

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 32

**SUBJECT: ADOPTING A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ADDITION OF
UNINCORPORATED AREA REPRESENTATION TO THE SAN DIEGO
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) Board of Directors is comprised of elected officials representing the region's eighteen cities and the County of San Diego who are authorized to vote on issues considered by the SANDAG Board. In addition to these voting members, the SANDAG Board permits ten additional non-voting representatives to serve as advisory board members. Voting and advisory board members provide the region's jurisdictions and other interested parties a "seat at the table" when discussing policy matters and funding decisions. Currently, the County Board of Supervisors represents the unincorporated area and brings a regional perspective to SANDAG's Board. However, more than half-a-million residents living in the County's unincorporated area do not have a single dedicated representative to present their unique perspective on their behalf.

SANDAG has publicly stated its commitment to equity and inclusion and has frequently added advisory Board members to include unique insight and alternative perspectives during the SANDAG Board's decision-making process. In alignment with this assurance and action, we recommend the adoption of a resolution requesting the addition of a non-voting advisory member to the SANDAG Board of Directors. If approved, this advisory member would be a resident of the County's unincorporated area and would serve as a dedicated representative for unincorporated community members.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHAIRWOMAN NORA VARGAS AND SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON

1. Adopt a Resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO SUPPORTING THE ADDITION OF AN ADVISORY MEMBER TO THE SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, DEDICATED TO REPRESENTING THE UNINCORPORATED AREA RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to assist the County's community planning groups in selecting two unincorporated area residents to serve as a primary representative and an alternate representative to the SANDAG Board of Directors, representing the County's unincorporated area communities, if the SANDAG Board approves adding this advisory position to its Board. The selection process to be used will mirror the process used to select the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission's special district representatives.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Although representatives of the region's eighteen incorporated cities each have a vote when serving as members of the SANDAG Board of Directors, there is no single dedicated Board representative for the County's unincorporated area residents, totaling over half-a-million individuals. The intent of adding an advisory member to the SANDAG Board to represent unincorporated residents is to further uplift these communities' perspectives in regional planning and funding decisions made by the SANDAG Board.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Many of the decisions made by the SANDAG Board directly impact the infrastructure investment and livelihood of those living in unincorporated communities and commit limited resources for several decades. These decisions affect regional planning and critical transportation funding used to connect the region's residents with places of employment, schools and other destinations. The proposal to add an advisory member to the SANDAG Board, dedicated to representing the unique perspectives of this population, will help ensure the requests and needs of those living outside of our region's cities are considered by the Board during the decision-making process.

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. If additional resources are needed, staff would return to the Board with identified costs and proposed funding source(s) for consideration and approval.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

On May 12, 2023, the SANDAG Board approved their agency's proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 budget which totals over \$1.2 billion. Funding from the FY 2024 SANDAG budget will be used to pay for more than \$500 million in capital projects and several hundred million in TransNet projects, local system improvements and transit operations. Nearly 20% of the SANDAG budget gets distributed to local jurisdictions with about \$21.5 million to San Diego County's unincorporated area. The proposed projects commit regional tax dollars for multi-year projects located throughout San Diego County. By enhancing the representation of our unincorporated area residents, we can better ensure that SANDAG decisions will include consideration of these communities' perspectives.

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, adopting Resolution No. 23-043, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO SUPPORTING THE ADDITION OF AN ADVISORY MEMBER TO THE SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, DEDICATED TO REPRESENTING THE UNINCORPORATED AREA RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

State of California)
County of San Diego) §

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

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter

