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San Diego County Board of Supervisors
County Administration Center
1600 Pacific Highway, Rm 335
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Subject: CREATE A UNIT DEDICATED TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, JUSTICE AND EQUITY

Dear Chair Vargas and Esteemed Supervisors,

On behalf of UC San Diego Health, I am writing to express our support for the creation of a dedicated unit within the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency that will focus on improving access to comprehensive reproductive healthcare services. UC San Diego Health is committed to expanding equitable access to care, and we strongly believe that this unit will play a critical role in improving healthcare coordination and delivery across San Diego County.

We believe that this proposed unit will serve as an essential resource in addressing current gaps in reproductive healthcare services, providing information and education to residents, coordinating care among various healthcare providers, and fostering collaboration across the region. By centralizing access and connection to existing reproductive health services, including family planning, sexually transmitted infection and disease testing and treatment, gynecologic care, prenatal care, and maternal health, this effort will not only improve healthcare outcomes but will also enhance access to critical preventive measures which will only improve women's health. Furthermore, the unit's focus on coordinating services will enable the County to better meet the diverse reproductive healthcare needs of its residents through connecting them to vital community-based resources and care, in addition to referring them to essential County of San Diego healthcare services.

UC San Diego Health stands ready to collaborate with the County of San Diego and other healthcare partners to achieve our shared goals of improving access to reproductive healthcare and enhancing overall healthcare outcomes. This unit will help strengthen our collective efforts to address disparities in healthcare access and ensure that San Diego's most vulnerable populations receive comprehensive support.

UC San Diego Health is eager to work with the County and other stakeholders to advance these goals and improve the overall health of San Diego's residents. We thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,



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