

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY**

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Narcotics Law Enforcement

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**Purpose**

To seek the continued cooperation with the U.S. Department of Justice/Drug Enforcement Administration and the County of San Diego/Narcotics Task Force in their combined effort to enforce State and federal Narcotics laws.

**Background**

Over the past years, the Board of Supervisors and Law Enforcement Agencies in the County of San Diego have become increasingly concerned with the tremendous increase in the use of narcotics and dangerous drugs within the County. In October 1973, in an effort to help stem the upward spiral of narcotic use and abuse, the San Diego County Integrated Narcotics Task Force was formed. At the time, the Task Force was comprised of personnel from the San Diego County Sheriff's Office, the San Diego Police Department, and the Drug Enforcement Administration. From that date until present, the Task Force has grown with representation now from 21 local, State and federal law enforcement agencies. The Task Force has proven to be more effective and operationally responsive to the needs of the communities of San Diego County than a single participating agency could have been by itself. With its close proximity to Mexico, a source country for many controlled substances, and its miles of coastline coupled with its accessibility to the major narcotics markets throughout the world, San Diego County can only anticipate that its share of the drug problem will continue to grow. As a result, it is believed that a continued assault on this epidemic problem requires the continued support of the multi-agency Narcotics Task Force.

**Policy**

It is the policy of the Board of Supervisors that:

The County of San Diego continue to support its participation in the Narcotics Task Force; that the U.S. Department of Justice/ Drug Enforcement Administration review the possibility of increasing monetary resources accessible to the Task Force for its continued efficient and productive operation.

**Sunset Date**

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 12-31-32.

**Board Action**

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