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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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**SUBJECT: Item #10: CREATE A UNIT DEDICATED TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, JUSTICE,
AND EQUITY**

Honorable San Diego County Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of Scripps Health, we would like to express our support of the creation of a Unit dedicated to Reproductive Health, Justice, and Equity.

Scripps is a nonprofit integrated, health care delivery system, which has been serving San Diego for more than 100 years through the dedication of our more than 17,000 employees, 3,000 affiliated physicians, five acute-care hospital campuses and other services throughout the region. The critical needs outlined in this initiative, emphasize the importance of providing access to health care services needed throughout the community.

A unit within the County serving as a centralized hub dedicated to reproductive health will enhance comprehensive, accessible, and equitable care for individuals and communities across our region. It will facilitate collaboration among organizations in understanding and addressing reproductive health care needs and advance the County in achieving better health outcomes for all.

We thank you for your leadership on this issue and your consideration of this important initiative.

Sincerely,

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Action Fund of the Pacific Southwest

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Re: Letter of Support for Creation of a Unit Dedicated to Reproductive Health, Justice, and Equity (Item 10)

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

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I write on behalf of Planned Parenthood Action Fund of the Pacific Southwest to express our strong support for the creation of a unit dedicated to reproductive health, justice, and equity in San Diego County. This initiative is vital for ensuring that all residents have access to comprehensive reproductive health services and the resources they need to make informed choices about their health.

Over the past four years the County of San Diego has become a true Reproductive Freedom County. While other regions in the nation are moving backward by restricting fundamental reproductive rights, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors is moving forward to focus on access to reproductive health care. We further applaud you for following up on the suggested recommendations as a result of the comprehensive assessment you conducted in 2022.

Reproductive health is a fundamental aspect of overall well-being, and it directly impacts individuals' ability to lead healthy, productive lives. Establishing a dedicated unit would demonstrate the County's commitment to addressing disparities in access to care. By prioritizing reproductive justice, we can work towards equitable health outcomes for everyone in our diverse population.

Moreover, this unit can serve as a vital resource for education and advocacy, ensuring that community members are informed about their rights and the services available to them. In an era where reproductive rights are under threat, having a dedicated unit focused on these issues would help safeguard people's access to essential health care.

We urge the Board to support this item. Let us move forward together to ensure that reproductive health, justice, and equity are not just ideals, but realities for all residents of San Diego County.

Sincerely,

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Darrah Johnson
President & CEO