



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

AGENDA ITEM

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

PALOMA AGUIRRE
First District

JOEL ANDERSON
Second District

TERRA LAWSON-REMER
Third District

MONICA MONTGOMERY STEPPE
Fourth District

JIM DESMOND
Fifth District

DATE: February 11, 2026

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

Paul Healy spoke regarding conduct and use of meeting time for political purposes at the Crest-Dehesa-Harbison Canyon-Granite Hills Planning Group, and requested County assistance and guidance regarding planning group procedures.

Robert Germann spoke regarding closures of public facilities and areas at Gillespie Field, concerns with actions of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, and lack of public notification regarding airport-related decisions.

Ricky Robinson spoke regarding his grandchildren's dependency case, requested that a planned adoption be stopped, and alleged misconduct and retaliation in related court and County proceedings.

Becky Rapp spoke as a public health educator in opposition to expanding commercial marijuana businesses into the backcountry, citing public health, youth access, and prevention infrastructure concerns.

Kathleen Lippitt spoke regarding County cannabis policy, expressing concerns that unincorporated residents' objections to cannabis expansion and related land use and environmental issues have not been adequately addressed.

Lynn Nee spoke regarding alleged long-term neglect of horses on Artesian Road, prior seizures of horses, concerns about enforcement of probation conditions, and urged the County to shut down the operation.

Terri Ann Skelly spoke as a parent, public health educator, and planning group member regarding the U.S. Surgeon General's 2025 report on smoking and vaping and urged the Board to

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adopt tobacco and marijuana smoke-free and vape-free policies and to restrict retail availability of such products in unincorporated areas.

Michelle Walther spoke as a constituent of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe regarding Department of Animal Services operations, alleged animal neglect at a private horse ranch, and called for investigations into the Department of Animal Services and the Board.

Zohra Fahim spoke as founder of Los Angeles Alliance for Animals regarding alleged neglect of horses on Artesian Road and at a separate ranch in Supervisor Anderson’s district, expressed concerns about Department of Animal Services management and Human Resources oversight, and called for accountability and corrective action.

Kelsey Coughlin spoke as a constituent of Supervisor Lawson-Remer regarding animal shelter operations in Carlsbad and Bonita, urging reinstatement and active management of volunteer programs, increased spay/neuter efforts, and limiting euthanasia to last-resort cases with adequate behavioral and medical support.

Laurie Paladino spoke regarding the resignation of the Director of Animal Services, the need for strong volunteer programs, expanded spay/neuter access, and concerns about animals being euthanized without sufficient time or support.

Ann Riddle thanked the County for its “Love Your Heart” campaign and distribution of blood pressure monitors and urged the Board to consider the cardiovascular risks of smoking and vaping, including cannabis, when making land use and cannabis policy decisions.

RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Heard, referred to the Chief Administrative Officer.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT
N/A

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT
N/A

FISCAL IMPACT
N/A

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT
N/A

ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT

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N/A

BACKGROUND

N/A

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN

N/A

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Shelton', written in a cursive style.

EBONY N. SHELTON
Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT(S)

N/A