

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - LAND USE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 5

**SUBJECT: OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE -
APPROVAL OF CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER TRAVEL OUT OF
COUNTRY FOR JOINT PUBLIC DELEGATION ON SUSTAINABLE URBAN
DEVELOPMENT (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

In accordance with Board of Supervisors Policy D-7, Out-of-County Business and Related Guidelines and Processes and Administrative Code section 470, this is a request to approve one staff from the Office of Sustainability and Environmental Justice (OSEJ) to attend a program hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark. Representatives from state and municipal governments and public universities across California and British Columbia were specifically invited for this five-day program, “Joint Public Delegation - California & British Columbia - Sustainable Urban Development.” The delegation will focus on global best practices and market opportunities to address transition risks and physical risks associated with climate change, considering pressing issues of extreme weather events and climate pattern shifts in the context of the need for energy efficient building regulation and technology, digital public service delivery, affordable housing, and the development of complete communities. The trip is fully funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Denmark, including roundtrip airfare from San Diego to Denmark, transportation within Denmark, hotel accommodations, meals and related program expenses over the course of the program will be covered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark. Today’s request is for the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to approve the Chief Sustainability Officer’s travel to Denmark to participate in this delegation scheduled for November 17-21, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Per Administrative Code section 470, approve the Chief Sustainability Officer travel to Denmark for participation in the “Joint Public Delegation - California & British Columbia - Sustainable Urban Development” program scheduled for November 17-21, 2025.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Office of Sustainability and Environmental Justice (OSEJ) advances collaborative sustainability solutions that repair systemic inequities and environmental burdens throughout the County organization and across the San Diego region. OSEJ pursues impact through interdepartmental and cross-sector partnerships, particularly focusing on initiatives that uplift individuals disproportionately and negatively impacted by past and current processes, programs, and policies. By participating in this high-level Joint Public Delegation with representatives across California, British Columbia, and Denmark, the Chief Sustainability Officer will have opportunities to discuss and learn best practices that combine economic and workforce development with strategies to address climate risks to enhance activities and outcomes that support communities served via the Regional Decarbonization Framework.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's action contributes to County of San Diego Sustainability Goal #3 to transition to a green, carbon-free economy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, support green job creation and workforce

development, and prepare for impacts of a changing climate. By approving the Chief Sustainability Officer's participation in the fully funded Sustainable Urban Development program, the County will gain valuable insights from global leaders to address transition risks and physical risks associated with climate change that can be integrated into advanced strategies for regional programs and policy and strengthen the County's ongoing efforts to achieve ambitious sustainability and livability objectives. The delegation will consider pressing issues of extreme weather events and climate pattern shifts in the context of the need for energy efficient building regulation and technology, affordable housing, and the development of complete communities. In addition, engaging in this program provides a cross-cultural opportunity, as participants will include sustainability leaders from three countries.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with today's request. The Chief Sustainability Officer will receive regular salary and benefits, and no overtime will be incurred as a result of this trip. Travel expenses, including roundtrip airfare from San Diego to Denmark, transportation within Denmark, hotel accommodations, meals and related program expenses over the course of the program will be covered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark. If the total cost of the travel expenses exceeds \$5,000, OSEJ will return to the Board to ratify acceptance of the donation in accordance with Board policy A-112 and Admin Code section 66. There will be no change in the net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Aguirre, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe
RECUSED: Desmond

State of California)
County of San Diego)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter

