

# Board of Supervisors

Meeting Time: 06-24-25 09:00

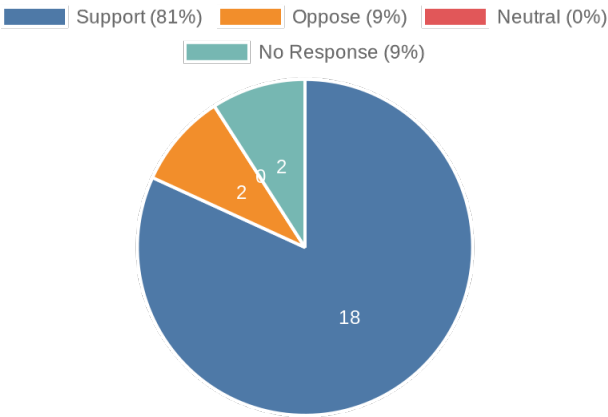
## eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
Board of Supervisors	06-24-25 09:00	25	22	18	2	0

### Sentiments for All Meetings

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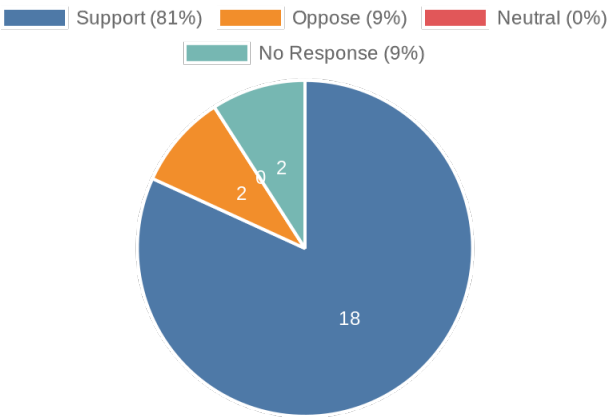


Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
11. ADVANCING FOOD JUSTICE BY SUPPORTING THE SAN DIEGO FOOD BANK AND SUNCOAST MARKET CO-OP	22	18	2	0

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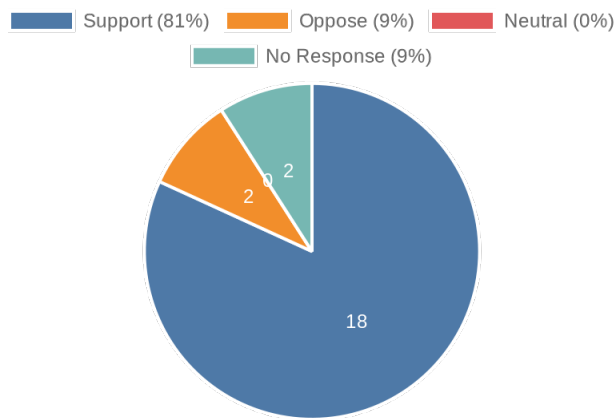
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Agenda Item: eComments for 11. ADVANCING FOOD JUSTICE BY SUPPORTING THE SAN DIEGO FOOD BANK AND SUNCOAST MARKET CO-OP

Overall Sentiment



**Daniel Fitzgerald**

Location: 92119, San Diego  
Submitted At: 9:45am 06-24-25

I would like to express my support for the update in procurement policy as proposed. I work daily with small businesses throughout San Diego county. The county has done significant work to improve access to contracting for new contractors with the county by local small businesses. This measure as proposed would further that work even more. I want to commend the very in-depth work by EDGA and the procurement team at the county. This proposal has been extremely well vetted in the small business community.

**Alan Cu**

Location:  
Submitted At: 8:02am 06-24-25

Before ANY of our taxes from OUR paychecks Important Question should always be asked What is CEO salary of so called non profit?

**Bob Bolinger**

Location: 92037, La Jolla  
Submitted At: 10:04pm 06-23-25

This funding is essential as these funds will provide 1 Million meals to those in need.

**Peggy Keating**

Location: 91932, Imperial Beach  
Submitted At: 9:31pm 06-23-25

Dear Supervisors, I strongly support funding for SunCoast Market in Imperial Beach. As a resident of IB who has to travel many miles for healthy food, I am urging you to vote YES on Agenda item 11. Our community will benefit greatly from SunCoast Market by providing jobs to our residents, supporting local vendors, bringing greatly needed healthy food to our neighborhood, and reinvesting profits directly into the community. With nearly 1300 local owner/members, SunCoast already has the support of our community, now we need you to vote YES

so our store can open and make a difference to countless families in South Bay. Your YES vote will change lives!

**Nancy Adams**

Location: 92127, San Diego  
Submitted At: 8:26pm 06-23-25

Thank you for addressing food insecurity with real solutions. Agenda Item 11 is a critical step to keep families fed during this period of reduced federal support. We strongly urge your support.

**Lesley Kroupa**

Location: 92037, La Jolla  
Submitted At: 5:27pm 06-23-25

Thank you for supporting food and nutrition security in San Diego. In this time of federal uncertainty, stepping up to support access to nutritious food is of the highest priority. As documented in the New York Times article on June 22, food banks across the country are facing an "existential threat" from the federal administration's proposed cuts to nutrition security programs. Now is the time to support our local food banks.

**Rachel Oporto**

Location: 92111, San Diego  
Submitted At: 4:49pm 06-23-25

Dear Supervisors, the San Diego Food System Alliance strongly supports the funding proposed for SunCoast Market Co-op in Imperial Beach and the San Diego Food Bank. As elevated in San Diego County Food Vision 2030 and the Food Justice Community Action Plan, we need significant investment in food system infrastructure, food distribution and recovery organizations, and food and farm workers to build a resilient food system. The opening of a community-owned grocery store like SunCoast increases access to healthy foods, promotes community health, and supports economic justice. Putting disinvested communities, local farms, and small businesses at the center of regional solutions. Thank you for your leadership on this issue, we fully support this funding and urge you to vote yes.

**Jill Irvin**

Location: 92130, San Diego  
Submitted At: 4:17pm 06-23-25

I strongly supportive this initiative.

**Kristin Howell**

Location: 92040-5421, Lakeside  
Submitted At: 4:14pm 06-23-25

Thank you to Supervisors Anderson and Montgomery Steppe for your leadership on this issue. Food insecurity is rising in San Diego County, and I am grateful for the County's leadership in helping provide the basic need of food to its residents.

**Mauricio Medina**

Location: 92103, San Diego  
Submitted At: 3:39pm 06-23-25

Thank you to Supervisor Montgomery Steppe and Supervisor Anderson for your leadership on this issue. I fully support this funding to the San Diego Food Bank to make up the losses to the cuts in federal funding to the Emergency Food Assistance Program. With this funding the County and food bank can continue to deliver nutritious meals to our neighbors in need.

**Brooke Truesdale**

Location: 91932, Imperial Beach  
Submitted At: 3:30pm 06-23-25

Dear Supervisors,

I strongly support funding for SunCoast Market Co-op in Imperial Beach. South County faces ongoing environmental and health challenges—from poor air and water quality to limited access to healthy food and high rates of diet-related illnesses. A community-owned grocery store like SunCoast offers a proactive response by improving food access, supporting public health, and advancing economic equity.

Unlike traditional stores, SunCoast is cooperatively owned, meaning it's accountable to local residents, not distant shareholders. Its focus on sustainability and local sourcing will benefit over 150 small farms and businesses across the region, creating a more resilient food system.

This is more than a grocery store—it's an investment in health, opportunity, and community. I urge you to support this important initiative.

**Anna Kirsner**

Location: 91932, IMPERIAL BEACH

Submitted At: 1:38pm 06-23-25

Dear Supervisors: Please consider supporting SunCoast Market Co-op in Imperial Beach. We 100% need it. As a longtime business owner and mom living in this community, I'm excited about what SunCoast can offer. It's more than a grocery store—it's a place where I can feel confident buying healthy, quality food for my family. Right now, we're surrounded by fast food and convenience stores, and it's tough to access fresh, nourishing options nearby. SunCoast also offers a real opportunity for my business, Pretty Provisioned, to grow. It creates space for small makers like me to be part of something bigger—connecting with the community in a way that truly matters. I hope you'll consider supporting this project.

Sincerely, Anna Kirsner

**Deborah Riddle**

Location: 92118, Coronado

Submitted At: 12:17pm 06-23-25

I am a resident of Coronado and strongly support the Board of Supervisors financial support of SunCoast Market and Coop by voting yes to the proposed grants you are considering today. These much needed funds will go far to help alleviate overlapping environmental and public health crises - from poor air and water quality to food insecurity and high rates of diet related chronic diseases. The opening of a community-owned grocery store like SunCoast offers a positive counterpoint to these challenges by increasing access to healthy foods, promoting community health and supporting economic justice. Sincerely, Deborah O. Riddle

**Mel Lions**

Location: 91932, Imperial Beach

Submitted At: 10:21am 06-23-25

I urge the Supervisors to approve funding in support of SunCoast Market Co-op in Imperial Beach. For decades, residents of I.B. have been enduring an environmental assault from Tijuana River sewage that has effected the physical health of South Bay residents and the financial health of our community. Because of the long-standing sewage issues — for which we've received minimal support from state and regional sources to address — residents have been unable to attract a full-service grocery store willing to locate in our financially suppressed region; the result is a surplus of fast-food and convenience stores that further erode community health. To overcome these conditions, community members have taken the extraordinary step to create a community-owned grocery store as a means of bringing healthy food into our community. In addition to improving the health of residents, SunCoast Market will be sourcing from local farms and businesses, which will multiply dollars spent at the store.

**Patti Boman**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:52pm 06-21-25

As an owner of Sun Coast market I urge you to support this, we don't have enough selection of healthier alternatives. This would help bridge the gap especially with the cost of food due to inflation and tariffs

**Ollie Rodriguez**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:54am 06-21-25

Another waste of taxes paid but is the people a big fat NO

**Matty Gomez**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:30pm 06-20-25

This is another waste of money filling NGO pockets

**Carol Tennebaum**

Location: 91932, Imperial Beach  
Submitted At: 4:23pm 06-20-25

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing in support of Agenda Item 11: ADVANCING FOOD JUSTICE BY SUPPORTING THE SAN DIEGO FOOD BANK AND SUNCOAST MARKET CO-OP. My husband and I were among the early "owners" of SunCoast Market Co-Op because we saw it as an answer to a scarcity of healthy food options in our city and nearby neighborhoods (i.e., Nestor, etc.). But SunCoast Market will be more than a healthy market. It will be a model of cooperative partnerships that will include many local farmers and wrap-around service agencies in both government and non-profit networks. As a volunteer with SunCoast, I have seen the passion and creativity, the astounding amount of research and outreach that has gone into building first the vision and then the nuts and bolts of a market that will enhance the health and well-being of the residents of Imperial Beach and our nearby communities. I urge your support and look forward to this healthy enhancement to our city.

**SANDRA BRILLHART**

Location: 91932, Imperial Beach  
Submitted At: 3:41pm 06-20-25

I strongly support the funding proposed for SunCoast Market Co-op in Imperial Beach. South County continues to face overlapping environmental and public health crises—from poor air and water quality to food insecurity and high rates of diet related chronic diseases. The opening of a community-owned grocery store like SunCoast offers a positive counterpoint to these challenges by increasing access to healthy foods, promoting community health, and supporting economic justice.

**Paul Henkin**

Location: 91902, Bonita  
Submitted At: 2:14pm 06-20-25

A good idea. But if you reappropriate it from existing fund excess, you will have to rebalance the budget. Maybe you can even have some of the affected families grow or harvest their own food if able – and the kids could get credit for agricultural education for the time they put in (except not in the TJ River mess) and not have to reappropriate it all.

**Leslie Bassett**

Location: 91932, Imperial Beach  
Submitted At: 7:23am 06-20-25

Dear Supervisors: Please support the SunCoast Market Co-op in Imperial Beach. For far too long, our residents have lacked full access to nutritious food and quality grocery options. Our food environment matters, and our community suffers from high rates of diet-related chronic diseases such as diabetes and heart disease. Many families travel out of town to do much of their grocery shopping. By supporting SunCoast, you are investing in a community-driven solution that will improve health outcomes, create jobs, and empower local families. SunCoast is more than a grocery store -- it is a model for economic resilience, equitable healthy food access, and environmental sustainability. The co-op will provide good-paying jobs, prioritize local vendors, and reinvest profits directly into the community. With so many South Bay residents already committed as member-owners, your support will help bring this vision across the finish line. Please vote in favor of funding SunCoast Market.

**Chris Kwast**

Location: 920154, San Diego  
Submitted At: 6:06am 06-20-25

Dear Supervisors, I strongly support the funding proposed for SunCoast Market Co-op in Imperial Beach. South County continues to face overlapping environmental and public health crises—from poor air and water quality to food insecurity and high rates of diet related chronic diseases. The opening of a community-owned grocery store like SunCoast offers a positive counterpoint to these challenges by increasing access to healthy foods and promoting community health.

SunCoast is uniquely positioned to make a real difference. With its cooperative structure, the store will be

accountable to the people it serves, not distant shareholders. In addition, because of the co-op's focus on local sourcing and sustainability, the positive impact of SunCoast will be felt beyond the South Bay. SunCoast will be sourcing food and products from an estimated 150 farms and small businesses from across the county and will provide them with a supportive retail outlet to help their businesses thrive and grow.