, food assistance, childhood development services, and authorized administrative expenses; shall the measure authorizing a half-cent sales tax raising an estimated \$400,000,000 to \$450,000,000 annually, requiring citizen oversight, public spending disclosure, and independent annual audits, and lasting until ended by voters, be adopted?

AYES: Aguirre, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

NOES: Anderson, Desmond

State of California)
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