

Board of Supervisors

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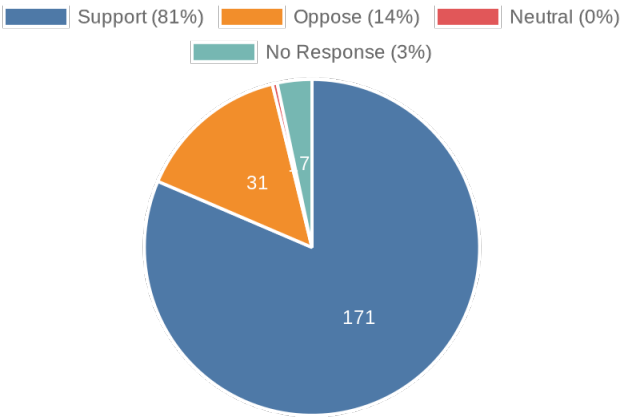
eComments Report

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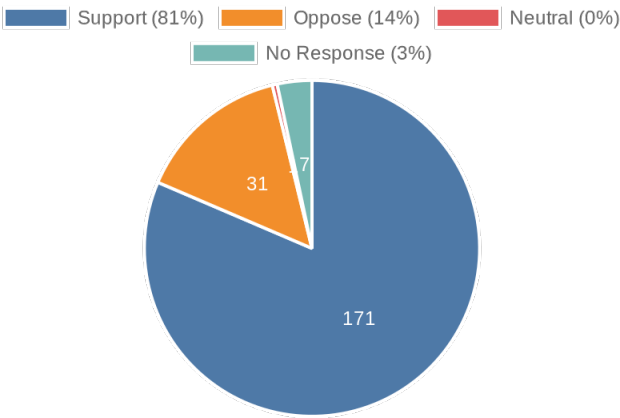


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23. REFORMING THE COUNTY RESERVE POLICY TO PROTECT CORE SERVICES AND VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES FROM FEDERAL DISINVESTMENT	210	171	31	1

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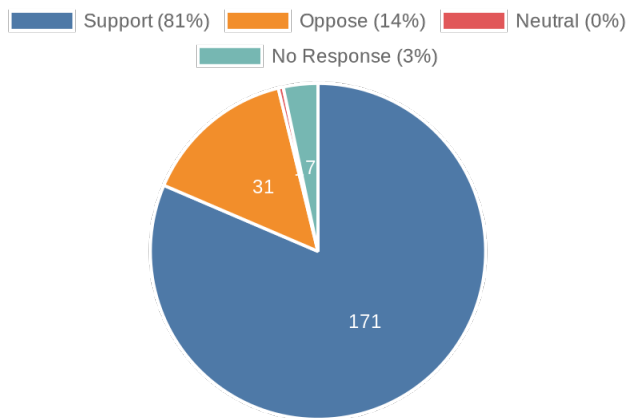
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Agenda Item: eComments for 23. REFORMING THE COUNTY RESERVE POLICY TO PROTECT CORE SERVICES AND VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES FROM FEDERAL DISINVESTMENT

Overall Sentiment



Tom Laube

Location: 92107, San Diego
Submitted At: 6:11pm 08-26-25

We need local governmental agencies to step in.

CHRISTINE HANSEN

Location: 92069, San Marcos
Submitted At: 6:00pm 08-26-25

I strongly support this reform to the County Reserve Policy. The Federal government has abandoned its taxpayers. This is indeed an emergency situation. Please let's not follow suit and abandon citizens who are most in need. Our seniors, the disabled, young people trying to raise a family, those who require ongoing medical care. Who says they are not "law-abiding" citizens? It could be your grandmother. San Diego County is up to this challenge. Go Padres!

Shantel Suarez

Location: 92025, Escondido
Submitted At: 3:38pm 08-26-25

With federal funding cuts putting San Diego families at risk of losing access to vital healthcare and social safety net programs, our community is facing a real crisis. I urge the County to stand with our neighbors and use its rainy day reserves to protect the well-being of those who need it most. This is the moment to come together and take care of each other. As a San Diego resident, nonprofit leader, and representative of the San Diego Solidarity Network, I urge the County to move resources to meet the needs of our community and gaps created by the federal government.

Taralyn Rose

Location: 92129, San Diego
Submitted At: 3:00pm 08-26-25

The biggest concern that I have is oversight and transparency. I can better support a bill that agrees to disclose

where our tax dollars are going.

Claire Groebner

Location: 92104, San Diego
Submitted At: 2:09pm 08-26-25

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Jennifer Mitchel

Location: 92021, El Cajon
Submitted At: 1:25pm 08-26-25

As a business owner, rental property manager and resident, I strongly oppose this agent item. Reserves are in place to protect those of us who live in the County. Allowing other residents or Board Members, to reduce reserves to use for other projects, programs or purposes, places us at risk for no services when we need them. We deserve to be respected and represented and to have a safety net, as the second largest "population group" in the San Diego Area. We are being discriminated against because we are not a "City". The Board needs to protect our reserves and our position.

Karen V

Location: 92128
Submitted At: 12:34pm 08-26-25

Please DO NOT dip into our Reserve Fund. The Board of Supervisors need to keep that money on hand as it was meant to be. Please do not spend today in hopes of getting more money tomorrow. This is reckless.

Roger Bitar

Location: 92131, San Diego
Submitted At: 12:27pm 08-26-25

I am against reducing the county reserves

Anita Bunting

Location:
Submitted At: 12:25pm 08-26-25

ABSOLUTELY DO NOT USE ANY RESERVE FUNDS!!!!!! I don't want this money used for anything like raises, etc. The Board needs to govern more effectively and end 'hand-outs' immediately!!!

Kaitlin McQuaid

Location: 91977-3433, Spring Valley
Submitted At: 12:24pm 08-26-25

Our neighbors who are homeless are suffering, this constitutes an emergency and immediate actions are needed. Please lead us ethically and choose people over money. If you ignore suffering, you are setting your grandchildren in the risk of becoming homeless. All because you failed to act today. How many more people have to suffer before you release OUR county's money? Maybe you are alright with watching your neighbors suffer, but I am not. I ask that leaders who are operating from a scarcity mindset, please step aside to allow ethical standards to prevail. I live in Spring Valley where hundreds of people within a few miles radius are living without shelter or access to restrooms. I am asking you to close the mouth to the pipeline to prison in my community. Provide jobs to all who want to work, and stop gate keeping the resources that are reserved for our most basic needs. Thank you.

Gilberto Vera

Location: 92114, San Diego
Submitted At: 10:58am 08-26-25

I am a Deputy Director with Legal Aid Society of San Diego.

As a result of the budget deficit at all levels of gov and the “big beautiful bill” implementation, we are at risk of losing essential services that low-income households not only depend on BUT need to survive. Now is the day we need to tap into those much-needed funds to not only address the short-term needs of San Diegans but making investments to save the county money in the long run.

Reducing services will disproportionately impact communities of color, low-income communities, and elderly and disabled households on fixed income. Rent burden households are at greater risk of falling into homelessness due to unexpected expenses, loss of gov benefits, or a decrease in income.

In closing, I ask you to support the modernization of the County’s reserve policy to align with the Government Finance Officers Association’s national best practices with board keeping control of spending with strict guard rails in place.

Itzel MagandaChavez

Location: 92102, San Diego
Submitted At: 10:55am 08-26-25

I stand in support of Item 23 for the proposal to establish an Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Sustainable Fiscal Planning and the Board Letter to Unlock County Reserves. The decisions made today will shape the well-being of San Diego’s communities for years to come. Thank you for taking initiative and prioritizing the needs of your constituents.

Gary Warth

Location: 92056, Oceanside
Submitted At: 10:29am 08-26-25

Dear Chair Lawson-Remer and Members of the Board,

I am writing on behalf of RTFH (the Regional Task Force on Homelessness), and we urge you to SUPPORT Discussion Item 23.

Cuts at the federal level will place thousands of San Diegans at risk of losing housing vouchers, Medi-Cal coverage, SNAP benefits and other essential services.

The loss of services will lead to an unprecedented increase in street homelessness.

The county’s reserve fund was made for moments like this, when action is needed to protect the stability of our communities.

RTFH urges you to:

Replace lost federal housing and healthcare funds

Replenish the Innovative Housing Trust Fund

Provide aid to food banks

Support services like transportation, workforce training, and housing counseling

Equip County staff to help residents navigate new challenges

We thank you for your time and consideration, and your service to San Diego County residents!

Erica Castillo

Location: 92115, San Diego
Submitted At: 10:29am 08-26-25

I strongly support establishing an Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Sustainable Fiscal Planning and approving the Board Letter to Unlock County Reserves, brought forward by Supervisors Terra Lawson-Remer and Monica Montgomery-Steppe. With state and federal cuts creating serious fiscal uncertainty, these measures are essential to safeguard core services.

Business For Good San Diego, a values-driven chamber of 100+ small business owners committed to equity and community well-being, knows how critical County programs are for low-income families, seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities. The subcommittee will provide a proactive, community-centered approach, while unlocking reserves will stabilize vital services at risk now.

Supervisors, we urge you to vote yes on this board letter. Show that San Diego County will lead with courage and care.

Thank you!

Erica Castillo, Advocacy Co-Chair of Business For Good San Diego + Small Business Owner

Cheryl McCowan

Location: 92115

Submitted At: 10:22am 08-26-25

Thank you to all supervisors for your work. I am in support of opening the reserves. As I write this, successful programs are being cut as a result of fed gov funding cuts. Programs like Job Corps, Father2Child, Dads Corp, financial literacy programs, etc which have been resources our residents in all parts of the county have been able to access, are now gone. If the reserves can help save or restore any resources to help our youth, families and individuals, that would be a win. Again, thank you all for your time.

Nancy Behm

Location: 92115, San Diego

Submitted At: 10:22am 08-26-25

I strongly support this! Funding the safety net is exactly what I want my taxpayer dollars to do. This is an essential action the county board can take to fight back against Trump's racist, classist agenda.

Patricia Ferber

Location: 92029, Del Dios

Submitted At: 10:06am 08-26-25

I strongly oppose reducing our San Diego County reserves fund! San Diego County should NOT be spending its reserves for on-going expenses. The county's 60 day reserve (which already seems marginal) is its financial safety net, set aside for unexpected crises like natural disasters. With wildfires becoming ever more common we need to be maintaining strong financial reserves to address this increasing risk.

John Elliott

Location: 91916, Descanso

Submitted At: 9:52am 08-26-25

Am I reading this correctly that it says that a change in the reserve policy will result in a bonus check being sent to County employees? \$100? \$1,000? More? If this is part of their employment contract where is the nexus for that? No reserve policy changes should be made until this employment contract is changed.

Also, allowing for a 25% reduction every year will wipe out the reserves in 6 or 7 years.

I must complain that the backup material provided on this item is shallow and unconvincing. Make a better case for your position.

Stacey Drew

Location: 92071, Santee

Submitted At: 9:50am 08-26-25

Dear Chair Lawson-Remer and Members of the Board,

I urge you to SUPPORT Discussion Item 23.

The proposed "Big Beautiful Bill Act" at the federal level will cut vital funding for housing, healthcare, and food assistance. Thousands of San Diegans are at risk of losing housing vouchers, Medi-Cal coverage, and SNAP benefits.

These are essential services that keep people housed, healthy, and working. The County's reserve fund was made for moments like this, when action is needed to protect the stability of our communities.

I urge you to:

- Replace lost federal housing and healthcare funds

- Replenish the Innovative Housing Trust Fund
 - Provide aid to food banks
 - Support services like transportation, workforce training, and housing counseling
 - Equip County staff to help residents navigate new challenges
- Please vote YES on Item 23 and help our friends and neighbors maintain their homes, health, and most basic needs in such a ridiculous financial and political climate.

Keith Johnson

Location: 91941, La Mesa
Submitted At: 9:25am 08-26-25

Reserves are meant for County-wide EMERGENCIES. Yes, Federal funding has diminished, but San Diego County should NOT be spending its reserves for on-going expenses. If the County Supervisors start down this road to utilize Reserve Funds for replacing loss of Federal funds, inevitably it will cause more suffering down the road, as EMERGENCIES DO HAPPEN. You Supervisors need to re-exam your overall budget and live within it. Many businesses and individuals became dependent upon the gravy-train from Washington DC and now that that has been reduced, why should the San Diego County taxpayers pick-up the tab? The Board of Supervisors should rethink its Sanctuary County status and utilize funds for the benefit of U.S. and San Diego County citizens, rather than those arriving for the handout and gaming the system.

Denise Dizon

Location:
Submitted At: 9:20am 08-26-25

I support to update the policy.

Jillian Quint

Location: 92106, San Diego
Submitted At: 9:05am 08-26-25

With federal funding cuts putting San Diego families at risk of losing access to vital healthcare and social safety net programs, our community is facing a real crisis. I urge the County to stand with our neighbors and use its rainy day reserves to protect the well-being of those who need it most. This is the moment to come together and take care of each other.

Joanne Standlee

Location: 92037, La Jolla
Submitted At: 9:04am 08-26-25

As an organization committed to providing care and support to medically fragile older adults who are homeless, Housing 4 the Homeless knows firsthand how vital County services are to the well-being of all our residents. These services cannot be left vulnerable to unpredictable decisions made in Washington or Sacramento. The loss of services will lead to an unprecedented increase in street homelessness which has an extremely negative impact on all of us! We strongly support the proposal to unlock a portion of the County's reserves to stabilize critical services at risk of cuts in the near term. These reserves represent a vital tool to cushion the community from harm and bridge urgent funding gaps. The public dollars potentially available will be invested in sensible, thoughtful ways that ensure that our most vulnerable, including children, seniors, and the disabled, continue to receive critical support and services.

Edy J

Location:
Submitted At: 8:57am 08-26-25

No. Absolutely not. Please, look at the calendar. It's late August. We are headed into the height of fire season. Reserves, emergency funds are our countywide safety net for not only fires, but other EMERGENCIES. So, no. Absolutely not. Do not raid our emergency funds.

Melinda Forstey

Location: 92109, San Diego
Submitted At: 8:56am 08-26-25

On behalf of Serving Seniors, I want to voice our support for this item. Seniors are the fastest-growing

demographic experiencing homelessness, often for the first time, and often due to financial insecurity alone. Essential services such as Medi-Cal and CalFresh are often the difference between older adults staying in their homes and living on the street. With federal cuts threatening these lifelines, now is the time for the County to step up by modernizing its reserve policy to protect core services and vulnerable communities.

Tony Manolatos

Location: 92120, San Diego
Submitted At: 8:53am 08-26-25

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I am writing on behalf of RTFH (the Regional Task Force on Homelessness), and we urge you to SUPPORT Discussion Item 23.

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These are essential services that keep people housed, healthy, and working. The county's reserve fund was made for moments like this, when action is needed to protect the stability of our communities.

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We thank you for your time and consideration, and your service to San Diego County residents!

Leslie Day

Location: 91941, La Mesa
Submitted At: 8:43am 08-26-25

I oppose any reduction in emergency funds that would be used in case of flood, fire, earthquake or pandemic. We should look at what the City of San Diego did during the floods of February 2024, when they used emergency funds to help subsidize their general fund. These people who suffered terribly, and are still suffering today. They are a perfect example of why we should not touch or interfere with our emergency funds. I live in the unincorporated area of the county which represents over 500,000 people. Taking away this resource for emergencies, especially fire related issues is outrageous.

Phyllis Blanck

Location: 92101, San Diego
Submitted At: 8:16am 08-26-25

I support a modernized reserve policy. Trumps cuts to our services have already affected me personally. Out of the blue, my SNAP benefits have been lowered from \$292/month which was already a tight squeeze to live on, to \$51/month. Neither benefit amount allows for eating a health conscious lifestyle and my health has been notably compromised as a result. So, now that my health is in a compromised state, I learned yesterday that my MediCal health insurance is no longer in effect. I'm am a Disabled Senior. I can only hope that this reserve fund might be able to help me as well as others like me.

Patricia Mondragon

Location: San Diego
Submitted At: 7:47am 08-26-25

Alliance San Diego supports the proposal to establish an Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Sustainable Fiscal Planning and the Board Letter to Unlock County Reserves. We urge the Board to move forward on both proposals. The decisions made today will shape the well-being of San Diego's communities for years to come. Thank you for your

leadership during this challenging moment.

Mary Davis

Location: 91901

Submitted At: 7:30am 08-26-25

You are supposed to be stewards of our hard-earned taxpayer monies, and are also supposed to robustly represent the Unincorporated Areas (as you are our only form of government.) Draining down reserves so you can continue your reckless spending (the County budget has gone up by 30% in 5 years) is not equitable to the Unincorporated Area. That money is OUR safety net. You already spent County \$ on bailing out the City of San Diego twice. Realign your priorities, keep reserve levels as is, & put GOVERNING WELL ahead of politicking partisanly.

Rick Kariya

Location: 92061, Pauma Valley

Submitted At: 7:18am 08-26-25

Please refrain from reducing our County Reserves. I stand amazed that the Board would even consider so drastically reducing our Reserves. One can easily get the feeling that the unincorporated areas of our county are getting the short shaft despite our significantly large percentage of the population. Please don't minimize our significance and our need for infrastructure. We feel quite neglected on that front. Thank you for your careful consideration.

Alisha Morrison

Location: 91950-7724, Lincoln Acres

Submitted At: 4:54am 08-26-25

This item has some incorrect information "Our current policy, last updated in 2017" SEC. 113.1 GENERAL FUND BALANCES AND RESERVES was updated and is stated in Article VII Sec 113.1 that is was amended by Ord. No. 10635 (N.S.), effective 12-19-19. I have found Ord. No. 10635 that PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on November 19, 2019 signed by then Chair Diane Jacobs. This item needs to have a plan per Sec 113.3 Restoration of General Fund Reserve Minimum Balance. Is there a plan to restore any use of the reserves? GFOA guidelines "seek to replenish fund balances withing one to three years of use" What is the plan? I hope it is not raising taxes, reminder voters rejected the .05 sales tax increase of Measure G that did not pass. 6 Million was spent on this special election to fill Dist 1 and NOW CA is will spend at least 200 million for a special election in November to redistrict. Let not spend money we do not have.

Yasi Noori

Location: 92026, Escondido

Submitted At: 10:14pm 08-25-25

I strongly support modernizing the County's outdated reserve policy. This reform follows GFOA best practices while keeping all spending under Board control. Strict guardrails ensure funds only used in crises, never all at once. This unlocks \$380 million in flexible reserves to protect healthcare, food security, and public safety when federal support fails. With disasters and economic volatility increasing, local reserves are essential for community survival. The proposal balances fiscal responsibility with emergency preparedness, providing needed flexibility while maintaining oversight. Our community deserves governance matching today's challenges. This reform strengthens our financial foundation to protect residents when it matters most. I urge Board support for this proven fiscal management approach.

Earl Kline

Location: 92122, San Diego

Submitted At: 8:43pm 08-25-25

The emergency fund should stay as is to protect the county from disasters such as earthquakes wildfires, and floods.

It has been some time since there was a major earthquake in San Diego but the Rose Fault could trigger any day causing severe damage in densely populated areas. The County and City would need to provide emergency housing that could last for many months.

The wildfires in 2003 and 2007 forced the evacuations of hundreds of thousands of people requiring food and

shelter.

In recent years urban flooding caused so much damage in the City of San Diego that the County had to contribute for cleanup.

If the plan is changed now, it will set a precedent to take additional funds that would weaken the reserve plan.

Ronette Youmans

Location:

Submitted At: 8:14pm 08-25-25

It's time to modernize the County's outdated reserve policy. We must protect core services and vulnerable people who will suffer from how Trump and its administration is gutting the social safety net and shifting hundreds of millions in costs onto local governments. Keeps every spending decision under Board control. Item 23 will keep every spending decision under Board control. Item 23 will control funds that will only be used in a crisis — never all at once. Reforming Item 23 would unlock \$380 million in flexible, Board-controlled reserves to protect healthcare, food, and public safety services.

Back the smart fiscal governance — making sure San Diego has the tools to protect our community when Washington D.C. walks away.

Altogether, these updates would unlock \$380 million in flexible, Board-controlled reserves to protect healthcare, food, and public safety services.

Robert Raftery

Location: 91941, La Mesa

Submitted At: 7:33pm 08-25-25

Dear Chairwoman Lawson-Remer and Members of the Board.

I ask for your support on Discussion Item 23 to reform the county's reserves policy and protect our community from impending federal cuts.

As a member of the board and past chair at Jewish Family Service I have firsthand the exceptional benefit of the No Cost Senior Transportation program. At a time when throughout our country seniors and older adults are experiencing extreme isolation this program has literally been a life changer. Doctor's appointments, religious services and just an outing with friends has made such a difference in the lives of so many. Cost has prohibited many older adults from significant events which has worsened isolation and depression. Your leadership can avert this significant issue. Please consider helping this deserving population

Sincerely

Marie G Raftery

Robert Rubenstein

Location: 91941, La Mesa

Submitted At: 7:24pm 08-25-25

Dear Chairperson:

IN RE ITEM 23

As an Ophthalmologist a number of my patients were unable to drive to come to their appointments due to reduced vision and needed a driver to bring them. Others needed transportation for post-operative care. Some lived in care facilities and could not afford commercial transportation. Medicaid paid their doctor at the time, but not how they got there.

Thankfully, for them "ON THE GO" was available to get them to the office.

PLEASE consider funding that program going forward since it is vital to the health of our community.

Thank you,

Robert Rubenstein, M.D>

Kenneth Kubarych

Location: 92014, Del Mar

Submitted At: 6:24pm 08-25-25

Please define an emergency? If it's a flood or a fire, an entire community clearly has an emergency. However, if an individual or family has inadequate food or health care, that surely sounds like a personal emergency affecting

them. Lacking adequate health care and food security are often societal issues that an individual cannot easily remedy. The whims of a heartless administration are certainly no solution. Our San Diego community has the resources and ability to make a difference and should try. I support using the emergency funds to help bridge the gap.

Theresa Acerro

Location:

Submitted At: 5:50pm 08-25-25

Reserves are meant to be used to respond to emergencies. Trump's cuts to food and health assistance are causing emergencies for people. Use some of these funds to help people survive.

Glen Fabian

Location: 91911, San Diego

Submitted At: 4:17pm 08-25-25

Times like these is the reason to have a reserves. I encourage the supervisors to make sure respond appropriately!

Beth Beringer

Location: 92024, Encinitas

Submitted At: 3:46pm 08-25-25

Please protect core services in the recent gutting of Federal monies for San Diego County. This is an emergency. Used carefully it's the correct thing to do. Thank you.

Kathy Elliott

Location: 92117, San Diego

Submitted At: 3:45pm 08-25-25

I support this proposal to modify how we manage the county reserve. It is both reasonable and necessary. As we face a catastrophic loss of federal revenues, we must respond creatively and responsibly to protect the most vulnerable in our county.

Vickie White

Location: 92115, San Diego

Submitted At: 3:12pm 08-25-25

I am a resident of District 4 in the College Area. I support the reserves policy proposal in Agenda Item 23 and ask the Supervisors to do the same. It is essential that we step up to support the county's most vulnerable residents while continuing to be fiscally responsible.

Doreen ORiley

Location: 91977, Spring Valley

Submitted At: 3:09pm 08-25-25

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my opposition to Agenda Item 23, the proposed County Reserve policy amendment.

Reserves should not be depleted for a non-emergency. Reserves should be maintained for future disasters or catastrophic events. Furthermore, I do not support giving hard earned taxpayer dollars to illegal aliens who flood our support/benefits systems taking away support/benefits from legal residence/citizens. Do not deplete the County reserves and put the County government in a financial deficit. Please vote no on agenda item 23.

Nina Babiarz

Location: 91942, La Mesa

Submitted At: 3:09pm 08-25-25

The U.S. Taxpayers are paying for EVERYTHING! Loss of our federal funds leaves us vulnerable in many ways; health and human services AND the public's safety should be our paramount priorities!

Alana Martinson

Location: 92101, San Diego

Submitted At: 3:01pm 08-25-25

On behalf of Serving Seniors, I want to voice our support for this item. 1 in 3 older adults in San Diego County struggle to afford basic needs. Federal cuts to services like Medi-Cal and CalFresh will push our struggling seniors over the edge.

Beverly Joy

Location: 92082, Valley Center
Submitted At: 2:50pm 08-25-25

Our democracy is slipping away. The Trump Administration cut critical health and food services. Let's restore them. Unlock \$380 Million for Essential Services for San Diego County.

Sherry Shriver

Location: 92075, Solana Beach
Submitted At: 2:42pm 08-25-25

I implore the Board to unlock these much needed funds to help our community. We All do better when everyone of us is served!

Rob Bird

Location: 92104, San Diego
Submitted At: 2:21pm 08-25-25

I support unlocking the reserves to prevent further fallout from the loss of federal funding for our essential services. It is, in fact, an effective crime prevention step, keeping folks from falling into homelessness and unsustainable health.

Cheri Metier

Location: 92129, San Diego
Submitted At: 1:48pm 08-25-25

I urge you to vote in support of unlocking San Diego County reserve funds for the purpose of funding essential services to our communities, especially, in support of housing and nutrition security. Thank you on behalf of Workers, Faith Leaders, and our communities of Interfaith Worker Justice of San Diego County.

Bob Hartman

Location: 92107, San Diego
Submitted At: 1:06pm 08-25-25

When only six out of ten SanDiegans are living pay to pay check and the number of people seeking help at local volunteer food banks is increasing weekly the County of San Diego needs tons of be in the forefront of supporting its citizens.

Andree Zapata

Location: 92027, Escondido
Submitted At: 12:35pm 08-25-25

I would help you with almost anything to keep trumps agenda from hurting California

Patricia Flowers

Location: 91932, Imperial Beach
Submitted At: 12:17pm 08-25-25

I support arranging to meet the community's needs by providing funds from the County reserve if it becomes necessary due to federal and/or state funding cuts.

Amanda Armstrong

Location: 92120
Submitted At: 12:09pm 08-25-25

Chair and Board Members, I urge support for reforming the County's reserve policy.

Caleb Rainey

Location: 92113, San Diego

Submitted At: 12:03pm 08-25-25

Hello, my name is Caleb Rainey and I firmly support reforming San Diego County's reserve policy to protect core services and support vulnerable San Diegans. This is the right move in light of the greed and cruelty of the Republican divestment from the social safety net.

Karen Johnson

Location: 92008, Carlsbad

Submitted At: 11:46am 08-25-25

I support 23.

Tanya F

Location:

Submitted At: 11:44am 08-25-25

Funny, some supervisors on this board have completely disregarded core services.

There is no dire emergency in this county as a whole to start dipping into the reserve. Instead this board should/must Reduce spending, Reduce government bloat such as the number of county employees, pet projects and freebies.

Stop spending our money on illegal foreigners. Ending sanctuary county policy will decrease the never ending handouts to illegal foreigners allowing for funds to go to citizens and legal residents truly and honorably in need. Some on this board are okay with fraud and waste of taxpayer dollars, encouraging undeserving and unappreciative lazy citizens and legal residents to keep their hand out.

If the anticipated 3 on this board "win" this item, then the county can be expected to fall into a deficit just like the city of San Diego and the state.

Evan Morrison

Location: 92122, San Diego

Submitted At: 11:33am 08-25-25

This measure protects life and dignity for vulnerable communities in San Diego. Investing in our communities and human welfare is both the compassionate choice and the responsible one, as preserving these programs will mitigate some of the instability caused by the Trump regime's arbitrary, capricious, and reckless budget cuts.

H L

Location: CA, San Diego

Submitted At: 11:33am 08-25-25

I am in support of opening the reserves. Thank you!!

Karen Pohl

Location: 92119, San Diego

Submitted At: 11:24am 08-25-25

This is a once in 250 year emergency to have federal funds withheld/rescinded. Now that the federal government has become unreliable, the county must step up to reduce the harm to our residents. Please support the reserve policy reform.

Theresa Duncan

Location: 92020, El Cajon

Submitted At: 11:09am 08-25-25

When you close crucial programs, like parenting support (Father to Child, Parent-Infant Education), affordable housing, and cut translation services, you are setting up County employees to FAIL at the task of supporting and helping our most vulnerable population - children! We understand the federal government is sabotaging the Agency at every level, starting from the top, but please vote yes on Item 23, so we can protect OUR people, OUR neighborhoods, and OUR children. Help us SUCCEED and THRIVE in spite of the federal foolishness and criminal waste and neglect.

Zach Schlagel

Location: 92101, San Diego

Submitted At: 10:09am 08-25-25

On behalf of PATH, I urge you to SUPPORT item 23 to reform the county's reserve policy. We have joined with other nonprofits from various sectors who will be heavily impacted by impending Federal cuts into a Basic Needs Coalition to advocate for the protection of these lifesaving programs.

The 'Big Beautiful Bill Act' will slash critical funding for housing, healthcare, and food assistance. We cannot stand by while thousands of San Diegans lose their housing vouchers, Medi-Cal coverage, and SNAP benefits. The county's reserve fund is designed for a 'rainy day' like this—a storm of federal disinvestment that will cause a surge in homelessness and overwhelm our emergency rooms.

Now is the time for leadership. Please use our reserves to protect our community's basic needs and vote YES on Items 23. Our Coalition stands ready to help with a list of proposed focus areas we can share, if you move forward with this proposal.

Thank you!

Donna Perkins

Location: 92118, Coronado
Submitted At: 9:23am 08-25-25

With the cuts by the Federal Government, this action is needed to protect our most vulnerable people.

Brett StonerOsborne

Location: 92024, Encinitas
Submitted At: 9:13am 08-25-25

I support item 23 because i want important services like healthcare and food assistance to continue to be funded. Food and healthcare are human roghts and I hope the county will take action to ensure residents have access to them during the likely tumultuous shakeups at the federal level.

Mark Zickel

Location: 92109, San Diego
Submitted At: 8:57am 08-25-25

I support Item 23 to protect core services and vulnerable populations.

Gayle Lorenc

Location: 92024
Submitted At: 8:28am 08-25-25

Support all efforts for reserves

Arlene Pfaff

Location: 92120, San Diego
Submitted At: 8:16am 08-25-25

I support Agenda item 23.

Sarah O'Leary

Location: 92118, coronado
Submitted At: 8:08am 08-25-25

This is good decision to help those most vulnerable in our community.

Michael Perry

Location: 92118, Coronado
Submitted At: 8:06am 08-25-25

I strongly support this sensible, humane position.

Michelle Banta

Location: 92103, San Diego
Submitted At: 7:44am 08-25-25

I support helping our family, friends and community to maintain their human dignity and rights to food and healthcare.

Cassidy Mayer

Location: 92084, Vista
Submitted At: 7:37am 08-25-25

Opening the reserves is an important part of maintaining county services and wages during uncertain times. Refusing to do this is a selfish act that hurts communities.

Rhea Kuhlman

Location: 92101, San Diego
Submitted At: 6:48am 08-25-25

This is a responsible use of the County's reserve funds, which are there for emergencies. Use of these these funds will ultimately save the County money by reducing Emergency Room visits and crime. When people are hungry, they steal. When they're sick, they seek whatever option is available. Please support this motion.

Monica Marvin

Location: 92078, San Marcos
Submitted At: 8:50pm 08-24-25

I support Agenda item 23

Valerie Gates

Location: 92131, San Diego
Submitted At: 7:06pm 08-24-25

I support protecting our most vulnerable citizens here in San Diego. We need to protect our own because this current federal governemnt has already showed how much they do not care about us individually.

Helene Bell

Location: 92056, Oceanside
Submitted At: 6:12pm 08-24-25

I support Agenda Item 23 for the Board to act fiscally and ethically responsible for the County of San Diego.

Kathi Hansen

Location: 92118, Coronado
Submitted At: 5:14pm 08-24-25

As a concerned native San Diegan I urge the Board to do the fiscally and ethically responsible thing for this community and pass this measure! These fraught times and the abhorrent actions of the Trump regime and those who have turned their backs on the citizens of this country have now shifted the responsibility to care for our neighbors to local government. I urge ours to do the right thing!

Pamela Amundson

Location: 92103, San Diego
Submitted At: 3:46pm 08-24-25

As a Physician (retired now) and native San Diegan, I absolutely and strongly support Agenda item 23 - Reforming the County Reserve Policy to Protect Core Services and Vulnerable Communities From Federal Disinvestment.
Thank you.

Stephen Tanner

Location: 92126, San Diego
Submitted At: 12:19pm 08-24-25

I am writing in support of this measure. Chaotic and irresponsible cuts happening at the federal level will hurt a lot of our neighbors; changing spending at the county level to help protect our neighbors is good governance.

Bob Bronson

Location: 92106, San Diego
Submitted At: 11:56am 08-24-25

I do not support changing the reserve policy for San Diego county. Spending is already too high for the county and the board needs to be more fiscally responsible.

Chuck Charter

Location: 92118, Coronado
Submitted At: 11:42am 08-24-25

I fervently strongly urge the supervisors to vote yes on agenda item 23 as a counter measure against Trump who continues prioritize personal interests and prejudices over the common good.

Steph Johnson

Location: 92102, San Diego
Submitted At: 11:36am 08-24-25

I am I'm support of protecting our most vulnerable citizens. As the director of Voices of Our City, a creative community created for people impacted by homelessness, we are already learning about some Our members losing their section 8 housing and other subsidies. As a small, grassroots organization raising funds to help folks with emergency housing assistance, we will need the help of our county leadership to step up to prioritize medical coverage. By doing so, you are not only helping to keep people housed but helping to keep them alive. On behalf of our nonprofit and the hundreds of people we serve, we encourage you to vote to protect access to health benefits San Diegan seniors, disabled and folks living below the poverty line. Thank you!

Patricia Flores-Charter

Location:
Submitted At: 11:07am 08-24-25

I support use of our reserves during this crisis the federal government has caused is what a reserve is for. Federal Cuts already in place have devastated non-profits like the New Children's Museum. \$80,000 in their programs for children most at-risk in our school system have been cut already this year and layoffs have occurred. Use of our reserves to restore funding for those programs at dozens of schools. Use of the funds to backfill cuts to Medical, Snap, EBT, etc. is critical now. Please vote to release reserves to save critical non-profits and services for our most vulnerable community members.

Monte Frankel

Location: 92037, La Jolla
Submitted At: 10:41am 08-24-25

I strongly support item 23.

Angela Hawkins

Location: 92107, San Diego
Submitted At: 9:50am 08-24-25

I support agenda item 23. I strongly urge the supervisors to vote yes on agenda item 23. We must be sure that the people of San Diego get the food and health care that they need. We need to be able to counter the draconian cuts of the Trump Administration.

Jeff Unsicker

Location: 92122, San Diego
Submitted At: 9:49am 08-24-25

The cuts by Trump and the Republicans in Congress will do great harm to our most vulnerable neighbors and the use of emergency funds, if carefully controlled, may be a necessary response. I trust the Board to make those decisions.

Barry FassHolmes

Location: 92108-1800, San Diego
Submitted At: 9:44am 08-24-25

I strongly urge the supervisors to vote for agenda item 23.

Bryan Parmann

Location: 92120, San Diego
Submitted At: 9:18am 08-24-25

With the draconian cuts the current administration is enacting it is more important than ever to have a smart, robust, and functional emergency reserve. This should be a no brainer, common sense move. As a father of a special needs, medically fragile child we are already seeing the impacts of the federal policies. And we are deathly afraid of what is to come once the cuts actually go into affect. Please do the right thing and support this initiative.

Leon Scales

Location: 92106, San Diego
Submitted At: 9:15am 08-24-25

The health emergency is clear and so is the necessity for San Diegans to make responsible public financial adjustments to defend the most vulnerable among us. I fully support the well considered changes in the Reserve target and definition. I strongly encourage passage of the proposal. (With one reservation: the Board must manage the allocation of the newly available funds just as responsibly by making the stated restrictions explicit and enforceable.) When outsiders act irresponsibly to harm the San Diegans with the greatest needs and fewest resources, we must all act with compassion, speed and prudence. I urge broad support.

Brian HULL

Location: 92101, san diego
Submitted At: 9:13am 08-24-25

Help people, families and children who need help the most for basic needs and services.

Alyssa Wallace

Location: 92128, San Diego
Submitted At: 9:04am 08-24-25

With the instability at the national level, we need our local leadership to step in and protect our services. A gentle reminder that public organizations and government are not a business--the goal is not to have large reserves, but to spend the money we have to make sure everyone in our community is taken care of.

Neal Luscomb

Location: 92107, San Diego
Submitted At: 8:46am 08-24-25

Please pass this important measure. The playing field has changed and we need to be proactive.

Anne Omsted

Location: 92024, Encinitas
Submitted At: 8:35am 08-24-25

We support the use of Reserves by the County Board of Supervisors to care for the people who will severely hurt by the unanticipated withdrawal of federal funds for housing and food. What other possible emergency could affect so many people?

Thank you.

Donald and Anne Omsted,
Both born, raised and lived in San Diego county all our lives.

TERRENCE MURPHY

Location: 92111, SAN DIEGO
Submitted At: 8:09am 08-24-25

I support item 23

Cynthia Woelfel

Location: 92118, Coronado
Submitted At: 7:49am 08-24-25

As a community, we will not flourish if our most vulnerable members are at risk. We're need to ensure that safety nets for housing, food and healthcare are in place. Everyone deserves to be safe, housed, have access to

nourishing food and appropriate helathcacare.

John Trelease

Location: 92008, Carlsbad
Submitted At: 7:18am 08-24-25

I just finished reading Janesville. It's about a town that lost its ability to support its unfortunate citizens during tuff economic struggles. Never let this happen to the citizens of San Diego. Fully fund our reserve policy & protect our citizens. We are not an "island unto ourselves."

Mike Peppard

Location: 92118, Coronado
Submitted At: 6:10am 08-24-25

Hard times are coming. We should maintain our reserve funds. You have to be prepared for future calamities. You never know when we could be hit with massive fires or an earthquake. Don't turn San Diego into LA. Collectively, we can't help everybody but individually, we all can help someone.

Marti Emerald

Location: 91932, Imperial Beach
Submitted At: 2:00am 08-24-25

Too many of San Diego Countys most vulnerable citizens have though the gaps in ourour government safety bets. Mist by actions taken by our current federal government leaders. This is an abdication of our shared ethics and governments obligation to do no harm.
We must send a strong message to Washington these policies will not be tolerated. And we must share with our neighbors these policies are folly and will not earn votes for incumbents who side with the current President and his plebes. We must send a message loud and clear: You violate your pact and duty to the public you will be driven office the next we the people go to the polls.

Stewart Kocivar

Location: 92107, San Diego
Submitted At: 1:25am 08-24-25

I support the proposed revision to the county's reserve funding policy in order to assist vulnerable people due to federal reductions in food and health care assistance.

Jonathan McLeod

Location: 92116, San Diego
Submitted At: 11:17pm 08-23-25

Please support Item 23. To assure the health and well-being of all county residents, our Board of Supervisors needs to have the ability to expend reserve funds strategically, when warranted. Ongoing federal budget cutbacks to social services, health, and welfare by the Trump regime and the majority in Congress are undermining the quality of life of San Diegans. Now is the time for this prudent reform of the county's budget reserve policies.

Joan Reese

Location: 92131, San Diego
Submitted At: 10:06pm 08-23-25

As a pediatrician who has worked with the most vulnerable members of our communities and their families, I strongly support Item 23 and urge the Board of Supervisors to adopt these needed reforms to the County's reserve policy.

David Nearing

Location: 91932, Imperial Beach
Submitted At: 9:56pm 08-23-25

This fund... is for emergency use. President Trump is trying to bring the waste ,fraud, and abuse under control this is not an Emergency.
Do not change the rules to buy you votes. NO VOTE on 23.

Martin Marcus

Location: 92120, San Diego
Submitted At: 9:42pm 08-23-25

I want to express my support for Item 23 — the vote to fix the reserves policy. We must take positive action to counter bad decisions and bad actions in DC that could hurt Californians.

August Konrad

Location: 92122, San Diego
Submitted At: 9:15pm 08-23-25

I feel our most vulnerable are under an assault by the heartless and reckless policies of Donald Trump and his Republican supporters. It is of ultimate import that we use these funds to protect our citizens from this very clear threat.

Christie Turner

Location: 92024, Encinitas
Submitted At: 8:53pm 08-23-25

I believe we face a national crisis and the Board needs the flexibility to respond by making funds available.

Shirley King

Location: 92014, Del Mar
Submitted At: 8:52pm 08-23-25

I wholeheartedly support Item 23.

Vesna Vukov

Location: 92107, San Diego
Submitted At: 8:52pm 08-23-25

We need to offset the cruel cuts the Trump administration made and help our neighbors. Especially kids and seniors!

Paul Engel

Location: 92103, San Diego
Submitted At: 8:05pm 08-23-25

We need to do this to protect the most vulnerable among us. That is our responsibility as citizens, toward our neighbors and other fellow citizens. If we can, we must.

Bonnie Haworth

Location: 92101, San Diego
Submitted At: 6:51pm 08-23-25

I support Item 23

Margaret Schmidt

Location:
Submitted At: 6:42pm 08-23-25

I support the reforming the reserve policy.

Michael Donovan

Location: 92126, San Diego
Submitted At: 6:17pm 08-23-25

Do not run up the credit card for ongoing expenses. Do not dip into the savings account. This does not qualify as a rainy day.

Beatrice Shushan

Location: 92008, Carlsbad
Submitted At: 6:07pm 08-23-25

This is an important and justified use of these funds. I support it although I fear it may be counterproductive in

terms of voting patterns.

I wish it were possible for the funds to be disbursed with the message, "Trump cut it. Your Democratic Supervisors restored it."

Meredith Dimperio

Location: 91942, La Mesa

Submitted At: 6:03pm 08-23-25

When you save for a rainy day, recognize when it is raining and use those monies wisely.

Patricia Frischer

Location:

Submitted At: 6:00pm 08-23-25

This is a time of crisis in our county and that is what reserves are for...I support item 23

judith schreiber

Location: 92122, San Diego

Submitted At: 5:32pm 08-23-25

I support item 23

Edward McFadd

Location: 92024, Encinitas

Submitted At: 5:31pm 08-23-25

As a retired teacher and principal in San Diego Unified School District I worked with 'food insecure' families and depended on federal support for childre's schooling. Kids can't wait! Change the reserve system, keep kids and families supported. Thank you. Ed

Patricia Bender

Location: 91942, La Mesa

Submitted At: 5:24pm 08-23-25

I think it makes fiscal sense. It's one thing to have a reserve for future issues. This is the future!

Carol Phillips

Location: 91977, Spring Valley

Submitted At: 5:09pm 08-23-25

Release the reserves to be used to help those in need.

Charles Richmond

Location: 92014, Del Mar

Submitted At: 5:07pm 08-23-25

Counties that derive funds from Property taxes from ALL cities must assist cities in addressing homelessness, infrastructure, and utilities.

Peter Holmes

Location: 92109, San Diego

Submitted At: 5:02pm 08-23-25

I support the proposal to modernize the reserve system! Protect the people from MAGA!

NICOLE JACKSON

Location: 91932, IMPERIAL BEACH

Submitted At: 5:02pm 08-23-25

Use the reserves! This emergency is what they're for and San Diego residents deserve to have the funds they've helped save for used for them

Laura Streichert

Location: 92130, San Diego

Submitted At: 4:51pm 08-23-25

Please supporting Item 23 — the vote to fix the reserves policy. We need to offset the cuts to social services with our reserves. This is what they are for! I support the San Diego County Council to demonstrate that here in San Diego, we take care of our most in need. This makes financial sense too.

JoAnn Blacksmith

Location: 92011, Carlsbad

Submitted At: 4:49pm 08-23-25

Please support the modernization of the reserve policy. It only hurts us all when the disenfranchised do not have access to bare necessities to survive.

Linda Weber

Location: 92106, San Deigo

Submitted At: 4:27pm 08-23-25

I support Item 23 to allow updates to unlock \$380 million in flexible, Board-controlled County reserves to protect healthcare, food, and public safety services.

Mimi Ovanesso

Location: 92025, Escondido

Submitted At: 4:11pm 08-23-25

I am for supporting item#23 only if the funds are used responsibly and where it is absolutely needed.

Christine Hoey

Location: 92107, San Diego

Submitted At: 4:05pm 08-23-25

Please approve and modernize the County's outdated reserve policy to protect healthcare, food, and public safety services.

ROBERT NAZAR

Location: 92010

Submitted At: 3:59pm 08-23-25

San Diego is the 9th most expensive city in the USA. Our cost of living is 46% higher than the national average. Our local elected officials make BAD decisions. The reduction of federal support is designed to reduce or eliminate the government misuse, fraud, overpayments, waste, and corruption. You want to use the county reserve to keep this excessive spending and corruption going. Using the reserve is a stupid idea - time to trim the fat - not keep it on. Supervisor Lawson-Remer needs vote to reduce government spending and our taxes that fund the county reserve. Our gas price is around \$4.50 a gallon and other states are \$2.77 - time to trim the fat there too.

Boreas Volbeda

Location: 92129, San Diego
Submitted At: 3:58pm 08-23-25

What is the % of undocumented people (illegal aliens per US Gov definition) receiving benefits and are not contributing to this county. Please take this into consideration in making decision making on what to spend. ref: in the document page 1 last paragraph - "The County must step in to fill the void the federal government leaves behind. We can't control what Congress does, but we can ensure we leverage all our tools to protect our communities. That means planning responsibly, spending wisely, and updating outdated financial policies that don't reflect the needs or risks we face today. "

Silka Kurth

Location: 92107, San Diego
Submitted At: 3:50pm 08-23-25

I support Item 23.

JOAN HELLAND

Location: 92116-2129, SAN DIEGO
Submitted At: 3:49pm 08-23-25

Vote YES to fix the Reserves Policy ITEM 23. Hunger is real in SD County and we need to be ready to address the increase in hungry folks.

David Rimlinger

Location: 92075, Solana Beach
Submitted At: 3:36pm 08-23-25

I do not support this plan

Lawrence Carr

Location: 92116, San Diego
Submitted At: 3:25pm 08-23-25

Please support Item 23

georgia changaris

Location: 92104, Del Mar
Submitted At: 3:08pm 08-23-25

I support the reformation of the reserve policy to protect core services

Diane Barbolla

Location: 92037, San Diego
Submitted At: 3:05pm 08-23-25

I urge you to support release of urgently needed funds to help my neighbors! I support board oversight and control of those funds. With very strict direct oversight meaning that repeated 3-2 votes are to be avoided. Four votes required.

Michael Jenkins

Location: 92115, San Diego
Submitted At: 3:00pm 08-23-25

I ask that you adopt agenda item 23 to update the Reserve Policy.

Shelley Halpain

Location: 92106, San Diego
Submitted At: 2:59pm 08-23-25

County government needs to protect the most vulnerable. This is a justified use of reserve funds.

John Sequeira

Location: 92037, La Jolla
Submitted At: 2:50pm 08-23-25

Let's reform the Reserve Policy so that San Diego County can draw on an alternative source of funding when needed to offset Washington's vicious cuts to healthcare and social safety net programs.

James Hardwick

Location: 92024, Encinitas

Submitted At: 2:48pm 08-23-25

I support this agenda if it is specific about how it is used, (ie: helping members of the community in need of medical and food assistance) and not being used all at once.

Sally MorganGannon

Location: 92127, San Diego

Submitted At: 2:46pm 08-23-25

I support!

Maria Greenwald

Location: 92024, Encinitas

Submitted At: 2:43pm 08-23-25

Please provide and insure a safety net in San Diego

Cindy Breider

Location: 92007, Cardiff

Submitted At: 2:39pm 08-23-25

I support the proposal to safeguard these funds.

Deborah Renker

Location: 92118, Coronado

Submitted At: 2:26pm 08-23-25

I support agenda 23.

Roni Breite

Location: 92119, San Diego

Submitted At: 2:13pm 08-23-25

I urge you to update the reserve policies so that our county can help people whose lives will be upended by the thoughtless, cruel federal cuts. But make sure that the reserves are used judiciously, be specific about how they can be used, and not used all at once. Thank you.

Tonia Vyeniolo

Location: 92126, San Diego

Submitted At: 2:01pm 08-23-25

I am in support of the Board of Supervisors assisting members of our community who need help with medical service and food security.

SANDRA BRILLHART

Location: 91932, Imperial Beach

Submitted At: 1:54pm 08-23-25

I support reforming the County's reserve policies to ensure that hundreds of thousands of County residents do not lose healthcare and food assistance and hope that you will vote to approve this Agenda Item.

steve pruet

Location: 92109, san diego

Submitted At: 1:31pm 08-23-25

Please revise the county reserve policy. It is critical that we keep all spending decisions under board control and add strict guide lines on the spending.

Leah Macklem

Location: 92129, San Diego
Submitted At: 1:30pm 08-23-25

I do not support this and I do not have confidence in the county to use these funds responsibly. Among other issues, the UT recently reported that \$40K of taxpayer funds is earmarked for a trip to Vienna so county supervisors can go in person to "review" the affordable housing in a foreign country, with a large fee paid to Toni Atkins' wife's affordable housing consulting firm. There is no reason to believe additional funding won't be similarly squandered and mismanaged. I doubt any SD county residents in need will see a dime of these funds.

Ronald Askeland

Location: 92129, San Diego
Submitted At: 1:29pm 08-23-25

Now is the time to act by reforming the County Reserve Policy to support healthcare, food security, and public safety.

Susan Sherod

Location: 92024, Encinitas
Submitted At: 1:18pm 08-23-25

I'm 100% in support of REFORMING THE COUNTY RESERVE POLICY TO PROTECT CORE SERVICES AND VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES FROM FEDERAL DISINVESTMENT

Roberta Hilton

Location: 92075, Solana Beach
Submitted At: 1:11pm 08-23-25

I think it is very important health and well being of all our citizens. Having local control over funds usually means they go to where they are needed. Pass Item 23

ANITA DESIMONE

Location: 92008, Carlsbad
Submitted At: 1:07pm 08-23-25

I support Item 23 and fully support
REFORMING THE COUNTY RESERVE POLICY TO PROTECT CORE SERVICES AND VULNERABLE
COMMUNITIES FROM FEDERAL DISINVESTMENT

I support the county assistance for Healthcare , food assistance and emergency funding of basic services for all San Diegans ... I support a strong unified voice for push back against Trump and his destructive and unlawful false narratives, injustice to our democracy and people, and his illegal policies and actions against women, DEI, fair democracy and "we the people" and all our Constitutional rights, freedoms and liberties!

Mary Fifield

Location: 92107, San Diego
Submitted At: 1:06pm 08-23-25

I support the August 25, 2025 agenda item 23, "REFORMING THE COUNTY RESERVE POLICY TO PROTECT
CORE SERVICES

AND VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES FROM FEDERAL DISINVESTMENT." I applaud the board's leadership in recognizing that this sudden and enormous reduction in federal funding will cause a health care crisis for thousands of families in San Diego County. Responsible use of the reserves is fiscally and morally defensible. A more reasonable formula for calculating reserves and the restrictions on how and when it can be tapped assure me that we are using these funds wisely.

Sylvia Selverston

Location: 92111-4141, San Diego
Submitted At: 1:06pm 08-23-25

support

Wayne Dernetz

Location: 92014, Del Mar
Submitted At: 12:57pm 08-23-25

As a former Municipal Treasurer and Finance Director, City Manager and City Attorney (1966 - 2005), I urge your vote to approve Item 23 on your upcoming agenda, adjusting County Fiscal Reserve Policies. The purpose of any government is to provide essential service to the citizens of the polity which they cannot reasonably provide for themselves. In these critical times, tens of thousands of our fellow citizens will soon lose essential services and benefits traditionally and previously provided by the federal government. Within limits of prudent fiscal policy, as outlined by the GFOA, of which I am a former member, it is your public duty to use all available resources to assist our citizens in their time of need. Reducing excessive reserve levels is fiscally responsible and will not result in increased taxes. Again, I urge your support for Item 23.

Barbara Bolton

Location: 92024, Encinitas
Submitted At: 12:52pm 08-23-25

Item 23

Fix the reserves policy. With the Federal Government stopping assistance for poor San Diegans on Healthcare, food assistance, and emergencies which harms families, children, elderly, veterans, hospitals and our greater economy, San Diego County Board of Supervisors must modernize the counties reserve policy. According to GFOA, this is best practices.

It keeps spending decisions under board control.

Adds strict guidelines that funds can only be used in a crisis and never all at once.

Protect Healthcare, food security, and public safety.

Please vote yes on Item 23.

Thank you. Barbara Bolton

Carol Hickman

Location: 92011, Carlsbad
Submitted At: 12:44pm 08-23-25

I support item 23 wholeheartedly!

Rhya Cawley

Location: 92056, Oceanside
Submitted At: 12:39pm 08-23-25

I support preparing for whatever trump throws at us. He is disgusting.

Deborah Gostin

Location: 92103, San Diego
Submitted At: 12:35pm 08-23-25

I am in support of reforming the county reserve policy to protect core services and vulnerable communities from Federal disinvestment. If it weren't for the cruelty of this current presidential administration, we wouldn't need to reform the county reserve policy. But these aren't normal times and some of the most vulnerable are being targeted to take the brunt of this cruelty. Changes are absolutely necessary right now to ensure as few as possible are affected by the lack of federal funding.

Feroza Ardeshir

Location: 92122-2402, San Diego
Submitted At: 12:34pm 08-23-25

I am writing to Support Item 23 which will be voted on on Tuesday August 26th. Our local government needs to step in when the federal government is removing funding and slashing support networks for the least privileged residents. I support the proposal to reform the county's reserve policy to unlock needed funds for the community.

Peggy Zenger

Location: 92009, Carlsbad
Submitted At: 12:32pm 08-23-25

I'm not sure how "core services" and "vulnerable communities" are determined but, if the funds are desperately needed, I support #23.

Roy Allen

Location: 92009, Carlsbad
Submitted At: 12:30pm 08-23-25

I support this agenda item to allow wider access to financial reserves.

Stephen Thomason

Location: 92075, Solana Beach
Submitted At: 12:28pm 08-23-25

The tax changes helping the rich and taking services away the poor are are ridiculous.

Lois Klepin

Location:
Submitted At: 12:26pm 08-23-25

I expect my local government to do what it can to keep our community healthy. Food insecurity, homelessness, and lack of medical insurance is a travesty for the affected individuals, and it stresses the health system of the entire community, too. I think the proposal to reform the county reserve policy is well thought out and reasonable. Please enact it.

Veronica Valdes

Location: 92109, San Diego
Submitted At: 12:26pm 08-23-25

Our neighbors in need are a priority.

Steve Gross

Location: 91941, La Mesa
Submitted At: 12:26pm 08-23-25

I support the use of reserves to help people in need. Thank you to the supervisors who support this kind and thoughtful idea.

Ami Adkins

Location: 92020, El cajon
Submitted At: 12:24pm 08-23-25

I urge you to pass this measure to allow San Diego to respond with much needed support for our community that will be devastated by the tRump Medicaid and health services cuts. Thank you.

Scott KG

Location: 92064, Poway
Submitted At: 12:23pm 08-23-25

I support the use of reserves to counteract federal cuts targeted towards vulnerable communities and blue states. White christian nationalism, fascism, and billionaire support are now the policies of the federal government. Local governments must step up to reduce the impact of these cruel and stupid policies. If this isn't an emergency, what is?

Manny Sandoval

Location: 92026, Escondido
Submitted At: 12:18pm 08-23-25

We cannot put our heads in the sand. Every human being deserves the basic needs of health care and food. We've forgotten to put the qualitative factor in our budgets and reserves.

Dori K

Location: 92103, San Diego
Submitted At: 12:17pm 08-23-25

I totally support reforming the reserve policy to support vulnerable communities that are at risk due to loss of federal funding

Joni Edelman

Location: 92128, San Diego
Submitted At: 12:14pm 08-23-25

County funds should only be used for individuals who are here legally. This should only be passed if an amendment is added stipulating that funds are to be used only for those legally present in this country. The governor and state legislators have already bankrupted the state of California by unilaterally deciding to provide health insurance to anyone who crosses the border and decides to stay here illegally. And who pays for this insanity? We the taxpayers pay for it.

Dennis Schurmeier

Location: 92131, San Diego
Submitted At: 12:11pm 08-23-25

I think it is fiscally irresponsible to lower our reserves policy at the start of a fiscal challenge. The President is cutting funding and pursuing economic policies that will lead to a major sustained economic downturn. The Country's budget is going to be severely challenged for the next few years. The reserves will be key and were planned for such a circumstance. They must not all be spent at the start of the fiscal challenges.

Kimberly Weinstein

Location: 92107, San Diego
Submitted At: 12:02pm 08-23-25

We must protect healthcare, community services and the ability to purchase food with an EBT card in our communities. My daughters are no longer on my healthcare plan and it is so expensive for the young citizens just out of college.

Terry Berenson

Location: 92127, San Diego
Submitted At: 11:57am 08-23-25

Please do whatever is necessary to provide healthcare and food to the vulnerable people in our community.

Carolyn Shadle

Location: 92037, La Jolla
Submitted At: 11:52am 08-23-25

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Chris Durnan

Location: 92008, Arlsbad
Submitted At: 11:47am 08-23-25

My questions are:
How much is in the reserve fund?
How many months county operating expenses does it cover?

I agree there is a need for support to help people, but I don't want to put the county finances in a precarious position.

Tom Loggia

Location: 92067, Rancho Santa Fe
Submitted At: 11:42am 08-23-25

2025-0823 - eComment Opposing Item 23 — the vote to fix the reserves policy.
It is admirable to help our San Diego US citizens who are in need. It's part of our DNA to help people in need within the USA and globally. My issue is we must first help our legal citizens or immigrants who are veterans, homeless, senior citizens, etc. I do NOT support giving our hard earned tax money to illegal aliens who came into our country and flood our support system which takes away benefits needed by our citizens and legal immigrants.

It drains our hospitals, schools, food banks, food stamps, etc. Do not drain our reserves and get into a financial deficit situation like San Diego City. Thank you.

Vicky Tade

Location: 92128, San Diego
Submitted At: 11:40am 08-23-25

I support controlled use of the “ rainy days “ fund .

Chris Pericles

Location: 92011, Carlsbad
Submitted At: 11:40am 08-23-25

I support Terra's position of reforming the County's reserve to protect core services and vulnerable communities. I agree wholeheartedly with Terra Lawson-Remer. Thank you!

Jenene McGonigal

Location: 92011, Carlsbad
Submitted At: 11:40am 08-23-25

We must protect healthcare, community services and the ability to purchase food with an EBT card in our communities. Healthcare is too expensive for the citizens of our county/state/country. Please spend the dollars wisely in order to keep these things available and no more costly-particularly healthcare costs-is our community.

Dan Burnett

Location: 92124, San Diego
Submitted At: 11:37am 08-23-25

It just makes sense! Given the possibility of further/future harms to our most vulnerable we/you need to have the flexibility to respond appropriately to our County's local needs when the Federal Government is implementing stupid/selfish/mean-spirited/cruel policies.

Peter Andersen

Location: 92111, San Diego
Submitted At: 11:36am 08-23-25

Backfill to funding cutbacks.
Go Terra

Alan Tung

Location: 92101, San Diego
Submitted At: 11:36am 08-23-25

Please vote in favor to help those in need. We can't let Trump's policies make people suffer.

James McCammon

Location: 92037-7171, La Jolla
Submitted At: 11:33am 08-23-25

Please support access to food, healthcare and other essential services for those who need them.

Marian Karpisek

Location: 92071, SANTEE
Submitted At: 11:32am 08-23-25

We need to do what is right for the residents of California. I support the proposal and feel it is well thought-out and controlled.

Marian Karpisek

Virginia Rodriguez

Location: 92008, Carlsbad
Submitted At: 11:32am 08-23-25

I support reforming the county reserve policy to protect core services. It's much less expensive and humane to

protect services rather than deal with the consequences of increased homelessness, food insecurity, emergency room visits and poverty that will result from these cuts. Vulnerable seniors families children and vets need these services. Reducing and eliminating them is a sure early death sentence. Please do the less expensive and humane thing and continue to provide these services and thereby protect the entire county. Everyone suffers when the system is overwhelmed and our fellow citizens cannot get the help they need.

Constance Taylor

Location: 92009, CARLSBAD
Submitted At: 11:28am 08-23-25

Don't make cuts please!!!!

Jeannie Smith

Location: 92075, Solana Beach
Submitted At: 11:27am 08-23-25

I am greatly concerned about Federal cuts to programs supporting the vulnerable; I trust the Board of Supervisors to use funds wisely.

Phillip Moheno

Location: 92192, San Diego
Submitted At: 11:26am 08-23-25

Support

Ray Beaulieu

Location: 92126, San Diego
Submitted At: 11:25am 08-23-25

Protecting vulnerable communities from federal disinvestment has to be a priority right now.

Rick Schulte

Location: 91941-4237, La Mesa
Submitted At: 11:25am 08-23-25

Heatlcare is critical for many.

Caron Golden

Location: 92124, San Diego
Submitted At: 11:24am 08-23-25

I support this agenda item. We cannot risk having fellow San Diegans lose healthcare and food assistance. Thanks to that big ugly bill, we're losing millions in our safety net from the federal government. It will only cost us more when we have people who are sick and hungry or our public safety is compromised. Please support the move to reform the County's reserve policy to protect our neighbors and communities.

Dan Ziagos

Location: 92009, Carlsbad
Submitted At: 11:22am 08-23-25

The reform is urgent and responsible because it follows national best practices from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), keeps every spending decision under Board control, and adds strict guardrails so funds can only be used in a crisis — never all at once. These updates would unlock \$380 million in flexible, Board-controlled reserves to protect healthcare, food, and public safety services. This is smart fiscal governance — making sure San Diego has the tools to protect our community when Washington walks away.

Joseph Gannon

Location: 92127, San Diego
Submitted At: 11:21am 08-23-25

Adjusting funding parameters to support services for those who would loose those services due to Federal cuts by the current administration

Katie Walkiewicz

Location: 92115, San Diego
Submitted At: 11:20am 08-23-25

It is critical that we protect our most vulnerable at this time.

Gail Deyling

Location: 92040
Submitted At: 10:45am 08-23-25

I oppose this Agenda Item. A county's reserve is its financial safety net intended to be a dedicated funds set aside for unexpected unforeseeable crises such as natural disasters. This would be a misappropriation of these funds. Cutting the County reserves by \$380 million, a 55% reduction is reckless and unwise. Just view the current budget crisis at the State of CA level to see how poorly misappropriation of funds plays out. Let's not go there as County. I urge you to oppose this agenda item.

Beth Prinz

Location: 92065, Ramona
Submitted At: 10:45am 08-23-25

Do not lower the financial reserve standard. It is irresponsible to leave the unincorporated communities, such as mine, without adequate funds for disasters. Essential services are exactly that...essential. It's our taxes, for our protection. It's not "penny-wise" but certainly is "pound foolish."VOTE NO!

Jan Adler

Location: 92103, San Diego
Submitted At: 11:39pm 08-22-25

Dear Chairwoman Lawson-Remer and Members of the Board,

I urge you to SUPPORT Discussion Item 23 to reform the county's reserve policy and protect our community from impending federal cuts.

The federal 'Big Beautiful Bill Act' / H.R.1. will slash critical funding for housing, healthcare, food assistance and general basic needs of our community. The County has built its reserves for a rainy day. For older adults in every supervisory district that receive rides to medical appointments, social services, and grocery stores through the No Cost Senior Transportation Program, that rainy day is here. Without the use of reserves to sustain this life-changing program, older adults across this county will no longer receive the rides they depend on. Now is the time for leadership. Please use our reserves to protect our community's basic needs and vote YES on Items 23."

Gregg Fox

Location: 92027, Escondido
Submitted At: 7:44pm 08-22-25

Stop voting to spend funds you do not have. Stop raising taxes and fees go pay for goods and services that are not needed. Control yourselves and behave like adults, not spoiled children. Do not vote for this.

Maureen Glaser

Location: 92123, San Diego
Submitted At: 5:10pm 08-22-25

We strongly support this item. The County has built its reserves for a rainy day. And for older adults in every supervisory district that receive rides to medical appointments, social services, and grocery stores through the County's No Cost Senior Transportation Program, that rainy day is here. Without the use of reserves to sustain this life-changing program, seniors across this county will no longer receive the rides they depend on after March.

Kaley Levitt

Location: =
Submitted At: 5:09pm 08-22-25

This is the time for the County to use reserves to invest in the economic security and health of not only individual

San Diegans, but in the strength and stability of the County as a whole. We urge the board to make the strategic choice to protect the core services that serve the whole county, from young children to older adults. The County has invested in life changing programs, such as No Cost Senior Transportation, which needs a release of county reserves to continue providing rides to older adults across the county. We request the Board approve the recommendation to reform the reserve policy.

Bre Bruce

Location: 92019, el cajon
Submitted At: 4:21pm 08-22-25

This change just makes sense — it helps keep vital services going and protects our most vulnerable communities if federal funding gets cut. It shows the County's commitment to putting people first and planning responsibly for the future.

Michelle ZittlauJohnson

Location: 92104
Submitted At: 4:09pm 08-22-25

I am in strong support of updating the county reserves policy as we need monies to go to essential public health services such as the work I do in managing cases in the community of active tuberculosis disease. Please update the policy to release reserve funds!! - Michelle, County Senior Public Health Nurse

Wesley Burt

Location: 92024, Encinitas
Submitted At: 3:34pm 08-22-25

I strongly support this item. San Diego County is facing serious fiscal uncertainty due to unprecedented state and federal disinvestment in essential programs. Cuts to Medicaid, SNAP, housing, Medi-Cal, and other core services, alongside unfunded mandates and increased local burdens, risk destabilizing the safety net and undermining the County's ability to meet urgent community needs. This reform will unlock critical funds to ensure our most vulnerable neighbors continue to receive critical support and services.

Morgan Smith

Location: 91942, La Mesa
Submitted At: 3:15pm 08-22-25

I strongly urge the Board to adopt this item to reform the County Reserve Policy. Reforming the policy will unlock needed funds to protect vital programs and services during this period of instability and chaos. While the blame for this instability can be assigned to the current president, his administration, the sycophantic republican party, and the entire "maga" movement, our County Government is responsible for taking action to ensure we can continue serving our communities as best as we possibly can. Reforming this policy will ensure we can continue offering the critical programs that support the most vulnerable, the most underserved, and the most in need within our County. Please stand tall, reject the federal government's assault on decency, good governance, justice, science, knowledge, integrity, and humanity, and pass this item. Thank you.

Krista DeBusschere

Location: 92115, San Diego
Submitted At: 3:03pm 08-22-25

The Supervisor vote to make changes to the San Diego County Government reserves policy, is a vote that would bring the County in line with the best practices of other governments. There is no reason for our County to sit on billions of excess dollars, which it currently does under the existing policy. An affirmative vote for the policy change will allow allocation of funds to our communities' important, core programs – programs that impact our citizens every day. Plus, it comes with strict guidelines for use. This change will not jeopardize the County's fiscal position; the reserves will remain robust and secure for future emergencies. Give the jeopardy that the federal government is imposing with the impoundment of money and cuts to vital programs like Medicaid (Medi-cal in CA), food programs, the sciences and more, this is a healthy move AND the fiscally responsible move, for our County Government and our community.

Carol Fantauzzo

Location: 92040, Lakeside

Submitted At: 1:57pm 08-22-25

We should not be spending our reserves. I do not trust the majority of the counsel to spend our money responsibly. Our money is for the tax payers and I for one, am tired of it being spent on things that don't benefit law abiding tax payers!

Robert Prokesch

Location: 92124, San Diego

Submitted At: 1:17pm 08-22-25

I support releasing the reserves. Board Members, I support the reformation of the reserve policy. Aligning with GFOA standards by basing reserves on operating costs will preserve fiscal responsibility while freeing funds to protect residents and employees. Current policy also ignores "assigned" reserves, even though they are fully within the Board's control. Including all unrestricted balances ensures an accurate picture of available resources. These reforms strengthen—not weaken—our fiscal health. Unlocking \$380 million with strict guardrails ensures dollars are used wisely. With annual limits and required Board approval, the County can safeguard both reserves and core services. This balanced, modern approach keeps San Diego strong while protecting vulnerable communities.

Tom Murphy

Location: 92025, Escondido

Submitted At: 11:56am 08-22-25

This proposal to "...free up approximately \$380 million in flexible, Board-controlled funds..." is based on wrong thinking about the role of government. Beginning with FDR's New Deal, particularly the "2nd New Deal," government has positioned itself as the arbiter of charitable work and the keeper of the social safety net. This positioning has had dire consequences to the financial well-being of every American. We are foundering in debt. Now, the County Board of Supervisors proposes we expend county reserves on a social safety net that, demonstrably, we cannot afford. Rather than repeating the same mistakes of the past 90 years, the board should conjure a new leadership vision. Identify and champion a limited view of government where charitable work and the social safety net are given back into the hands of private citizens.

Steve W

Location: 92065

Submitted At: 11:07am 08-22-25

Chair and Board Members, I urge support for reforming the County's reserve policy. The current formula, updated in 2017, overstates reserves by counting one-time capital projects that can be delayed in a crisis—like saving for a remodel instead of necessities. Aligning with GFOA standards by basing reserves on operating costs will preserve fiscal responsibility while freeing funds to protect residents. Current policy also ignores "assigned" reserves, even though they are fully within the Board's control. Including all unrestricted balances ensures an accurate picture of available resources.

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Rebecca Neary

Location: 91935, Jamul

Submitted At: 9:35am 08-22-25

While I am very concerned about possible federal cuts and do contact my US Senators and Congress person about them, we cant make reserves in the County vulnerable. Wild fires are terrifying and there seems to be brush fires somewhere daily. We cant risk having very low or no reserves in the County funds due to US mismanagement