

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS  
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PUBLIC AUTHORITY,  
SANITATION DISTRICT, SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, COUNTY  
SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDAS

**TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025, 9:00 AM AND WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025, 9:00 AM**  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER,  
BOARD CHAMBER, ROOM 310  
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

**BUDGET HEARINGS**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025, 9:00 AM AND 5:30 P.M.**

Order Of Business

- A. The Budget Hearing was called to order at 9:02 a.m.
- B. Statement (just cause) and/or Consideration of a Request to Participate Remotely (emergency circumstances) by a Supervisor, if applicable.

**Item 16: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:  
BUDGET HEARINGS: CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
RECOMMENDED OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS  
2025-26 & 2026-27 (DISTRICTS: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE  
SERVICES PUBLIC AUTHORITY, SANITATION DISTRICT, SAN  
DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND COUNTY  
SUCCESSOR AGENCY)**

The Board recessed the Budget hearing at 10:53 a.m., then reconvened at 5:35 p.m. for additional public testimony.

PRESENT: Supervisors Terra Lawson-Remer, Vice-Chair; Joel Anderson; Monica Montgomery Steppe; Jim Desmond; also, Andrew Potter, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

**GENERAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025, 10:00 AM**

The General Legislative Session was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Supervisors Terra Lawson-Remer, Vice-Chair; Joel Anderson; Monica Montgomery Steppe; Jim Desmond; also, Andrew Potter, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

C. Invocation was led by Reverend Dan Koeshall.

D. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Khalil Bleux.

E. Presentations or Announcement of Proclamations and Awards:

Vice-Chair Terra Lawson-Remer presented a proclamation declaring June 3, 2025, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day throughout the County of San Diego.

Vice-Chair Terra Lawson-Remer and Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe presented a proclamation declaring the month of June 2025, to be Pride Month throughout the County of San Diego.

Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe presented a proclamation declaring June 3, 2025, to be Juneteenth throughout the County of San Diego.

Supervisor Joel Anderson presented a proclamation declaring June 3, 2025, to be Voice of San Diego Day throughout the County of San Diego.

Supervisor Jim Desmond presented a proclamation declaring June 3, 2025, to be Serenity Project Day throughout the County of San Diego.

F. Non-Agenda Public Communication: Individuals can address the Board on topics within its jurisdiction that are not on the agenda. According to the Board's Rules of Procedure, each person may speak at only one Non-Agenda Public Communication session per meeting. Speakers can choose to speak during either the General Legislative or Land Use Legislative Session.

G. Approval of the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the sessions of May 20, 2025, and May 21, 2025.

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors approved the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the sessions of May 20, 2025 and May 21, 2025.

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

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

H. Consent Agenda

I. Discussion Items

J. Board Member Committee Updates. This is an opportunity for Members of the Board to provide informational updates on their committee assignments. No action may be taken.

K. Recess to Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 9:00 AM for the Land Use Legislative Session

NOTICE: THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE ANY ACTION WITH RESPECT TO THE ITEMS INCLUDED ON THIS AGENDA. RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY COUNTY STAFF DO NOT LIMIT ACTIONS THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD NOT RELY UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE BOARD LETTER AS DETERMINATIVE OF THE ACTION THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE ON A PARTICULAR MATTER.

### **Board of Supervisors' Agenda Items**

<b>Category</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Public Safety	1.	DISTRICT ATTORNEY - GRANT APPLICATIONS, ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS AND RESOLUTIONS FOR INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAMS
	2.	SHERIFF - RATIFY ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS FROM THE SAN DIEGO HONORARY DEPUTY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION
	3.	SHERIFF - REQUEST FOR SINGLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT OF CALIFORNIA IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM EQUIPMENT
	4.	RATIFY ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS FROM R&G PETERSON FAMILY TRUST, HEART OF CHULA VISTA ANIMAL CARE FACILITY, YIN C. AND GARY D. FAUNCE AND MERCK ANIMAL HEALTH
Health and Human Services	5.	AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF BOND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONTINUUM INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS
	6.	ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM: SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE: ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 232.5 OF ARTICLE XV OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE INNOVATIVE HOUSING TRUST FUND (05/20/25 - FIRST READING; 06/03/2025 - SECOND READING, UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING); AND APPROVE A REALLOCATION OF FUNDING TO THE INNOVATIVE HOUSING TRUST FUND AND LANDLORD INCENTIVE PROGRAM
	7.	NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING: FALLBROOK - APPROVE ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 3.04 ACRES OF LAND FROM NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (05/06/2025 - SET HEARING; 06/03/2025 - HOLD HEARING), APPROVE EXEMPT SURPLUS PROPERTY DECLARATION AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION

Financial and General Government	8.	RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS JUNE 2025 MEETING CALENDAR AND WAIVING DOCKETING DEADLINES FOR A NEW JUNE 9, 2025 REGULAR MEETING
	9.	AMENDMENT TO THE SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AND THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT
	10.	SAN DIEGO COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (SDCERA) RETIREMENT BOARD ELECTION - THIRD MEMBER (GENERAL), SEVENTH MEMBER (SAFETY) AND ALTERNATE MEMBER (SAFETY)
	11.	APPROVAL OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE: NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
	12.	APPOINTMENTS: VARIOUS
	13.	COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED
Public Safety	14.	RECEIVE PRESENTATION ON REGIONAL FIRE PREPAREDNESS
Health and Human Services	15.	RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT ANNUAL UPDATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26
Financial and General Government	16.	NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING: BUDGET HEARINGS: CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDED OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2025-26 & 2026-27 (DISTRICTS: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PUBLIC AUTHORITY, SANITATION DISTRICT, SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND COUNTY SUCCESSOR AGENCY)
	17.	NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING (TEFRA): APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE AND REFUNDING BONDS BY THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF HUMANGOOD - CALIFORNIA OBLIGATED GROUP, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$205,000,000 OF WHICH NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000,000 IS FOR PROJECTS IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY
	18.	ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STRONGER FEDERAL AND STATE MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE ONGOING HEALTH AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF CROSS-BORDER POLLUTION IN THE TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY
	19.	STOP THE PROPOSED STATE GAS TAX INCREASE

20. SUPPORTING SAN DIEGO’S BIOMEDICAL SECTOR: ADDRESSING RECENT CHALLENGES TO THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH
21. CONSIDERATION OF OPTIONS TO EXTEND THE PUBLISHING TIMELINE FOR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING AGENDAS
22. COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO 2025 TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES
23. APPROVAL OF THE DELIVERY AND EXECUTION OF RELATED FINANCING DOCUMENTS FOR THE REFUNDING CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION FOR THE COUNTY OPERATIONS CENTER, SERIES 2025
24. CLOSED SESSION
25. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

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**1. SUBJECT: DISTRICT ATTORNEY - GRANT APPLICATIONS, ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS AND RESOLUTIONS FOR INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAMS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The District Attorney's Office works to enhance public awareness of crimes, including insurance fraud, wage theft, tax evasion, and labor trafficking; deter potential defrauders; and proactively investigate and prosecute insurance fraud and workplace justice crimes. These efforts ultimately lead to a reduction in the insurance premiums for consumers, lower workers' compensation rates for employers, ensure that injured workers receive the benefits they are entitled to collect, and protect workers in the County. The District Attorney's Office has long leveraged grant funding resources to support the operation of its Insurance Fraud and Workplace Justice programs. These programs have been consistently recognized for their excellence.

If approved, today's actions will authorize the District Attorney to apply for and accept five (5) grants from the California Department of Insurance for an estimated amount of \$16.1 million: Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program (\$9.9 million), Automobile Insurance Fraud Program (\$2.5 million), Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Program (\$2.2 million), Disability and Healthcare Insurance Fraud Program (\$1.2 million) and Life and Annuity Consumer Protection Program (\$0.3 million); waive Board Policy B-29 for non-reimbursable indirect costs, and adopt Fiscal Year 2025-26 resolutions. The performance period is July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Today's actions will also authorize the District Attorney to apply for and accept grant funding for the five grant programs from the California Department of Insurance in subsequent years, provided there are no material changes to the grant terms and funding levels.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

1. Authorize the District Attorney to apply for and accept grant funds in the estimated amount of \$16.1 million from the California Department of Insurance for the Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program (\$9.9 million), Automobile Insurance Fraud Program (\$2.5 million), Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Program (\$2.2 million), Disability and Healthcare Insurance Fraud Program (\$1.2 million), and Life and Annuity Consumer Protection Program (\$0.3 million) for the performance period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, and apply for and accept grant funds in subsequent years, provided there are no material changes to the grant terms or funding level.
2. Adopt a resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM.
3. Adopt a resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO THE AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM.

4. Adopt a resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO THE ORGANIZED AUTOMOBILE FRAUD ACTIVITY INTERDICTION PROGRAM.
5. Adopt a resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO THE DISABILITY AND HEALTHCARE INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM.
6. Adopt a resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO THE LIFE AND ANNUITY CONSUMER PROTECTION PROGRAM.
7. Authorize the District Attorney, and/or designee, to review and execute all required or related grant documents from the California Department of Insurance for the Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program, including agreements for the financial administration and distribution of funds where necessary to carry out the purposes of the program, and any annual extensions, amendments, and/or revisions that do not materially impact either the program or funding levels of the Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program, Automobile Insurance Fraud Program, Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Program, Disability and Healthcare Insurance Fraud Program, and Life and Annuity Consumer Protection Program.
8. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery which requires full cost recovery of grants and to the extent it requires separate applications for authority to apply for and accept grants.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The District Attorney's Office is constitutionally responsible for the investigation and prosecution of all criminal violations of state law and county ordinances. The Insurance Fraud and Workplace Justice Division specializes in prosecuting wage theft, tax evasion, labor trafficking, and crimes where misrepresentations are made to unlawfully obtain insurance benefits in several areas including auto insurance, workers' compensation, disability and healthcare, and life insurance. To prevent fraud and protect community members, the District Attorney's Office is committed to engaging all San Diego communities in education and awareness campaigns to avoid fraudulent activities. Proactive strategies are deployed with the goal of promoting equal access to antifraud and workers' rights information, which is presented at local community meetings, published in diverse neighborhood newspapers, displayed on billboards and transit stops, and circulated in social media platforms and broadcasted on television to ensure information is accessible and equitably distributed countywide. Combatting insurance fraud ensures fairness and equity in insurance premiums paid by community members, including consumers and small businesses. Fighting wage theft, tax evasion, labor trafficking, and related crimes safeguards the rights of all San Diego County workers, especially those who are members of vulnerable populations. The District Attorney's Office has long leveraged grant funding resources to support the operation of its Insurance Fraud and Workplace Justice programs.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action contributes to the County of San Diego's sustainability goals of protecting the health and well-being of San Diego communities, fostering an equitable business climate, safeguarding workers' rights, and supporting workforce development. The Insurance Fraud and Workplace Justice Programs engage all of San Diego's communities in education and awareness of insurance fraud, wage theft, and related crimes and proactively investigates and prosecutes those offenses. This includes educating the community, including vulnerable populations, about their rights in the workplace, workers' compensation fraud crimes, wage theft, labor trafficking, and tax evasion. The District Attorney's Insurance Fraud Programs also protect an equitable business climate by supporting compliance with insurance, employment, and tax laws. It reduces car thefts, staged accident rings, and car repair shop fraud. It shields our senior population from financial abuse by prosecuting fraudulent life insurance and annuities scams. Finally, by prosecuting medical provider fraud, including doctors, dentists, chiropractors, and others in a position of trust, the Insurance Fraud Program protects San Diego County citizens from being exploited for kickbacks, having unnecessary procedures performed on them, and being overbilled for life-sustaining services. The Insurance Fraud and Workplace Justice Programs' efforts have ultimately led to a reduction in the amount of insurance fraud committed in the County of San Diego while ensuring the health and well-being of our citizens and fostering an inclusive business environment.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Years 2025-27 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the District Attorney's Office. If approved and awarded, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$17.3 million annually. The funding source is an estimated annual \$16.1 million from the California Department of Insurance, and an estimated annual \$1.2 million of existing General Purpose Revenue for non-reimbursable indirect costs. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, adopting the following:

Resolution No. 25-033, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM;

Resolution No. 25-034, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO THE AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM;

Resolution No. 25-035, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO THE ORGANIZED AUTOMOBILE FRAUD ACTIVITY INTERDICTION PROGRAM;

Resolution No. 25-036, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO THE DISABILITY AND HEALTHCARE INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM; and,

Resolution No. 25-037, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO THE LIFE AND ANNUITY CONSUMER PROTECTION PROGRAM.

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

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

**2. SUBJECT: SHERIFF - RATIFY ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS FROM THE SAN DIEGO HONORARY DEPUTY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

County of San Diego Administrative Code Article III, Section 66 Acceptance of Gifts and Board of Supervisors Policy A-112, Acceptance and Use of Gifts and Donations, provide a process for accepting gifts by the administrative heads of each department in the County, subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors. This is a request to ratify the acceptance of donations with a combined value of \$70,249 from the San Diego Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association for supplies for the Rise Above Youth Program at the San Marcos and Vista stations (\$6,781); gift certificates and gift cards for the Detentions/Court Services Academies (\$1,300); a San Diego Sheriff's Office (SDSO) badge balloon for the Volunteer Services Unit (\$8,474); three law enforcement patrol canines for the Canine Unit (\$48,000); and supplies and equipment rentals for the Sheriff's 175th Anniversary ceremony (\$5,694).

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**SHERIFF**

1. In accordance with County of San Diego Administrative Code Article III, Section 66 Acceptance of Gifts and Board of Supervisors Policy A-112, Acceptance and Use of Gifts and Donations, ratify the acceptance of donations from the San Diego Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association valued at \$70,249.
2. Authorize the Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign the letter of appreciation on behalf of the Board of Supervisors and the County of San Diego to the San Diego Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Public safety success results from well-trained, well-equipped, and healthy personnel creating positive partnerships with our community. The donations from the San Diego Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association (HDSA) support Sheriff's Office personnel and programs. These HDSA donations help support our employees from diverse backgrounds and identities by giving them resources and opportunities to provide quality services and participate in morale boosting community events. The acceptance and use of these donations demonstrates our commitment to enhance both employee and community wellness and engagement. The goal of the San Diego

Sheriff's Rise Above Youth Program is to reach all San Diego County communities. Participants and their families include members of our Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) community.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action to receive donations in support of employee wellness, morale, and safety with adequate equipment, contributes to the County of San Diego's Sustainability goal of providing just and equitable access. Having healthy and positive personnel assists with building trust and partnerships with our communities. By providing support to its youth programs, the San Diego Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association is helping the Sheriff's Office with furthering the County's Sustainability goal of protecting the health and wellbeing of everyone in the region. The Rise Above Youth Program invigorates our staff, increases stakeholder engagement, breeds community participation, and enhances community awareness of the threat of substance abuse and gang involvement.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no current year fiscal impact associated with today's request to ratify the acceptance of donations with a combined value of \$70,249 from the San Diego Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association. Future ongoing costs associated with the canines including, but not limited to, food and veterinary care, will be included in future Operational Plans for the Sheriff's Office. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

3. **SUBJECT: SHERIFF - REQUEST FOR SINGLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT OF CALIFORNIA IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM EQUIPMENT (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

The California Identification System/Remote Access Network (Cal-ID/RAN) is a statewide system that provides local law enforcement agencies with direct access to local, state, and federal automated fingerprint, palm print, photo systems and databases. This statewide system allows for the rapid identification of persons booked into detention facilities and latent prints lifted from crime scenes. The Sheriff's Office serves as San Diego County's CAL-ID/RAN administrator.

Livescans are a critical component of the Cal-ID/RAN system as they are biometric acquisition and identification devices that capture fingerprints and palm prints and electronically transmit those images to be stored in our local, state, and federal fingerprint databases. On February 11, 2020 (4), the Board of Supervisors authorized the Sheriff's Office to purchase upgraded livescan

devices. The current contract for livescan devices with Idemia Identity & Security USA LLC (Idemia) started on July 27, 2020, and will expire on July 28, 2025. Today's action requests the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors to authorize a contract extension for the continued service model plan with Idemia. A single source procurement is precluded from competition based on standardization as Cal-ID/RAN has operated the same Idemia livescan equipment since 2020. Idemia is the exclusive manufacturer, owner, and provider of their livescan hardware, software, and related services. No other service provider is authorized to modify or update Idemia's proprietary system. Furthermore, Idemia's livescans are tightly integrated with the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) which requires absolute compatibility for the integration.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **SHERIFF**

In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, approve and authorize the Director of Department of Purchasing and Contracting to enter into negotiations with Idemia Identity & Security USA LLC, and, subject to successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award a contract extension for a continued service model plan for livescan equipment for a term of one year, with two one-year option periods, and an additional six-month extension, if needed, and to amend the contract as needed to reflect changes to services and funding, subject to the approval of the Sheriff.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Identification of people convicted of crimes is crucial in the criminal justice process to deliver accountability and bring justice and healing to victims. Continuing the contract with Idemia Identity & Security USA LLC for the use of livescan devices ensures consistency and that the highest quality service is provided to the residents and law enforcement agencies of San Diego County.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's action to authorize the contract extension for continuing a service model plan with Idemia Identity & Security USA LLC supports the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal of providing just and equitable access for victims of crimes and those that may have wrongfully been accused in a crime. The Cal-ID/RAN system requires reliable livescan devices for accurate identification and is a critical component of serving justice and holding the responsible parties accountable for their actions.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for the request to extend the contract with Idemia for the continued service model plan for livescan devices are included in the Fiscal Year 2025-27 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the Sheriff's Office. If approved, this request will result in an estimated annual cost of \$528,836 with a maximum of three years, and an additional six-month extension, if needed, for a total cost of \$1,850,926. The funding source is the Sheriff Fingerprint ID Trust Fund, which is funded with vehicle registration fees. Subsequent year costs and revenue will be included in future Operational Plans for the Sheriff's Office. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

4. **SUBJECT: RATIFY ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS FROM R&G PETERSON FAMILY TRUST, HEART OF CHULA VISTA ANIMAL CARE FACILITY, YIN C. AND GARY D. FAUNCE AND MERCK ANIMAL HEALTH (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

County of San Diego Administrative Code Article III, Section 66 Acceptance of Gifts and Board of Supervisors Policy A-112, Acceptance and Use of Gifts and Donations, permit the acceptance of gifts and donations by the administrative head of each department in the County, subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors.

In Fiscal Year 2024-2025, the County of San Diego's Department of Animal Services (DAS) received three separate cash donations from R&G Peterson Family Trust (\$134,362), Heart of Chula Vista Animal Care Facility (\$15,000), Yin and Gary Faunce (\$10,000), and one in-kind donation of vaccines worth \$6,815 from Merck Animal Health. Of the \$159,362 received in cash donations, \$148,8362 will be deposited into the department's Public Education Trust Fund to fund outreach services with the Pet Health Express to offer free vaccines, licensing and microchips (\$133,8362), stock medical supplies for the Pet Health Express (\$10,000) and support ongoing spay/neuter efforts (\$5,000). The remaining, \$10,500 will be deposited in the Medical Expense "Spirit" Trust Fund to help injured and sick animals regain their health through surgery, medicine and follow up care with \$500 allocated per the trust for supporting the care and maintenance of cats. Additionally, the in-kind donation of vaccines from Merck Animal Health will be utilized within DAS shelters and for mobile clinic outreach events.

Today's request is to ratify the acceptance of donations from R&G Peterson Family Trust, Heart of Chula Vista Animal Care Facility, Yin and Gary Faunce, and Merck Animal Health for the Department of Animal Services.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. In accordance with County of San Diego Administrative Code Article III, Section 66 Acceptance of Gifts and Board of Supervisors Policy A-112, Acceptance and Use of Gifts and Donations, ratify the acceptance a donation from R&G Peterson Family Trust in the amount of \$134,362, a donation from Heart of Chula Vista Animal Care Facility in the amount of \$15,000, a donation from the Yin and Gary Faunce in the amount of \$10,000 for deposit into the Department of Animal Services' Animal Control Public Education and Medical Expense "Spirit" Trust Fund and a donation of vaccines from Merck Animal Health valued at \$6,815.

2. Authorize the Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign letters of appreciation on behalf of the Board of Supervisors to R&G Peterson Family Trust, Heart of Chula Vista Animal Care Facility, Yin and Gary Faunce, and Merck Animal Health.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego Department of Animal Services (DAS) periodically receives monetary gifts and in-kind donations to benefit animal and public health and safety, including care for orphaned pets in County animal shelters. In Fiscal Year 2024-25, Animal Services is projected to serve 5,778 animals, the majority of which enter our shelters as strays in need of veterinary care.

Gifts and donations received by DAS help advance equity since they are used to provide access to services to historically underserved communities, which are frequently without veterinary care access for beloved family pets. By expanding access to critical veterinary services for those historically underserved, the County can help keep pets in homes with their families and out of shelters.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed actions to ratify acceptance of donations from the R&G Peterson Family Trust, the Heart of Chula Vista Animal Care Facility, Yin and Gary Faunce, and Merck Animal Health contribute to the County of San Diego Sustainability Goals to maintain adequate resources and fiscal stability to be able to provide critically needed veterinary care services. The Department of Animal Services (DAS) is committed to the 2004 San Diego Animal Welfare Coalition Asilomar Accords (recently updated in November 2020) goal of saving all healthy and treatable dogs and cats in our care and meeting the standard of care typically provided in the community. Donations to the Public Education Trust Fund and Medical Expense “Spirit” Trust Fund allow DAS to afford outreach services with the Pet Health Express, bringing free animal services such as microchipping, licensing, spay/neuter procedures, supplies, disaster preparedness and pet wellness education to underserved areas of the County and allow DAS to afford necessary but expensive medical care for animals that are treatable.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Between August 2024 and May 2025, the Department of Animal Services received three cash donations totaling \$159,362. If today’s requested actions are approved, these cash donations will be deposited into the Department of Animal Services’ Animal Control Public Education Trust Fund to help offer free vaccines, licensing, microchips and supplies to the underserved areas of the County and to the Medical Expense “Spirit” Trust Fund to help injured and sick animals regain their health through surgery, medicine and follow-up care. Additionally, an in-kind donation of vaccines valued at \$6,815, will be utilized at DAS shelters and for mobile clinic outreach events. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

**5. SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF BOND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONTINUUM INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

In March 2024, California voters passed Proposition 1 that includes the Behavioral Health Services Act and the Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act of 2023. This legislation authorized \$6.38 billion in general obligation bonds to expand behavioral health treatment, residential care settings, and housing to support people with mental health conditions and substance use disorders. Funds from the bonds were allocated to competitive grants for facilities that provide behavioral health treatment and residential settings, including tribal entities and serving individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness with behavioral health needs.

In July 2024, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) released a request for applications for the Bond Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (Bond BHCIP) that provided \$4.4 billion in competitive grant funds to counties, cities, tribal entities, nonprofit, and for-profit entities, for behavioral health capital infrastructure. The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Services (BHS) applied for the Bond BHCIP funds. Subsequently, on May 6, 2025, BHS received a notice of a conditional grant award, totaling \$29.8 million of funding, with \$21.9 million for the Substance Use Residential and Treatment Services (SURTS) facility and \$7.9 million for the new Children's Crisis Residential Care facility.

Today's action requests the San Diego County Board of Supervisors authorize the acceptance of \$29.8 million in one-time grant funds from the DHCS for capital infrastructure at the SURTS facility and the new Children's Crisis Residential Care facility and to waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires full-cost recovery for grants

Today's action supports the County vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by further strengthening the continuum of behavioral health services in San Diego County.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Authorize the acceptance of Bond Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (Bond BHCIP) grant funding of up to \$29.8 million from the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for Fiscal Years 2025-26 through 2029-30, for capital infrastructure at the Substance Use Residential and Treatment Services facility and the new Children's Crisis Residential Care facility; and authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to execute all required documents, upon receipt, including any annual extensions, amendments, or revisions that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.
2. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires full cost recovery for grants.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Services (BHS) functions as the specialty mental health plan for Medi-Cal eligible residents with serious mental illness, and the service delivery system for Medi-Cal eligible residents with substance use disorder care needs within San Diego County. As a regional steward of public health, BHS must ensure services address social determinants of health by being accessible, capable of meeting the needs of a diverse population, and equitably distributed to those most in need. BHS utilizes a population health approach, evidence-based practices, robust data analysis, and input from consumers, community-based providers, healthcare organizations, and other stakeholders to identify community needs and design services that are impactful, equitable, and yield meaningful outcomes for clients. BHS conducts ongoing engagement activities, such as community outreach, focus groups, listening sessions, and key informant interviews, to ensure community input remains central to priorities and planning activities.

Establishing additional dedicated behavioral health infrastructure to support people with mental health and substance use needs who are Medi-Cal eligible will yield positive outcomes for some of the most vulnerable residents in San Diego County. This will be accomplished through the creation of the Substance Use Residential and Treatment Services (SURTS) facility and the Children's Crisis Residential Care facility. These capital projects will enhance access to behavioral health care across the region for adults in need of residential substance use services and children in need of behavioral health crisis services.

According to the 2023 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 95.5% of people aged 12 and older with a substance use disorder did not receive substance use treatment in the past year. The SURTS facility will help meet the unmet and rising need for residential treatment options. In addition, the development of the new Children's Crisis Residential Care facility establishes a new resource for youth up to 18 years of age not currently in place within the local behavioral health care continuum. This facility serves as an alternative to hospitalization and is an essential level of care for the treatment of children and youth with serious emotional disturbances in mental health crisis. Children and youth in mental health crisis often face long wait times for a hospital bed and are often transported, without a parent, to a facility far from home to access necessary treatment services. Locating placements for youth with high acuity mental health needs continues to be a challenge as they frequently move between congregate care settings, hospitals, and detention facilities while attempting to stabilize.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed action supports the County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goal #2, to ensure equitable access to County services. BHS has conducted extensive engagement activities to better understand local behavioral health needs and enhance collaboration with local partners. Through these efforts, BHS has solicited community feedback to inform department priorities, inclusive of services and infrastructure planning. The development of the Substance Use Residential and Treatment Services facility and Children's Crisis Residential Care facility will support increased capacity dedicated to children and adults with behavioral health conditions. These services will support equitable access to essential behavioral health care for Medi-Cal eligible children and adults, enabling them to be connected to care.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

### **Recommendation #1: Authorize the Acceptance of the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program Grant**

Funds tied to the acceptance of the Bond Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (Bond BHCIP) grant funding for the Substance Use Residential and Treatment Services (SURTS) are not included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of approximately \$21.9 million in FY 2025-26. Appropriations for SURTS are already included in the FY 2024-25 Operational Plan and will be made available in subsequent fiscal years through the appropriate year-end process. The funding source is the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program Grant.

Funds tied to the acceptance of the Bond BHCIP grant funding for the Children's Crisis Residential Care facility is partially included in the FY 2025-26 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the County Health Complex Fund (Project 1027588). If approved, the request will result in estimated costs and revenue of approximately \$7.9 million in FY 2025-26. The funding source is the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program Grant. The CAO Recommended Operational Plan includes \$6.9 million to fund this project. The estimated \$1.0 million additional available grant funds in comparison to project estimates is earmarked for use towards the project as needed. Future Board action will be necessary if an increase to the capital project is necessary. At that time, staff would return to the Board for future approvals necessary.

If approved, this request will result in a total estimated costs and revenue of approximately \$29.8 million in FY 2025-26 through FY 2029-30 and will be used for capital costs as noted above.

There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

### **Recommendation #2: Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts**

A waiver of Board Policy B-29 is associated with the BHCIP minimum grant match requirement of 10 percent of the total award in FY 2025-26 through FY 2029-30, or \$2.9 million. To increase competitiveness in the application process, the required local match was exceeded by utilizing both the value of the property as well as sunk capital costs already expended for each project, for a total demonstrated local match of \$10.8 million. The public benefit of this project far outweighs the B-29 unrecoverable costs. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

6. **SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:**  
**SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:**  
**ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 232.5 OF ARTICLE XV OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE INNOVATIVE HOUSING TRUST FUND (05/20/25 - FIRST READING; 06/03/2025 - SECOND READING, UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING); AND APPROVE A REALLOCATION OF FUNDING TO THE INNOVATIVE HOUSING TRUST FUND AND LANDLORD INCENTIVE PROGRAM (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

On May 20, 2025 (02), the Board of Supervisors took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on June 3, 2025.

As affordable housing resources become increasingly scarce, the County of San Diego's (County) Innovative Housing Trust Fund (IHTF) has been a catalyst in expanding affordable housing options for veterans, seniors, persons experiencing homelessness, and low-income families. On October 10, 2017 (7), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) established the IHTF to address affordable housing needs throughout San Diego County. To date, the Board has contributed \$105.6 million dollars to the IHTF over five funding allocations. These funds have supported 36 affordable housing developments within 23 communities throughout the region. Once completed, 3,054 deed restricted housing units funded in part with IHTF will become homes to low-income households providing long-term safe, sustainable housing.

In addition to the IHTF, the County provides support and resources for vulnerable populations including those at-risk or experiencing homelessness through interventions such as Capital Emergency Solutions Grant Program and the Landlord Incentive Program (LIP). LIP supports families and veterans experiencing homelessness and provides financial incentives to landlords who rent to these participants in housing programs by the Housing Authority of the County of San Diego.

On May 24, 2022 (6), the Board approved the Capital Emergency Solutions Grant Program. The County made \$10 million available to local cities for the expansion of emergency housing and awarded funds to nine projects. Per the program guidelines, the County would rescind the notice of award if an awarded project is not shovel-ready. On March 27, 2025, the County rescinded the

notice of intent to award funding for one project unable to move forward due to external barriers and delayed approvals leaving \$2 million available for re-allocation. County staff is recommending allocating these funds to IHTF and LIP.

Today's request is for the Board to approve the reallocation of funds and the introduction of the proposed ordinance amending Section 232.5 of Article XV of the San Diego County Code of Administrative Ordinances related to the IHTF. The proposed ordinance will integrate prior Board direction from August 31, 2021 (6) to provide a preference for projects on County-owned land declared surplus for future affordable housing, specify a minimum 55-year affordability period as this is not currently in the ordinance, and amend the ordinance to clarify staff time related to affordable housing initiatives is an eligible expense. The ordinance will be introduced on May 20, 2025 and, if approved, it will be scheduled for adoption on June 3, 2025. If the proposed ordinance is altered on June 3, 2025, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance's adoption.

This item aligns with the County Housing Blueprint, ensuring the County continues to prioritize housing stability by expanding access to affordable housing and investing in affordable housing funding sources. Additionally, today's actions support the County vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically for those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind. Today's action also supports the County ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities.

#### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

##### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Consider and adopt (second reading):

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 232.5 OF ARTICLE XV OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE INNOVATIVE HOUSING TRUST FUND.**

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Innovative Housing Trust Fund (IHTF) is a locally funded initiative to expand permanent affordable housing across the region, addressing local housing shortages which help to increase access to quality affordable housing. Units produced through the IHTF provide stable affordable housing for vulnerable populations, including lower-income households, persons experiencing homelessness, seniors, and veterans. Housing eligibility requirements vary by development. A one-person household earning up to \$69,480, or 60% area median income (AMI), meets the income requirements for affordable housing and a four-person household earning up to \$99,240, or 60% AMI, also meets the income requirements for affordable housing. Since its creation in 2017, IHTF has supported 36 developments with 3,054 deed restricted units.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed actions support the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access. This is accomplished by ensuring affordable housing developments are restricted to vulnerable populations including lower-income households, persons experiencing homelessness, seniors, and veterans by cultivating strong relationships with other local governmental entities and community partners. This allows for a symbolic relationship that has,

at its core, a mutual, mission-driven goal to serve the communities that have been disproportionately impacted by poverty.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Operational Plan for the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, these funds will be used to support one-time costs of \$0.2 million in FY 2025-26 and \$1.8 million in FY 2026-27, for a total of \$2.0 million. Funds for subsequent fiscal years will be made available through the appropriate year-end process. This includes \$1.6 million for Innovative Housing Trust Fund to support affordable housing associated costs and \$0.4 million for the Landlord Incentive Program. The funding source is existing General Purpose Revenue. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

This proposal will have a positive impact on the business community. Funded projects may involve construction work at various sites throughout the county. Contracts resulting from these recommendations may be carried out with nonprofit and private sector firms and may involve a competitive bid process. Additionally, affordable rents can significantly increase the residual income that households have at their disposal after meeting necessary housing costs. Local businesses stand to gain from the increased buying power made possible by the availability of affordable housing.

### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, adopting Ordinance No. 10946 (N.S), entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 232.5 OF ARTICLE XV OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE INNOVATIVE HOUSING TRUST FUND.

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

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

7. **SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:  
FALLBROOK - APPROVE ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 3.04  
ACRES OF LAND FROM NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION  
DISTRICT (05/06/2025 - SET HEARING; 06/03/2025 - HOLD HEARING),  
APPROVE EXEMPT SURPLUS PROPERTY DECLARATION AND  
AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR  
DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND RELATED CEQA  
EXEMPTION (DISTRICT: 5)**

### **OVERVIEW**

On May 6, 2025 (14), the Board of Supervisors set a Hearing for June 3, 2025.

The County of San Diego (County) administers various housing programs to increase access to affordable housing options for San Diego County residents. The 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment, which covers the planning period of October 2021 through October 2029,

indicates that 68,959 units are needed regionally for very low, and low-income individuals and households. Units reserved for very low and low-income individuals and households serve tenant populations earning below 80% area median income, which is currently \$92,700 for a one-person household and \$132,400 for a four-person household. Addressing the housing needs of residents is essential for their self-sufficiency and well-being.

On August 31, 2021 (6), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to utilize \$5 million for innovative and sustainable affordable housing policy research, affordable housing policy development and implementation and evaluation of affordable housing pilot programs that advance equity, sustainability, and affordability. Additionally, on May 2, 2023 (9), the Board directed the CAO to explore opportunities to acquire land in Fallbrook and other communities for the development of affordable senior housing and return to the Board with an identified property or properties and funding options, including recommendations to utilize up to \$2.5 million based on unassigned General Fund balance. The Board also authorized the Director, County Department of General Services, to negotiate the acquisition of such site(s), execute option agreement(s), begin due diligence, and return for the necessary funding and approvals of the purchase(s).

Today's item requests the Board to set a hearing for June 3, 2025, to consider approval of the purchase of the Property and direct the Clerk of the Board to provide public notice of the hearing. If approved, staff will return to the Board on June 3, 2025, to request authorization to purchase the Property in Fallbrook, declare it exempt surplus land and authorize a request for proposals to select an affordable housing developer for the site or retain or dispose of the site for other permissible uses. This item aligns with the County Housing Blueprint by ensuring the County continues to focus on prevention and housing stability by addressing root causes, such as housing affordability. Additionally, today's actions support the County vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by supporting the expansion of affordable housing that is equitable and sustainable and meets the needs of the community for years to come.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find that the proposed acquisition of a portion of APN 103-233-23 is exempt from CEQA because it does not commit the County to a definite course of action with respect to construction of any project per CEQA Guidelines sections 15352 and 15004(b)(2)(A), which allows agencies to designate a preferred site for CEQA review and enter into land acquisition agreement when the agency has conditioned the agency's future use of the site on CEQA compliance. There are no development plans currently in place for the site, and any potential impacts would be too speculative to analyze at this point. The Board hereby conditions any future use of the site upon CEQA review and compliance.
2. Authorize the Director, DGS or designee, to exercise the option to purchase an approximately 3.04-acre portion of APN 103-233-23 for the appraised value of \$2,064,000 from North County Fire Protection District (utilizing the unassigned General Fund Balance) and to execute all escrow and related documents necessary to complete the purchase of a portion of APN 103-233-23.

3. Find that the proposed actions to declare the property exempt surplus land and issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) are not subject to review under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) because the actions are not a project as defined in Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines.
4. Find that a portion of APN 103-233-23 proposed to be acquired from North County Fire Protection District is not needed for County use at this time, but that the property can be used to potentially provide affordable housing to individuals or households of low or moderate income, or other alternative uses.
5. Find that the 3.04-acre portion of APN 103-233-23 is exempt surplus land under Government Code Section 54221(f)(1)(A) of the Surplus Land Act because it will be disposed of pursuant to Government Code Section 25539.4 for the development of affordable housing in accordance with the requirements of those Sections.
6. Authorize the Director, DGS in consultation with the Director, Housing and Community Development Services, to issue an RFP for the sale for nominal value and development of a portion of APN 103-233-23 for affordable housing in accordance with the requirements contained in Government Code Section 25539.4, to evaluate the proposals for negotiation, and to negotiate with the selected proposers the terms of a Disposition Development Agreement (DDA) that will document the conditions of the sale for the property, and return to the Board for approval of the DDA.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Housing affordability and housing insecurity are key drivers of regional and statewide poverty rates. The high cost of housing impacts all San Diegans, but the burden falls disproportionately on low-income residents. Supporting affordable housing needs of low-income residents including seniors advances equity and reduces financial burden, leading to better physical and mental health outcomes and improved community stability. Purchasing land for potential development of affordable housing creates private sector jobs and economic opportunities in San Diego County and contributes to the County of San Diego efforts to address local housing shortages and meet the needs of low-income residents for years to come. The development of future affordable housing on the identified Fallbrook site is contingent upon the approval of a General Plan Amendment. If approved, a Request for Proposal will be issued, based on findings from a Market Study, to ensure future development aligns to the community's needs, particularly for low-income seniors.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed actions for the Board of Supervisors to set a hearing for June 3, 2025, to consider the acquisition of the proposed property supports the County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to County resource allocation in support of sustainable communities and Sustainability Goal #4 to protect health and well-being of residents. This proposed action supports the building of safe and affordable housing and providing community resources that are equitable and sustainable. These efforts improve the overall health and well-being and reduces barriers for low-income residents.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operational Plan for the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in total costs of \$2,432,000. This includes \$2,064,000 for the acquisition of a portion of Assessor's Parcel Number 103-233-23, \$10,000 for escrow and title fees, \$300,000 for staff time, consultant and due diligence costs related to the proposed acquisition and future Request for Proposal effort, \$18,000 for consultant services to conduct a market analysis, and \$40,000 for land caretaking costs prior to conveyance to a developer. The funding source is unassigned General Fund balance set aside for evaluation of affordable housing pilot programs that advance equity, sustainability and affordability. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

8. **SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS JUNE 2025 MEETING CALENDAR AND WAIVING DOCKETING DEADLINES FOR A NEW JUNE 9, 2025 REGULAR MEETING (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

## **OVERVIEW**

On December 10, 2024 (20), the Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted the meeting calendar for the 2025 calendar year. To address actions required following the anticipated conclusion of labor negotiations with the County's bargaining groups, it is necessary to amend the 2025 meeting calendar and schedule a regular meeting for June 9, 2025. To avoid conflicts with the previously scheduled evening session of the budget public hearing, the evening session of the budget public hearing has been noticed to be held today, June 3, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **VICE-CHAIR TERRA LAWSON-REMER**

Adopt the resolution: A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AMENDING THE DATES AND TIMES FOR MEETINGS OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN JUNE 2025 AND WAIVE THE DOCKETING DEADLINES ESTABLISHED IN BOARD POLICY A-72, "BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' AGENDA AND RELATED PROCESSES," AND RULES 1 AND 2 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RULES OF PROCEDURE

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Board of Supervisors annually adopts a calendar for regular meetings. This ensures that the public is well informed of the meetings and can plan for active participation in local government.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The amended meeting calendar allows stakeholders to plan for community engagement and identify meaningful ways to continually seek input to foster inclusive and sustainable communities.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. There will be no change to net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

There is no business impact associated with this action.

## **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, adopting Resolution No. 25-038, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AMENDING THE DATES AND TIMES FOR MEETINGS OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN JUNE 2025 AND WAIVE THE DOCKETING DEADLINES ESTABLISHED IN BOARD POLICY A-72, "BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' AGENDA AND RELATED PROCESSES," AND RULES 1 AND 2 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RULES OF PROCEDURE.

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

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

## **9. SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AND THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

California Assembly Bill 423 (Gloria, 2019) amended the California Health and Safety Code to require the composition of the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (SDAPCD) Board to include County, City, and public members. As a result, the SDAPCD ceased to be part of the County of San Diego (County) organizational structure on March 1, 2021. On August 5, 2020 (14), the Board of Supervisors authorized the execution of a services agreement between the County and SDAPCD to specify the services to be provided by the County, including limited services in the County's Oracle financial system until July 1, 2022. On April 6, 2021 (29), the Board of Supervisors authorized the amendment of the services agreement for changes relating to fleet management services, indemnity and insurance. On February 8, 2022 (6), the Board of Supervisors authorized a second amendment of the services agreement to extend limited services in the County's Oracle financial system until July 1, 2025.

Today's proposed action would authorize the County of San Diego to continue to provide SDAPCD with limited services in the County's financial system throughout the term of the agreement and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to amend the agreement between the County and SDAPCD to reflect this change along with other revisions to various agreement sections to eliminate outdated provisions and clarify roles and responsibilities of both parties.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, to execute an amendment to the services agreement (Attachment A) between the County of San Diego and the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District to continue the County's limited services in the County's financial system throughout the term of the agreement along with other revisions to various agreement sections to eliminate outdated provisions and clarify roles and responsibilities.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District's (SDAPCD) mission is to improve air quality to protect public health and the environment. This is accomplished through engineering, monitoring and technical services, compliance, rule development, and grants and incentives divisions. It is anticipated that, by continuing to provide limited services to SDAPCD through the County's financial management system, the SDAPCD will continue to provide the public with critical services while maintaining and improving effective operations that benefit the health and wellbeing of communities throughout San Diego County.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The recommended actions support the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal # 4 to protect the health and well being of everyone in the region by protecting indoor and outdoor air quality by advancing policies, programs and services to improve air quality to protect public health and the environment.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact as a result of today's requested action. If approved, the amendment to the Services Agreement will not result in a change to the service level. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

- 10. SUBJECT: SAN DIEGO COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (SDCERA) RETIREMENT BOARD ELECTION - THIRD MEMBER (GENERAL), SEVENTH MEMBER (SAFETY) AND ALTERNATE MEMBER (SAFETY) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

This is a request for the Board of Supervisors to declare the results of the San Diego County Employees Retirement Association (SDCERA) Board of Retirement elections for the Third

Member (General) (“Third Member”) seat, Seventh Member (Safety) (“Seventh Member”) seat and Alternate Member (Safety) (“Alternate Member”) seat, held on May 6, 2025, in compliance with California Government Code section 31523 and Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 13-135.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SAN DIEGO COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION**

1. Declare candidate Alexondria M. Harris to be elected to the Third Member seat on the Board of Retirement for the regular three-year term, commencing July 1, 2025, and expiring on June 30, 2028.
2. Declare candidate Daniel Harward to be elected to fill the vacant seat as the Seventh Safety Member of the Board of Retirement for the remainder of the term, expiring on December 31, 2025.
3. Declare candidate Pamela Murphy to be elected to fill the vacant seat as the Alternate Safety Member of the Board of Retirement, for the remainder of the term, expiring on December 31, 2025.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The voters in the election of the Third Member are 17,081 active, non-safety employees of the County or another participating employer. These voters are entitled to elect a representative from amongst themselves to serve on the Board of Retirement.

The voters in the election of the Seventh Member and Alternate Member are 3,307 active, safety employees of the County. These voters are entitled to elect representatives from amongst themselves to serve on the Board of Retirement.

The Board of Retirement makes decisions about the administration of the SDCERA Trust Fund on behalf of all SDCERA members and their beneficiaries.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

A person’s vote has a direct influence on the sustainability of their community and local region. By voting, voters have a direct impact on their health, equity, and environment. The recommended action today aligns with the Governance lens of sustainability and the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal of providing just and equitable access to County services.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

**11. SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE: NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The Board of Supervisors serves as the Code Reviewing Body for any local agency, other than cities, with jurisdiction wholly within the County, pursuant to Government Code Section 82011. The recommended action would approve the proposed amendment to the Conflict of Interest code for North County Fire Protection District.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)****CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Approve the Conflict of Interest code for North County Fire Protection District.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

County government includes standing and special boards, commissions, committees and task forces formed to advise the Board of Supervisors and County staff on issues and policies and to serve as links to the community. Boards, commissions and committees provide an inter-relationship between the residents and the government of the County and as such must provide transparent, bias-free decision-making. The Board of Supervisors serves as the Code Reviewing Body for any local agency, other than cities, with jurisdiction wholly within the County, pursuant to Government Code Section 82011. Under the California Political Reform Act, a public official has a disqualifying conflict of interest in a governmental decision if it is foreseeable that the decision will have a financial impact on their personal finances or other financial interests. In such cases, there is a risk of biased decision-making that could sacrifice the public's interest in favor of the official's private financial interests. To avoid actual bias or the appearance of possible improprieties, the public official is prohibited from participating in the decision.

The recommended action would approve the amended Conflict of Interest code submitted by North County Fire Protection District. The Conflict of Interest code in this Board Letter enables the County of San Diego to provide transparency and accountability to individual residents, ensuring equitable operations of the government that are free from undue influence.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Under the Political Reform Act, all public agencies are required to adopt a Conflict of Interest code that designates positions that are required to file the Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700). Conflict of Interest codes must be maintained as updated and accurate to ensure that necessary public officials report their personal financial interests. These required filings provide public transparency about possible conflicts of interest and to ensure governmental decisions are made in the best interest of the public. This Board Letter supports the County of San Diego's

sustainability goal of, “Engaging the community to partner and participate in decisions that impact their lives and communities and transparently share results of outcomes.”

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this recommendation. There will be no change in General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

**12. SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS: VARIOUS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

These appointments are in accordance with applicable Board Policy A-74, “Citizen Participation in County Boards, Commissions and Committees.”

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**VICE-CHAIR TERRA LAWSON-REMER**

Appoint Flower Alvarez-Lopez to the NORTH COUNTY GANG COMMISSION, Seat 6, for a term expire January 8, 2029.

Appoint Joseph Hallare to the NORTH COUNTY GANG COMMISSION, Seat 7, for a term expire January 8, 2029.

**SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON**

Appoint Elana Levens-Craig to COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP ADMINISTERING BOARD, Seat 2, for a term to expire January 8, 2029.

Appoint Robin Joy Maxson to HEALTHY SAN DIEGO CONSUMER AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Seat 2, for a term to expire January 8, 2029.

Appoint Alec Cotugno to JULIAN HISTORIC DISTRICT ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD, Seat 6, for a term to expire June 3, 2029.

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Appoint Austin Smith to EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE, Seat 7, for a term to expire November 15, 2025.

Appoint Michael Hanks to EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE, Seat 8, for a term to expire November 15, 2025.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

County government includes standing and special citizen boards, commissions, committees, and task forces formed to advise the Board of Supervisors and County staff on issues and policy and to serve as links to the community. Boards, commissions, and committees provide an inter-relationship between the residents and the government of the County. The nominations in this Board Letter enable the County of San Diego to provide individual residents the opportunity to impart valuable insight and input into the operation of the government.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego has over one hundred boards, commissions, committees, and task forces that serve as voice in the County government. Advisory bodies are an essential role in resident engagement that allow citizens to participate on issues relating to the welfare and quality of life in the County. They are fundamental to the County of San Diego's ability to navigate complex and dynamic policy challenges, are a conduit to the County Bureaucracy, and a broker to community voice. This board letter supports the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal No.1 by "encourage[ing] people and diverse stakeholders to partner and participate in decisions that impact their lives and communities."

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

## **13. SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

Board Policy A-72, Board of Supervisors Agenda and Related Process, authorizes the Clerk of the Board to prepare a Communications Received for Board of Supervisors' Official Records. Routine informational reports, which need to be brought to the attention of the Board of Supervisors yet not requiring action, are listed on this document. Communications Received documents are on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Note and file.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT**

This board letter is a list of documents received by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and/or Board of Supervisors from other entities, other county departments, the public, and internal documents presented to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or the Board of Supervisors. This contributes to the overall sustainability of the county by engaging the community in meaningful ways and promote an environment that provides equitable access opportunities for public engagement.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

## **14. SUBJECT: RECEIVE PRESENTATION ON REGIONAL FIRE PREPAREDNESS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

In January 2025, Los Angeles County was severely impacted by several wildfires that caused catastrophic damage to residents in the Altadena and Pacific Palisades communities. In total, the wildfires destroyed over 15,000 homes and businesses, burned 37,000 acres, resulted in at least 29 deaths, forced 100,000 people to evacuate, and caused tens of billions of dollars in property damages. On January 28, 2025 (16, 17), the Board of Supervisors (Board) took several actions to bolster wildfire preparedness, response, and educational efforts in our region and to conduct a comprehensive review of the County's clearing and brush management efforts. The Board directed the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to purchase a twin-engine helicopter for San Diego County Fire to staff and conduct night-time water drops on wildland fires in our region for around-the-clock wildfire response and evaluate the need for additional water tenders. In addition, the Board directed the CAO to return within 180 days with a presentation on overall wildfire preparedness, including vegetation management, water supply and infrastructure, residential insurance, recovery, public education, and emergency response coordination.

Today's action includes the Board receiving a presentation regarding fire preparedness efforts, partnerships with other agencies in the region, and updates on efforts being taken by San Diego Gas & Electric, San Diego County Water Authority, and the California Insurance Commissioner's Office.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**  
**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Receive a presentation on wildfire preparedness, response and resiliency, water supply and infrastructure, and residential insurance availability in San Diego County.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Fire preparedness and prevention help to mitigate wildland fires that frequently start in rural and isolated communities, and disproportionately impact tribal nations, lower-income residents, and senior citizens.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's action supports our region's environmental well-being by minimizing the impact of wildland fires on residents and sensitive habitats.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no current year fiscal impact associated with today's action to receive a presentation on fire preparedness efforts and partnerships with other agencies in the region. \$14,300,000 in funding for the purchase of a twin-engine helicopter for County Fire has been included in the Fiscal Years 2025-27 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in Finance Other based on anticipated bond proceeds (long-term debt financing). Staff will return to the Board for approval to issue long-term debt.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions:

1. Received a presentation on wildfire preparedness, response and resiliency, water supply and infrastructure, and residential insurance availability in San Diego County.
2. Directed the Chief Administrative Officer to return to the Board annually with an update on fire preparedness.

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

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

**15. SUBJECT: RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT ANNUAL UPDATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) provides ongoing dedicated funding to counties to address a broad continuum of mental health service needs, including prevention, early intervention, system development, technology, and training to effectively support the public mental health system. MHSA programs provide services for children and their families, transition age youth, adults, and older adults, with an emphasis on individuals who are unserved

or underserved. MHSA is comprised of five components, including: 1) Community Services and Supports; 2) Prevention and Early Intervention; 3) Innovation; 4) Workforce Education and Training; and 5) Capital Facilities and Technological Needs.

On June 13, 2023 (22), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the MHSA Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan for Fiscal Years (FY) 2023-24 through 2025-26 (Three-Year Plan). As mandated by MHSA, the County of San Diego Behavioral Health Services (BHS) is required to submit the Three-Year Plan and an MHSA Annual Update (Annual Update) to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the California Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (BHSOAC).

On June 4, 2024 (15 and 16) the Board approved an amendment to the Three-Year Plan and received an Annual Update for FY 2024-25. BHS is in the final year implementing the Three-Year Plan and will be submitting the Annual Update for FY 2025-26. This Annual Update includes budget and programmatic changes to the Three-Year Plan. A majority of services outlined in the Annual Update are a continuation of programs which were identified in the Three-Year Plan and include MHSA funding of \$303.1 million in FY 2025-26.

Today's action requests the Board receive and approve the Annual Update for FY 2025-26 and to submit the report to the BHSOAC and DHCS. Today's item supports the County vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically for communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Receive and approve the Mental Health Services Act Annual Update (Annual Update) for Fiscal Year 2025-26 and authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services Agency, to submit the Annual Update to the California Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission and the Department of Health Care Services.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The vision of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) is to build a system in which mental health services are equitable and accessible to all individuals and families across the region who are in need. Data from the California Department of Healthcare Access and Information in 2022 showed that Black or African American residents experienced disproportionately higher rates of emergency department visits for self-inflicted injury/suicide attempt, serious mental illness, and substance related disorders compared to other groups. Additionally, the California Health Interview Survey, conducted by the University of California Los Angeles in 2023, indicated that 6.4% of San Diego residents reported experiencing serious psychological distress in the past month. Notably, the prevalence of serious psychological distress was higher among residents who live below 200% of the federal poverty level, and individuals who identified as White, Hispanic/Latino, or multiracial.

MHSA funding supports timely access to culturally responsive behavioral health care for individuals who are experiencing serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbance, or have co-occurring substance use conditions including those with opioid use disorder. The County of San Diego (County) Behavioral Health Services (BHS) serves a diverse range of vulnerable,

unserved, and underserved low-income populations who include, but are not limited to, all age groups, individuals experiencing homelessness, LGBTQ+, Black or African American, Indigenous, and People of Color. County-operated and contracted behavioral health programs are designed to address the social determinants of health by ensuring services are accessible, capable of meeting the needs of communities, and are equitably distributed to those most in need.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) programs support the County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goal #1 to engage the community in meaningful ways and seek stakeholder input to foster inclusive and sustainable communities. County Behavioral Health Services engages the community through the Community Planning Process, advisory boards, and stakeholder engagements to collaborate and encourage the community and stakeholders to partner and participate in decisions that impact their lives and communities.

Additionally, MHSA programs support the County Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access through the regional distribution of services, by allowing chronically unserved and underserved communities and individuals with behavioral health conditions to receive care near where they live. Services are provided at County locations, as well as through community-based providers to ensure care is geographically dispersed throughout the region.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in estimated Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) costs and revenues of approximately \$303.1 million in FY 2025-26. The funding source is MHSA. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended.

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

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

**16. SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:  
BUDGET HEARINGS: CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
RECOMMENDED OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS  
2025-26 & 2026-27 (DISTRICTS: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FLOOD  
CONTROL DISTRICT, IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PUBLIC  
AUTHORITY, SANITATION DISTRICT, SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT AND COUNTY SUCCESSOR AGENCY)  
(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

This letter presents the Chief Administrative Officer Recommended Operational Plan for Fiscal Years 2025-26 & 2026-27. This two-year financial plan is presented in a program budget format and includes expenditure and revenue information, as well as the anticipated accomplishments, objectives, and performance measures of County business groups and departments. The plan incorporates all funds under the supervision and control of the Board of Supervisors.

Budget Hearings will begin on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the County Administration Center. An evening Budget Hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. If necessary, the hearings may continue daily until concluded at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 12, 2025.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Receive the presentation regarding the Chief Administrative Officer's Recommended Operational Plan for Fiscal Years 2025-26 & 2026-27.
2. On June 3, 2025, acting as the Board of Supervisors, San Diego County Flood Control District Board of Directors, San Diego County In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority Board of Directors, Board of Directors of the San Diego County Sanitation District, Board of Directors of the San Diego County Fire Protection District and the County Successor Agency, hold the public hearings for the Chief Administrative Officer's Recommended Operational Plan for Fiscal Years 2025-26 & 2026-27.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego is committed to promoting a culture of equity, belonging, and racial justice. We serve all communities, including Black, Indigenous, people of Color, LGBTQIA+, people with disabilities, low-income individuals, the young, the elderly, immigrants, refugees, and those who have faced inequality.

The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Recommended Operational Plan aims to allocate resources to address inequities in County programs and services. This plan is based on community input, data analysis identifying disparities, and meaningful assessment of outcome indicators.

In 2021, the County introduced a Budget Equity Assessment Tool. This tool helps County departments prioritize services and allocate resources with equity in mind. Each year, departments must identify equity components to evaluate budget changes that impact their ability to deliver services and support their goals. The questions in this tool ensure that the County applies an equity lens when developing the budget.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego is working towards a sustainable future for everyone. Our strategic plan guides our activities to ensure sustainability in the region's economy, climate, environment, and communities. We aim to strengthen communities by pursuing legislative policies and collaborating with stakeholders to enhance services that help residents become self-sufficient, increase economic sustainability, and reduce poverty.

County departments contribute by implementing their own sustainability plans, which reflect their priorities and inform financial planning and decision-making. This ongoing effort helps each department increase the overall sustainability of their operations. These collective efforts strengthen communities, ensure accountability, and protect public resources by aligning available resources through services and initiatives.

The proposed budgetary plans for the Fiscal Years 2025-27 in the CAO Recommended Operational Plan support the County's Strategic Initiative of Sustainability. This aligns our resources with services while maintaining fiscal stability and ensuring long-term solvency.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommendations to receive the presentation and hold public hearings. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years as a result of these recommendations.

The Chief Administrative Officer Recommended Operational Plan for Fiscal Year 2025-26 totals \$8.62 billion and \$8.35 billion for Fiscal Year 2026-27. The funding sources are program revenues, General Purpose Revenues and available prior year fund balances.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

The Budget Hearing was called to order at 9:02 a.m. on June 3, 2025. The Board recessed the Budget hearing at 10:53 a.m., then reconvened at 5:35 p.m. for additional public testimony.

The following document is on file with the Clerk of the Board: The Chief Administrative Officer's Recommended Operational Plan - Fiscal Years 2025-26 & 2026-27.

The Board received testimony regarding the Chief Administrative Officers Recommended Operational Plan for Fiscal years 2025-26 & 2026-27.

The Board recessed the Budget Hearing at 7:10 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, closing the oral public testimony portion of the Budget Hearings. Members of the public may provide written testimony or submit comments online regarding the budget to the Clerk of the Board to be received no later than the close of Budget Hearings at 5:00 p.m., on June 12, 2025. Copies of submitted materials will be provided by the Clerk of the Board to the Board of Supervisors, Chief Administrative Officer, and Chief Financial Officer, upon receipt, and made a part of the record by the Clerk, when the hearings formally close at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, June 12, 2025.

PRESENT: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

17. **SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING (TEFRA):  
APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE AND REFUNDING BONDS  
BY THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR  
THE BENEFIT OF HUMANGOOD - CALIFORNIA OBLIGATED  
GROUP, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO  
EXCEED \$205,000,000 OF WHICH NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000,000 IS  
FOR PROJECTS IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY (DISTRICTS: 3 and 5)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

The County has received a request from the California Municipal Finance Authority (“CMFA” or the “Authority”) to conduct a public hearing as required by the Internal Revenue Code and to approve the Authority’s issuance of one or more series of revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$205,000,000, which includes multiple municipalities throughout California, (the “Bonds”). The County Board is being asked to approve the issuance of revenue bonds in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$80,000,000 to finance and refinance expenditures for various renovations to existing infrastructure and upgrades to housing units and amenities at the following continuing care communities owned and operated by HumanGood SoCal (the “Borrower”) and located in the County of San Diego (the “County”): White Sands located at 7450 Olivetas Avenue, La Jolla, California, 92037 and Redwood Terrace located at 710 West 13th Avenue, Escondido, California, 92025.

The Board of Supervisors previously held a Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (“TEFRA”) hearing and approved a TEFRA resolution for this financing on December 15, 2015 (22). The project has since finished construction. The Authority is seeking approval for an issuance of an amount not to exceed \$40,000,000 to finance renovations to existing infrastructure, and upgrades to housing units and amenities at White Sands La Jolla and Redwood Terrace Escondido. The Authority is also seeking approval for an amount not to exceed \$40,000,000 for the refunding of outstanding bonds related to the December 15, 2015 (22) financing. HumanGood is seeking separate TEFRA approvals from other jurisdictions for other projects within the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$205,000,000.

The Authority is authorized to assist in financing for nonprofit public benefit organizations or for-profit corporations with a public benefit project wishing to issue revenue bonds, including the Borrower. To initiate such a financing, the Borrower is asking the County of San Diego, a member jurisdiction in which the project resides to: (1) conduct a public hearing to satisfy the public approval requirement of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code; and (2) approve the

Authority's issuance of the Bonds. Although the Authority will be the issuer of the Bonds for the Borrower, the financing cannot proceed without the approval of an applicable legislative body.

Looking forward, County staff are reviewing the TEFRA administrative process and benchmarking other jurisdictions to streamline the hearing process while ensuring opportunities for the public to participate and comment. County staff plans to present the new process to the Board of Supervisors in the first quarter of the 2025-26 fiscal year.

Today's recommendations will provide the Authority with the required authorization to pursue its determination to issue the Bonds on behalf of the Borrower for the Project.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**  
**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code, hold a public hearing regarding the financing of the Project.
2. Adopt a Resolution entitled:  
Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego Approving the Issuance of the California Municipal Finance Authority Revenue and refunding Bonds, Series 2025 (HumanGood - California Obligated Group) in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$205,000,000 OF WHICH not to exceed \$80,000,000 IS for the Purpose of Financing or refinancing the Construction, Furnishing and Equipping of White Sands La Jolla and Redwood Terrace and Certain Other Matters Relating Thereto.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Authority was established to assist in financing nonprofit public benefit organizations or for-profit corporations with a public benefit project wishing to issue or reissue bonds. The Bonds issued will be used to finance and refinance expenditures for various renovations to existing infrastructure and upgrades to housing units and amenities at the continuing care communities located at 7450 Olivetas Avenue, La Jolla, California, 92037 and 710 West 13th Avenue, Escondido, California, 92025.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action would result in economic, social, health and wellbeing benefits for the community by allowing the Borrower to continue to provide high quality, independent, assisted living for seniors in the communities of La Jolla and Escondido. The proposed action will contribute to County of San Diego Sustainability Goal No. 2 by providing just and equitable access by increasing investment in underserved communities of San Diego County.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

If approved, the proposal will result in approximately \$991 of unanticipated revenue to be used to reimburse the County for staff costs associated with this non-County financing. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

The Borrower will be responsible for the payment of all present and future costs in connection with the issuance of the financing related to the Project. The County will incur no obligation of indebtedness as a result of today's actions.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors closed the Hearing and took action as recommended, adopting Resolution No. 25-039, entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY REVENUE AND REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2025 (HUMANGOOD – CALIFORNIA OBLIGATED GROUP) IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$205,000,000 OF WHICH NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000,000 IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING OR REFINANCING THE CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF WHITE SANDS LA JOLLA AND REDWOOD TERRACE AND CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

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

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

- 18. SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STRONGER FEDERAL AND STATE MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE ONGOING HEALTH AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF CROSS-BORDER POLLUTION IN THE TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

For decades, residents of South County have borne the brunt of the Tijuana River cross-border pollution crisis. They've endured toxic odors, chronic fatigue, nausea, infections, and respiratory illnesses. The ocean waters have become dangerously polluted, forcing repeated beach closures-most notably in Imperial Beach, where beaches have now been closed for well over 1,000 days. Nearby communities like Coronado have also been negatively affected. This ongoing crisis harms public health, disrupts daily life, and hurts local economies. Until recently, the issue received little attention at the federal level or in national media. That's beginning to change, with the new federal administration signaling a more serious approach, as shown by EPA Director Lee Zeldin's recent visit to the region within his first 100 days in office.

At the root of the crisis is Mexico's long-standing failure to invest in adequate sewage treatment infrastructure. As a result, hundreds of billions of gallons of raw sewage, industrial waste, and urban runoff have flowed into the Tijuana River and Pacific Ocean. While the U.S. built the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant to help address this problem, the facility was designed to handle only 25 million gallons a day. When it's overloaded or offline, untreated sewage spills directly into the river and into San Diego. Worse still, the plant doesn't treat the pollution entering through the Tijuana River itself or the sewage being dumped offshore along the western Tijuana coastline. The only lasting solution is for Mexico to build, expand, and maintain modern sewage treatment systems across the city of Tijuana.

On April 16, 2025, a majority of the Imperial Beach City Council passed Resolution No. 2025-020, strengthening their position on the continuing cross-border pollution flowing from the Tijuana River. The resolution supports a range of actions at the local, state, federal, and international levels. The County of San Diego needs to stand with the City of Imperial Beach and demand action from the federal government to hold Mexico accountable.

The County of San Diego must adopt a similar resolution making its position clear: this crisis must be resolved now. We must demand stronger federal action and new legislation that holds Mexico accountable for its environmental obligations. With the momentum of the new federal administration, now is the time to act. Now is the time for bold, coordinated action. I urge the County of San Diego to adopt the resolution in today's item demanding immediate federal intervention and long-term solutions to end the Tijuana River pollution crisis.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND**

Adopt a Resolution entitled DECLARING SUPPORT FOR ENHANCED FEDERAL AND STATE ACTIONS TO MITIGATE THE ONGOING HEALTH AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS FROM THE CROSS-BORDER POLLUTION CRISIS IN THE TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY (Attachment A)

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Tijuana River pollution crisis disproportionately affects underserved communities in South County. For instance, residents in these areas might lack access to alternative recreational spaces, particularly outdoors, making them more vulnerable to the health effects of chronic sewage exposure-such as respiratory illness, infections and gastrointestinal disease. Addressing this pollution is critical to promoting public health in South County communities, ensuring fair access to clean air, water, and coastlines.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Tijuana River pollution crisis severely undermines regional sustainability goals by degrading coastal ecosystems, contaminating marine habitats and threatening biodiversity. Frequent sewage discharges introduce pathogens, toxic chemicals and solid waste into sensitive natural areas, disrupting the health of wetlands, killing wildlife, and reducing ecosystem services like natural water filtration and carbon sequestration. Without urgent intervention, the ongoing contamination jeopardizes long-term environmental resilience strategies vital for managing flood risk, sea-level rise and habitat restoration.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Tijuana River Pollution crisis continues to harm local businesses. Frequent and extended beach closures deter tourism and damage the hospitality and recreation industries. Property values near affected areas have declined or are at risk of declining, discouraging real estate investment. Businesses also face higher health risks for employees, particularly outdoor workers, leading to lost productivity and potential legal liabilities. Recreation-based enterprises, like surf schools and tour operators suffer when water conditions are unsafe.

**ACTION 18.1:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, for the Board of Supervisors to adopt a revised Resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO SUPPORTING STRONGER FEDERAL AND STATE MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE ONGOING HEALTH AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF CROSS-BORDER POLLUTION IN THE TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY, striking the following sentence from section 5: “We strongly oppose the construction of a 50 MGD desalination plant in Playas de Rosarito as part of Mexico’s National Water Plan unless Mexico specifically agrees to implement the existing recycled water projects already identified in IBWC Treaty Minute 328.”

*(A substitute motion was introduced.)*

**ACTION 18.2:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Lawson-Remer, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors adopted revised Resolution No. 25-040, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO SUPPORTING STRONGER FEDERAL AND STATE MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE ONGOING HEALTH AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF CROSS-BORDER POLLUTION IN THE TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY, striking the following sections:

5. We strongly oppose the construction of a 50 MGD desalination plant in Playas de Rosarito as part of Mexico’s National Water Plan unless Mexico specifically agrees to implement the existing recycled water projects already identified in IBWC Treaty Minute 328. Furthermore, Mexico needs to demonstrate they have the capacity and funding to provide wastewater treatment for any new potable water deliveries into the region.
7. Utilization of diplomatic pressure, economic sanctions, tariffs, limitation of border crossing activity, and international legal action should be considered anytime Mexico is in violation of agreed treaties and Minute orders to leverage Mexico to stop the flow of raw sewage into the United States and its offshore waters.
8. Until such time that Federal legislation can be passed and fully implemented, we request President Donald J. Trump consider initiating an Executive Order requiring such near-term actions with enforcement, as necessary, by all Federal entities and departments, including but not limited to the: Department of State, EPA, and the Department of the Navy.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

NOES: Desmond

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

**19. SUBJECT: STOP THE PROPOSED STATE GAS TAX INCREASE  
(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Residents across San Diego County continue to contend with significant increases in the cost of living, driven largely by rising utility rates and surging housing prices. Among these financial pressures, the cost of gasoline continues to stand out as a particularly burdensome and unavoidable expense for working families and businesses alike. California consistently reports

some of the highest gasoline prices in the nation. As of early 2025, the statewide average remains substantially above the national average, due in large part to the state's fuel excise tax-currently set at 59.6 cents per gallon, the highest in the country. This tax imposes a disproportionate burden on middle- and lower-income residents, particularly in regions like San Diego County where public transportation options remain limited and private vehicle use is a necessity.

Despite these ongoing challenges, the State of California is scheduled to implement an additional increase of 1.1 cents per gallon to the gas tax, effective July 1, 2025. This would push the total tax burden on drivers to nearly 61 cents per gallon. In light of California's current economic climate, particularly for us here in San Diego, such an increase is both untimely and unfair.

Today's action proposes that the San Diego County Board of Supervisors formally request a suspension of the scheduled gas tax increase. Doing so would reflect the County's commitment to fiscal responsibility and the economic well-being of our residents, especially those in unincorporated areas who will be disproportionately affected.

#### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

##### **SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND**

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to prepare and transmit a formal letter to the Governor of California and to the members of San Diego County's State Legislative Delegation, respectfully requesting the immediate suspension of the proposed July 2025 increase to the state gasoline excise tax.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

A significant portion of the population in the unincorporated areas depends on personal automobiles for daily transportation due to limited access to public transit. While efforts to accelerate the adoption of electric and low-emission vehicles are noble, such options remain financially out of reach for many households. As a result, continued increases in the gas tax disproportionately affect lower- and middle-income residents. Pausing the proposed tax increase would provide modest but meaningful relief to individuals and families already contending with elevated living expenses, while reinforcing the County's commitment to equitable policymaking.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego recognizes the importance of advancing long-term sustainability goals. However, these goals must be balanced with present-day economic realities. Ensuring that residents are not overburdened by essential transportation costs is fundamental to the County's broader vision for sustainable, livable communities. Advocacy to delay the gas tax increase aligns with the County's responsibility to support both environmental progress and economic resilience.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's recommendation. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, for the Board of Supervisors to take action as recommended.

AYES: Anderson, Desmond

NOES: Montgomery Steppe

ABSTAIN: Lawson-Remer

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

*(Motion failed due to lack of required affirmative votes.)*

**20. SUBJECT: SUPPORTING SAN DIEGO'S BIOMEDICAL SECTOR: ADDRESSING RECENT CHALLENGES TO THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

San Diego's biomedical community is on the frontlines of saving lives, fighting diseases, and pushing the boundaries of scientific discovery. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is the beating heart of that work - pumping over \$1 billion into hundreds of San Diego labs, hospitals, and startups annually. Those dollars don't just fund research projects; they fund life-changing breakthroughs, train the next generation of scientists, and power the local economy. Today, that lifeline is at risk.

The NIH supports scientific and commercial advancements that drive San Diego's \$57 billion biomedical sector and improve human health. NIH grants keep paychecks coming, labs running, the lights on, and families fed. They turn an entrepreneur's great idea into a signed lease for a local realtor and purchases for local vendors. Every NIH dollar attracts an additional \$3 to \$4 in private investment, drawing top talent to our region and cementing San Diego's reputation as a premier biomedical innovation destination. However, the current restructuring at the NIH has already forced layoffs, leaving lab techs scrambling to pay rent and students rethinking their futures in science. For the patients enrolled in clinical trials, it could mean drug trials being abruptly stalled and treatments that don't come through in time.

Right now, the current federal administration is:

- **Proposing a 40% cut to the NIH budget**, which would mean \$18 billion less in biomedical research funding for discoveries, treatments and cures that save lives.
- **Capping federal investment in facilities and administration costs for research institutions**, breaking the decades long partnership between the federal government and universities to fund biomedical science and jeopardizing the ability of San Diego's research institutions to sustain cutting-edge biomedical research infrastructure. UC San Diego alone estimates a \$150 million loss from the cap on NIH research infrastructure reimbursements.
- **Delaying new NIH grant funding**. NIH grantmaking lags \$2.3 billion behind this point last year. Since NIH grants fund lab payrolls, from janitors to PhDs, this slowdown creates cash flow problems for San Diego's labs and has already caused layoffs and enrollment reductions.

- **Cancelling hundreds of active NIH grants that were vetted by independent panels of scientific experts.** Nearly 800 NIH grants have been cancelled due to shifting administration priorities. This has impacted research across the region, including a clinical trial at UC San Diego that is developing the first-of-its kind HIV/AIDS vaccine right here in San Diego.
- **Terminating 1,200 NIH employees,** including preeminent scientists, which compromises scientific progress and results in confusion for San Diego's NIH grant recipients.
- **Slowing merit-based peer review** by cancelling or curtailing expert councils that vet NIH grants.

The restructuring of the NIH jeopardizes its long track record of transformational health breakthroughs. All but two of the new drugs that came to market in the 2010s relied on NIH-funded research. The blockbuster GLP-1 weight loss drugs, Ozempic and Wegovy, for example, were built upon NIH-funded research. Deaths from heart disease are down 75% and cancer death rates dropped 33% over the last 40 years as a result of NIH-funded research. The proportion of children dying of cancer has dropped by more than 50% since the 1970s and people with cystic fibrosis now live into their 50s and beyond thanks to the NIH.

Not only does the restructuring of the NIH harm human health, it harms San Diego's biomedical companies too. Our region's 2,000 biomedical companies generated nearly \$57 billion in overall output and directly employ over 75,000 people directly, many in high-wage jobs. These companies will start to see fewer valuable biomedical insights to commercialize, less federal support for startup companies, fewer highly-skilled biomedical workers to hire, smaller markets for some of their products, and the erosion of competitive advantage in world markets. Illumina, a leading biotechnology company headquartered in San Diego, is expected to lose up to \$85 million in revenue from the cap on NIH reimbursements for scientific infrastructure alone because academic and government labs make up a significant share of Illumina's customer base.

The largest non-federal employer in the county, UC San Diego, will also be hard hit by the restructuring of the NIH. The university faces a loss of hundreds of millions in NIH funding, threatening everything from clinical trials to student training programs. Research labs will close and life-saving treatments will be abandoned. This isn't just about throwing PhDs out of work; custodians, lab techs, cafeteria workers, and security staff whose paychecks depend on NIH grants will lose jobs too.

San Diego's best scientists are already eyeing the exits. Europe just launched a €500 million fund to poach top researchers from the US. If we let this administration dismantle the NIH, we won't just lose grants - we'll lose the brilliant minds who drive San Diego's biomedical breakthroughs. We won't just lose funding - we'll lose the very people capable of developing the next vaccine, the next cancer treatment, the next life-saving cure. And those losses don't just set back science - they cost lives.

Today's item calls on the County to stand up for San Diego's world-class biomedical community and our regional economy. It asks the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to express concern about recent federal actions affecting the NIH and advocate for increased federal support and funding to bolster San Diego's biomedical leadership.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **VICE-CHAIR TERRA LAWSON-REMER**

1. Adopt the resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS EXPRESSING CONCERN REGARDING RECENT FEDERAL ACTIONS AFFECTING THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH AND SUPPORTING INCREASED FUNDING.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to send a letter to the Majority and Minority leaders of the House of Representatives and the Senate, the Chairs and Ranking Members of the House Energy & Commerce Committee, the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, and the House and Senate Appropriations Committees to advocate for increased federal support and funding for biomedical research, education, scientific infrastructure, commercialization, and entrepreneurship, including a copy of the resolution as recommended in Recommendation 1.
3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to update the County's 2025 legislative program to advocate for expanding federal funding and support for biomedical science, education, research infrastructure, commercialization, and entrepreneurship to advance San Diego's biomedical leadership and drive our regional innovation economy.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's action seeks to protect smaller and less well-resourced research institutions, such as San Diego State University (SDSU), which have less capacity to absorb NIH cuts. It also seeks to protect career opportunities in the biomedical field for scientists from underrepresented groups by defending recruitment and professional development programs funded by the NIH. Lastly, it seeks to ensure that NIH grantmaking upholds merit-based peer review such that high-quality research projects focused on biomedical issues within understudied populations are not stymied for political reasons.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

San Diego's biomedical companies, suppliers, and local businesses whose customers rely on NIH grants stand to lose hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of revenue over the next year. They will start to see fewer biomedical insights to commercialize, less federal support for startup companies, fewer highly-trained biomedical workers to hire, smaller markets for some of their products, and the erosion of competitive advantage in world markets. Today's action seeks to head off this negative outcome by calling for an end to the restructuring of the NIH and reinvestment in San Diego's biomedical community.

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Lawson-Remer, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, adopting Resolution No. 25-041, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS EXPRESSING CONCERN REGARDING RECENT FEDERAL ACTIONS AFFECTING THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH AND SUPPORTING INCREASED FUNDING.

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

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

**21. SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF OPTIONS TO EXTEND THE PUBLISHING  
TIMELINE FOR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING AGENDAS  
(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On April 22, 2025 (9), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to investigate the potential to adjust the current process for publicly posting Board meeting agendas to provide the public additional time to review items that will be considered and voted on during Board meetings, including an assessment of additional public notice times up to, and including, 30 days before consideration at a Board meeting.

The County's current review, noticing, and location for Board meetings is codified in the Board of Supervisors Rules of Procedure and Board Policy A-72, "Board of Supervisors' Agenda and Related Processes." The Board generally meets at the County Administration Center on Tuesdays for the General Legislative Session and Wednesdays for the Land Use Legislative Session, unless otherwise noticed. The agendas for the meeting (both sessions) are published the Wednesday prior to the meeting, which is six or seven calendar days prior to the sessions, respectively.

This item presents the staff analysis of the Board direction and provides options to the Board to consider.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Provide direction on which method, if any, related to the publishing of agendas for San Diego County Board of Supervisors meetings. Five potential directions are:
  - a. Maintain current docket and publishing schedule.
  - b. Extend publishing timeline to 30 days for Board member generated items.
  - c. Extend publishing timeline to 14 days for all items.
  - d. Post a summary of agenda items 30 days in advance.
  - e. Change Board Letter template to include community impact statement.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to return to the Board of Supervisors on September 9, 2025, with changes to the Board's Rules of Procedures and applicable Board policies to implement the changes that are directed in Recommendation #1, effective for Board of Supervisors meetings occurring after January 1, 2026.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego (County) prioritizes transparency and accessibility to improve public understanding of how the County operates and participation in shaping future priorities. These efforts towards accessibility are particularly important to reach those communities that have been previously disconnected from the County civic process. The County continues to ensure that the diverse voices of the community can be heard in an equitable and civilized manner, and as such, can provide input that is vital to a healthy democratic institution.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The analysis provides options for the Board to enhance stakeholder participation to plan for community engagement and identify meaningful ways to continually seek input to foster inclusive and sustainable communities.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors directed the Chief Administrative Officer to return to the Board of Supervisors on September 9, 2025, with changes to the Board's Rules of Procedures and applicable Board policies to implement releasing Board of Supervisors meeting agendas eight days before a regular meeting, effective for Board of Supervisors meetings occurring after January 1, 2026.

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

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

## **22. SUBJECT: COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO 2025 TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

In the ordinary course of business, local governments may experience temporary mismatches in cash flow during a given fiscal year due to the timing of the receipts of revenues, which is largely focused on the months surrounding tax payment dates, and ongoing payment of expenditures. To meet these short-term cash flow needs, the County of San Diego (County) has periodically issued a series of annual tax and revenue anticipation notes ("2025 TRANs") to manage its cash flow. For Fiscal Year 2025-26, the County intends to issue its 2025 TRANs. The amount will depend on the County's projected cash flow profile for Fiscal Year 2025-26. The last time the County issued TRANs was in Fiscal Year 2013-14 which included participating school districts.

The 2025 TRANs is a form of temporary borrowing payable from taxes, income, revenue, cash receipts and other moneys provided for Fiscal Year 2025-26 which will be received by or will accrue to the County during such fiscal year for the General Fund of the County and which are lawfully available for the payment of current expenses and other obligations of the County.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**  
**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Adopt the Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO 2025 TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATES AND ACTIONS RELATED THERETO.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Approval of the 2025 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes will help meet the short-term cash flow needs of the County to continue its operations and programs that support the most vulnerable population across the region.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's action supports sustainability (Economy) by aligning the County's available resources with services to maintain fiscal stability and ensure continuity of County operations to help meet its sustainability goals.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

If approved, this request will authorize the 2025 TRANs in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$200,000,000. Based on current market conditions, an annual borrowing cost of 3.6% is projected along with delivery costs of approximately \$600,000, related to the financing process. An estimated net interest cost of \$5,400,000 is projected to be repaid at maturity, but is planned to be set aside incrementally. The actual borrowing cost will be determined at the time the County sells its 2025 TRANs.

Funds for the repayment of the County's 2025 TRANs are included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the amount of \$2.7 million and in the CAO Recommended Operational Change Letter in the amount of \$2.7 million, for total proposed appropriations of \$5.4 million. The funding source will be General Purpose Revenue, some of which will be reallocated for this purpose. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

Noting for the record that this item was heard on June 4, 2025; ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, adopting Resolution No. 25-042, entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO 2025 TAX AND REVENUE

ANTICIPATION NOTES IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATES AND ACTIONS RELATED THERETO.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

NOES: Desmond

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

23. **SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE DELIVERY AND EXECUTION OF RELATED FINANCING DOCUMENTS FOR THE REFUNDING CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION FOR THE COUNTY OPERATIONS CENTER, SERIES 2025 (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

Pursuant to Board Policy B-65, Financial Management and Long-Term Obligations Policy and the Refunding Policy of the County of San Diego (County) Debt Advisory Committee (DAC), the County continues to review its outstanding long-term financial obligations and seeks opportunities to refinance these obligations when economically advantageous. Current market conditions have created an opportunity to lower annual payments related to the \$105,330,000 San Diego Regional Building Authority Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds (County Operations Center), Series 2016A (2016 LRBs). Currently, \$70,675,000 of the 2016 LRBs are outstanding.

Today's recommendations will direct County staff to refund the outstanding 2016 LRBs through the sale and delivery of the County of San Diego Certificates of Participation, Series 2025 COPs (2025 Refunding COPs) on a current refunding basis, so long as market conditions allow for a refunding that meets the requirements stated in the DAC Refunding Policy: 1) a minimum net present value (NPV) savings target of 3% of Refunded Par; 2) a minimum of \$1 million of NPV savings; and 3) annual cash flow savings of at least \$100,000. Today's recommendations will also approve the forms of the documents necessary to execute the refunding.

#### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

##### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Adopt the Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO PROVIDING FOR THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A SITE LEASE, A FACILITY LEASE, A TRUST AGREEMENT, AN ESCROW AGREEMENT AND A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT, APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO REFUNDING CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION, SERIES 2025 (COUNTY OPERATIONS CENTER) EVIDENCING PRINCIPAL IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$65,000,000, AUTHORIZING THE DISTRIBUTION OF AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFERING AND SALE OF SUCH CERTIFICATES AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATES AND RELATED ACTIONS RELATED THERETO

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Approval of the 2025 Refunding COPs for the County Operations Center will generate savings and the potential to reallocate resources to benefit the overall County of San Diego operations and programs that support the most vulnerable population across the region.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's action supports sustainability/economy through an overall estimated reduction in costs resulting from the sale and delivery of the 2025 Refunding COPs for the County Operations Center, that could allow reallocation of available operational resources to maintain fiscal stability and ensure long-term solvency.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for the debt service payments for the 2016 LRBs are included in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operational Plan and the Fiscal Year 2025-26 CAO Recommended Operational Plan and will be included in future Operational Plans based on General Purpose Revenue. If approved, the Board's approval of the 2025 Refunding COPs will result in budgetary savings to benefit the General Fund beginning in Fiscal Year 2026-27. Based on current market practice, the County is able to eliminate the need for a debt service reserve fund, and will apply amounts on deposit in the reserve fund for the 2016 LRBs to the refunding.

Based on current market conditions, the proposed 2025 Refunding COPs are estimated to generate annual lease payment savings of approximately \$1.3 million beginning in Fiscal Year 2026-27 and through Fiscal Year 2035-36, which equates to \$13.0 million in total cash flow savings over the remaining term of the obligation and \$6.6 million of present value savings (9.4% of refunded par). The 2025 Refunding COPs will not exceed the final maturity of the 2016 LRBs (Fiscal Year 2036). The actual amount of savings will be determined based on interest rates at the time of sale of the 2025 Refunding COPs. The 2025 Refunding COPs will be awarded to the purchaser presenting the lowest interest rate in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids as of the time of sale.

The Resolution authorizes a not to exceed amount for the 2025 Refunding COPs of \$65 million. A good faith estimate of the finance charge of the 2025 Refunding COPs which includes the costs of issuance (rating agencies, special counsel, disclosure counsel, municipal advisor, title insurance, etc.) and underwriter's discount is \$542,142. If approved, the County will only complete the transaction if it meets the requirements of the Refunding Policy at the time of sale of the 2025 Refunding COPs.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **ACTION:**

Noting for the record that this item was heard on June 4, 2025; ON MOTION of Supervisor Lawson-Remer, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, adopting Resolution No. 25-043, entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO PROVIDING FOR THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A SITE LEASE, A FACILITY LEASE, A TRUST AGREEMENT, AN ESCROW AGREEMENT AND A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT, APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF COUNTY OF SAN

DIEGO REFUNDING CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION, SERIES 2025 (COUNTY OPERATIONS CENTER) EVIDENCING PRINCIPAL IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$65,000,000, AUTHORIZING THE DISTRIBUTION OF AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFERING AND SALE OF SUCH CERTIFICATES AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATES AND RELATED ACTIONS RELATED THERETO.

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

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

**24. SUBJECT: CLOSED SESSION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph 4 of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9: (Number of Cases - 1)
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
Ronald Gadsden v. Michael McGrath.; United States District Court, Southern District No. 3:20-cv-002258
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
Anton's Service, Inc. v. County of San Diego.; San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2024-00014305-CU-BC-CTL
- D. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
(Government Code section 54957)  
Title: Chief Probation Officer
- E. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
(Government Code section 54957)  
Title: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
- F. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
(Government Code section 54957)  
Title: Chief Administrative Officer
- G. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
(Government Code section 54957.6)  
Designated Representatives: Susan Brazeau, Clint Obrigewitch  
Employee Organizations and Unrepresented Employees: Teamsters Local 911, Deputy District Attorney Association, Deputy District Attorney Investigators' Association, Deputy Sheriff's Association of San Diego County, San Diego Deputy County Counsels Association, San Diego County Probation Officers' Association, Public Defender Association of San Diego County, San Diego

County Supervising Probation Officers' Association, Service Employees International Union, Local 221 and all unrepresented employees.

**H. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

(Government Code section 54957.6)

Designated Representative: Susan Brazeau

Unrepresented employees: Chief Probation Officer, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, and Chief Administrative Officer

**ACTION:**

Noting for the record that this item was heard on June 4, 2025; County Counsel reported that for Closed Session, the Board of Supervisors took no reportable actions.

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

**25. SUBJECT: NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Mark spoke to the Board regarding the public's mindset.

Consuelo spoke to the Board regarding the County's decisions.

Paul the Bold spoke to the Board regarding the Board's decisions related to equity, sanctuary cities, and the Brown Act.

Michael Brando spoke to the Board regarding the County's decisions.

Barbara Gordon spoke to the Board regarding renewing investments in drug prevention.

Justin Castro spoke to the Board regarding elections fraud.

Terri-Ann Skelly spoke to the Board regarding support of smoke free parks.

Ann Riddle spoke to the Board regarding the budgeting process and concerns about marijuana businesses in the unincorporated community.

Kathleen Lippitt spoke to the Board regarding concerns related to the County's spending.

**ACTION:**

Heard, Referred to the Chief Administrative Officer

The Board recessed at 7:10 p.m., in memory of Derek Johnson, until Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. for the Land Use Legislative Session.

ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of San Diego, State of California

Consent: Vizcarra  
Discussion: Zurita

NOTE: This Statement of Proceedings sets forth all actions taken by the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors on the matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.