

September 29, 2025

San Diego County Board of Supervisors
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: Support for Sustainable Fiscal Planning Subcommittee Proposal

Dear Chair Lawson-Remer and Members of the Board,

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 risk destabilizing the safety net and undermining the County's ability to meet urgent community needs.

Episcopal Community Services (ECS) is a San Diego based non-profit organization that provides critical health and human services to over 10,500 students, clients, families, and community members.

An overwhelming number of the individuals served by ECS rely on programs like SNAP and Medi-Cal to meet their needs.

Kristina, a resident at ECS Uptown Safe Haven (UTSH) transitional housing program, has been a beneficiary of Medicaid and SNAP for a decade. "Through Medi-Cal, I receive the care I need. It has greatly improved my quality of life by helping me manage my symptoms and function more independently," she shared. SNAP makes it possible for her to access food while she is at work. "I don't even get food outside of EBT... If I don't have the full amount, I don't know what I'd do."

Without these resources, Kristina would struggle to access things as basic as food and healthcare. No person should fear missing a meal or being shunned from healthcare.

This proposal offers a proactive approach to defending these key resources for our community. Healthcare access, behavioral health services, food assistance, and so many other services are necessary for the livelihoods of thousands in the San Diego region. This fiscal strategy proposal prioritizes and protects San Diego's future.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to responsible, equitable governance.

Sincerely,
Episcopal Community Services