



**The Chicano
Federation**

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San Diego County Board of Supervisors
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101

RE: Support for Sustainable Fiscal Planning Subcommittee Proposal

Dear Chair Lawson-Remer and Members of the Board,

On behalf of the Chicano Federation of San Diego County, I am writing to express our strong support for the proposal to establish an **Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Sustainable Fiscal Planning**, brought forward by Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer and Supervisor Monica Montgomery-Steppe.

San Diego County is facing serious fiscal uncertainty due to unprecedented state and federal disinvestment in essential programs. Cuts to Medicaid, SNAP, housing, Medi-Cal, and other core services—alongside unfunded mandates and increased local burdens—risk destabilizing the safety net and undermining the County's ability to meet urgent community needs.

As an organization rooted on uplifting communities through housing equity and community justice across San Diego, we know firsthand how vital County services are to the well-being of residents, especially low-income communities, families, older adults, and people with disabilities. These services cannot be left vulnerable to external political decisions made in Washington or Sacramento. And this is happening at a time of growing local needs, including urgent action needed to tackle the Tijuana River pollution crisis.

The proposed Strategic Fiscal Planning Subcommittee offers a proactive, community-centered approach to:

- Safeguard essential services,
- Explore equitable local financing solutions,
- Protect vulnerable residents, and
- Maintain the County's strong financial standing.

We are particularly encouraged by the proposal's focus on key priority areas, including healthcare access, behavioral health, in-home supportive services, child care, food assistance, public safety, wildfire prevention, and environmental sustainability.

The Chicano Federation of San Diego County urges the Board of Supervisors to approve this proposal and begin the process of developing a robust fiscal strategy that reflects community priorities and protects San Diego's future.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to responsible, equitable governance.

Sincerely,

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