

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS  
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026, 9:00 AM AND WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026, 9:00 AM**  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER,  
BOARD CHAMBER, ROOM 310  
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

**GENERAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026, 9:00 AM**

Order Of Business

- A. REGULAR SESSION: Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

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

- B. Invocation was led by Reverend Madison Shockley.

- C. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rick J. Espitia.

- D. Presentations or Announcement of Proclamations and Awards:

Chair Terra Lawson-Remer presented a proclamation declaring February 10, 2026, to be University of California, San Diego and UC San Diego Health Day throughout the County of San Diego.

Chair Terra Lawson-Remer and Vice-Chair Monica Montgomery Steppe presented a proclamation declaring February 10, 2026, to be Lunar New Year of the Fire Horse Day throughout the County of San Diego.

Vice-Chair Monica Montgomery Steppe presented a proclamation declaring the Month of February 2026, to be Black History Month throughout the County of San Diego.

Chair Pro Tem Paloma Aguirre presented a proclamation declaring February 10, 2026, to be Diamond Brandon Day throughout the County of San Diego.

Supervisor Joel Anderson presented a proclamation declaring February 10, 2026, to be Frank Ruffino Day throughout the County of San Diego.

Supervisor Joel Anderson and Supervisor Jim Desmond presented a proclamation declaring February 10, 2026, to be Dayleen Colman D'litiful Chocolat Day throughout the County of San Diego.

Supervisor Jim Desmond presented a proclamation declaring February 10, 2026, to be Wounded Warrior Homes Day throughout the County of San Diego.

- E. 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.
- F. Approval of the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the sessions of January 27, 2026 and January 28, 2026; and, minutes for concurrent Special District meeting of the San Diego County Fire Protection District of December 9, 2025.

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Aguirre, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors approved the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the sessions of January 27, 2026 and January 28, 2026; and, minutes for concurrent Special District meeting of the San Diego County Fire Protection District of December 9, 2025.

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

- G. Consent Agenda
- H. Discussion Items
- I. 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.
- J. Recess to Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 9:00 AM for the Land Use Legislative Session

**Board of Supervisors' Agenda Items**

<b>Category</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Public Safety	1.	AUTHORIZE A-87 EXEMPTION TO COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT TO APPROVE PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT WITH PARTNERS FOR JUSTICE AND ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS (4 VOTES)
	2.	ADOPTING ORDINANCES RATIFYING THE 2026 CONSOLIDATED FIRE CODE, REPEALING THE 2023 CONSOLIDATED FIRE CODE, ADOPTING AND RATIFYING THE 2026 WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE, AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (2/10/26 - FIRST READING - 3/3/26 - SECOND READING UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING  (RELATES TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ITEM FP01)

3. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:  
SHERIFF - ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 9 TO TITLE 2, DIVISION 1; AMENDING TITLE 2, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 1 AND AMENDING TITLE 2, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 3 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES RELATING TO LICENSE REQUIRED FROM THE SHERIFF, FOR-HIRE VEHICLE DRIVERS, AND TAXICABS AND TAXICAB OPERATORS (01/28/2026 - FIRST READING; 02/10/2026 - SECOND READING UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING)
4. APPOINTMENT OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING COUNCIL (CCDPC) MEMBERS
5. APPOINTMENTS OF BOARD MEMBERS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES
6. ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO ADD CHAPTER 28 TO DIVISION 1 OF TITLE 2 LICENSES, BUSINESS REGULATIONS, AND BUSINESS TAXES OF THE COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES RELATING TO IMPROVING SAFETY AND LABOR STANDARDS IN COUNTY PARKS (2/10/26 - FIRST READING; 3/3/26 - SECOND READING UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING)
7. 2025 ESCHEATMENT OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY TAX REFUND MONEY IN COUNTY TRUST FUNDS (PROPERTY TAX)
8. 2025 ESCHEATMENT OF UNCLAIMED MONEY IN COUNTY TRUST FUNDS
9. GENERAL SERVICES - APPROVE FIFTH AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE REGIONAL AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE
10. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO SELL SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY - 11.71 ACRES ON COTTONWOOD AVENUE, SANTEE - COUNTY PARCEL NUMBER 2013-0091-A; AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT PUBLIC AUCTION AT COUNTY OPERATIONS CENTER; DIRECTION TO COMMIT USE OF EXCESS REVENUE FROM POTENTIAL FUTURE EDGEMOOR PROPERTY SALE TO FACILITATE DEVELOPMENT OF MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING; AND APPROVAL OF CEQA EXEMPTION (4 VOTES)

Health and  
Human Services

Financial and  
General  
Government

11. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:  
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION (1/28/2026- FIRST  
READING; 2/10/2026- SECOND READING, UNLESS THE ORDINANCE  
IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING)
12. APPOINTMENTS: VARIOUS
13. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED
14. FIGHTING THE RISING COST OF LIVING BY OPPOSING NEW  
TAXES
15. PRESENTATION OF A SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL (250TH  
ANNIVERSARY) CELEBRATION OF THE UNITED STATES  
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AT WATERFRONT PARK
16. EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION  
RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27
17. CLOSED SESSION
18. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

**1. SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE A-87 EXEMPTION TO COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT TO APPROVE PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT WITH PARTNERS FOR JUSTICE AND ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On February 28, 2023 (6), the San Diego County Board (Board) authorized a single source exemption to competitive procurement for Public Defender (PD) to contract with Partners for Justice (PFJ) for juvenile client advocate services for one year and three option years. The contract was executed effective July 1, 2023 and embedded PFJ client advocates within the Primary Public Defender’s Juvenile Justice Unit. On average, approximately 39 juvenile clients and their families receive client advocate services. Services include assistance with long-term housing resources, education support and school enrollment, job training or placement services, benefits enrollment, medical advocacy, access to in-custody services, release planning and more. Due to the positive results this program has achieved in the juvenile justice division, PD requests to expand these services to its adult division, which will lead to better outcomes for clients and their families and increase attorney efficiency.

Prior to the implementation of the program with PFJ, deputy public defenders performed these tasks themselves. Since the implementation of PFJ’s client advocate services to PD’s juvenile justice division, attorney time spent on support services for clients has decreased, allowing them to focus their time more exclusively on legal work. Today’s request includes authorizing the Director of Purchasing and Contracting to enter into a one-year contract with PFJ beginning March 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 with three option years through 2030 to provide three client advocates to assist PD’s adult client program and establish appropriations of \$400,000 from the Opioid Settlement Fund to the Office of the Public Defender, Services & Supplies.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. In accordance with Board Policy A-87 Procedure A.3, approve and authorize the Director of the Department of Purchasing and Contracting to enter into negotiations with Partners for Justice and, subject to successful negotiations and a determination of a fair and reasonable price, award contract for three client advocates to assist PD’s adult client program for up to one year and three option periods through 2030 and an additional six months if needed, and to amend the contract as needed to reflect changes to requirements and funding.
2. Establish appropriations of \$400,000 from the Opioid Settlement Fund to the Office of the Public Defender, Services & Supplies, for contract for client advocate services and associated technical assistance March 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. **(4 VOTES)**

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today’s action seeks to reduce disparities across the criminal justice system by helping fulfill the needs of the Public Defender’s (PD) indigent clients. A snapshot of the multitude and diverse array of needs experienced by San Diegans that cycle through the legal system is presented in a July 2025 report by the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) titled “2024 Adult Arrestee Drug Use in the San Diego Region”. Per the report, of the adult arrestees surveyed,

three in four arrestees tested positive for a substance, including one in two that tested positive for methamphetamine. Additionally, a third of the arrestees reported a mental health diagnosis, and over two-thirds reported having experience with being unhoused.

Client advocates will support PD clients by connecting clients to a network of local services, community organizations, and civil attorneys. They will work with PD's attorneys to reduce jail time and improve case outcomes, disrupting the cycle of poverty and incarceration. By addressing the non-legal challenges that clients face (i.e. poverty, unemployment, mental health needs, etc.), Client advocates offer the opportunity to restore and heal individuals, engage them with the community, help prevent repeat offenses, and promote justice, both within the legal system and without.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Part of the role of client advocates is to connect clients with resources to help them sustain themselves during and after experiences with the criminal justice system, as well as to reintegrate themselves back into the community. These resources include community-based social services related to addiction, physical and mental health, housing, employment, education, and finance as well as civil, family, and immigration legal resources. Client advocates will help lift barriers to supportive services caused by limited public awareness and lack of social connectivity.

This program would support the County's Sustainability Goal of providing just and equitable access to County services. Additionally, the program would be an investment in a chronically underserved community and would assist in building the resilience of a vulnerable population. Strengthening resilience is a key sustainability commitment in the County's current Operational Plan.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

If approved, this request will establish appropriations totaling \$400,000 in Public Defender for contracted client advocate services and associated technical assistance from March 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Current year costs, estimated at \$100,000 have not been budgeted in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Operational Plan. Remaining appropriations (\$300,000) to cover option years costs for contracted services from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 will be included in the FY 2026-28 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the Public Defender. The funding source will be the Opioid Settlement Fund. 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 Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

**2. SUBJECT: ADOPTING ORDINANCES RATIFYING THE 2026 CONSOLIDATED FIRE CODE, REPEALING THE 2023 CONSOLIDATED FIRE CODE, ADOPTING AND RATIFYING THE 2026 WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE, AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (2/10/26 - FIRST READING - 3/3/26 - SECOND READING UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING (DISTRICTS: 1, 2, AND 5))**

**OVERVIEW**

Every three years, the State of California repeals, revises, and republishes the California Building Code Standards Code in its entirety, and in doing so, adopts and publishes amendments to the California Fire Code. Counties and fire protection districts may adopt the California Fire Code by reference or establish more restrictive standards if such changes are reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geological, or topographical conditions.

On March 14, 2023 (1), the County of San Diego (County) enacted the previous version of the California Fire Code into the County's Code of Regulatory Ordinances (Consolidated Fire Code). As part of today's proposed actions, the Board of Supervisors would repeal the existing Consolidated Fire Code and reenact the updated Consolidated Fire Code, and the San Diego County Fire Protection District (SDCFPD) Board of Directors would adopt the updated 2025 California Fire Code with modifications, which shall be enforced as the 2026 San Diego County Consolidated Fire Code (2026 Consolidated Fire Code) by SDCFPD. In addition, as part of today's proposed actions, the SDCFPD Board of Directors would adopt the new 2025 California Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Code with modifications, which shall be enforced as the 2026 San Diego County WUI Code (2026 WUI Code) by SDCFPD. The WUI Code includes chapters related to the home hardening from the previous building code and defensible space from the previous fire code.

There are 11 fire districts and one water district that provide fire services within the geographical area of the county, including the SDCFPD. In addition to the modifications by the SDCFPD, the 2026 Consolidated Fire Code and the 2026 WUI Code contain modifications that other districts deem necessary because of local conditions. There are 19 changes to the 2026 Consolidated Fire Code and 22 to the 2026 WUI Code proposed by the fire marshals of the unincorporated fire districts. The fire code standards in today's proposed ordinances increase protection of structures and property against wildfire-related damage and loss through progressive requirements that go beyond those required by the State. Key changes include increasing the sizes of water tanks that are used as an alternative to fire hydrants, increasing the size of uninhabitable residential structures that require sprinkler systems, adding home hardening requirements, and adding defensible space enforcement requirements on one acre or less vacant properties.

The 10 other local fire districts and the one water district have already adopted the 2026 Consolidated Fire Code and the 2026 WUI Code. To take effect within the fire districts, the 2026 Consolidated Fire Code and the 2026 WUI Code must be either ratified, modified, or denied by the Board of Supervisors. One of today's actions is for the Board of Supervisors to ratify the 2026 Consolidated Fire Code and the 2026 WUI Code.

Today's request is for the Board of Directors of the SDCFPD and the Board of Supervisors to find this project exempt from CEQA and for the Board of Directors of the SDCFPD to consider and approve ordinances adopting the 2026 Consolidated Fire Code and the 2026 WUI Code for

applicability within the SDCFPD. Today's action would also repeal the Consolidated Fire Code that was adopted in 2023 and request the County Board of Supervisors to consider and approve ordinances adopting the 2026 Consolidated Fire Code and the 2026 WUI Code to the San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances and to approve ordinances ratifying the 2026 Consolidated Fire Code and the 2026 WUI Code, so they are effective within all local fire districts. If the ordinances for the Board of Directors and the Board of Supervisors are approved today, they will be scheduled for adoption on March 3, 2026. If any of the proposed ordinances are altered on March 3, 2026, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for adoption.

**Acting as the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Fire Protection District:**

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**On February 10, 2026:**

1. Find that the proposed actions are not projects as defined in the Public Resources Code section 21065 and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines section 15378, or alternatively, exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) for the reasons stated in the Notice of Exemption.
2. Find that the San Diego County Fire Protection Districts' amendments to the California Building Standards are reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geological, or topographical, or topographical conditions, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 13869.7.
3. Approve the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading), titled:  
AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REENACTING THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE CODE FOR THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
4. Approve the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading), titled:  
AN ORDINANCE ENACTING THE 2026 WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE FOR THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

**If, on February 10, 2026, the Board of Directors takes the actions recommended in Items 1-4 above, then, on March 3, 2026:**

1. Consider and adopt (second reading unless ordinance is modified on second reading):  
AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REENACTING THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE CODE FOR THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
2. If adopted, direct the Clerk of the Board to provide a certified copy of the adopted Ordinance Repealing and Reenacting the Consolidated Fire Code for the San Diego County Fire Protection District.
3. Consider and adopt (second reading unless ordinance is modified on second reading):  
AN ORDINANCE ENACTING THE 2026 WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE FOR THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

4. If adopted, direct the Clerk of the Board to provide a certified copy of the adopted Ordinance Enacting the 2026 Wildland-Urban Interface Code for the San Diego County Fire Protection District.

**Acting as the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego:**

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**On February 10, 2026:**

1. Find that the proposed actions are not projects as defined in the Public Resources Code section 21065 and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines section 15378, or alternatively, exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) for the reasons stated in the Notice of Exemption.
2. Approve the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading):  
AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE 2026 CONSOLIDATED FIRE CODE FOR THE UNINCORPORATED SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE DISTRICTS
3. Approve the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading):  
AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REENACTING THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE CODE FOR THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
4. Approve the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading):  
AN ORDINANCE ENACTING THE 2026 WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE FOR THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
5. Approve the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading):  
AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE 2026 WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE FOR THE UNINCORPORATED SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE DISTRICTS

**If, on February 10, 2026, the Board of Supervisors takes the actions recommended in 1-5 above then, on March 3, 2026:**

1. Consider and adopt (second reading unless ordinance is modified on second reading):  
AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE 2026 CONSOLIDATED FIRE CODE FOR THE UNINCORPORATED SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE DISTRICTS
2. Consider and adopt (second reading unless ordinance is modified on second reading):  
AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REENACTING THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE CODE FOR THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
3. Consider and adopt (second reading unless ordinance is modified on second reading):  
AN ORDINANCE ENACTING THE 2026 WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE FOR THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
4. Consider and adopt (second reading unless ordinance is modified on second reading):  
AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE 2026 WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE FOR THE UNINCORPORATED SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE DISTRICTS

5. Upon adoption, direct the Clerk of the Board to provide a certified copy of the adopted Ordinances Ratifying the 2026 Consolidated Fire Code and the 2026 Wildland-Urban Interface Code for the unincorporated San Diego County Fire Districts and the associated findings to the California Department of Housing and Community Development, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 13869.7(c).

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

One aspect of fire prevention is ensuring fire codes are updated and clear to provide specific direction to customers and residents. The proposed actions will provide better direction, ensuring good customer service and equitable safety for all the residents of our county. In addition, the San Diego County Fire Protection District (SDCFPD) recognizes the systematic impacts that inequitable policies may create for residents of the County of San Diego. More than 80% of the SDCFPD's jurisdictional area qualifies as a disadvantaged unincorporated community, based on a 2020 San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) report on funding, administrative, and performance of the former County Service Area No. 135 (now SDCFPD). Residents in the SDCFPD are more likely to be older, experience negative health conditions, and live in isolated communities that are further away from a fire response. By strengthening the fire code in our region, these actions enhance the outcomes for some of the region's most vulnerable residents.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed actions related to the 2026 Consolidated Fire Code and the 2026 Wildland Urban Interface (2026 WUI) Code will contribute to the County of San Diego's sustainability goal to protect the health and well-being of everyone in the region and advocating for environmental justice for communities that have been disproportionately impacted. Partnering with the other local unincorporated fire districts to provide one fire code will support the safety and sustainability of communities by ensuring that codes are imposed consistently to build, enhance, and maintain resiliency.

### **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

(RELATES TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ITEM FP01)

### **ACTION:**

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

1. Found that the proposed actions are not projects as defined in the Public Resources Code section 21065 and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines section 15378, or alternatively, exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) for the reasons stated in the Notice of Exemption.

2. Approved the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading):  
AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE 2026 CONSOLIDATED FIRE CODE FOR THE UNINCORPORATED SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE DISTRICTS
3. Approved the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading):  
AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REENACTING THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE CODE FOR THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
4. Approved the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading):  
AN ORDINANCE ENACTING THE 2026 WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE FOR THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
5. Approved the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading):  
AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE 2026 WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE FOR THE UNINCORPORATED SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE DISTRICTS
6. Directed the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to work with staff and County Counsel and the stakeholder working group to return back within 90 days on the feasibility and options to incorporate minimum workforce safety standards for BESS. Report should include the feasibility of:
  - minimum workforce safety standards for all stages of the BESS lifecycle by requiring a certified electrician perform all electrical work involving the installation, assembly, testing, commissioning, maintenance, repair, retrofitting, and decommissioning of a BESS facility or Energy Storage Management System (ESMS).
  - require a minimum percentage of the onsite certified electricians performing electrical work involving the installation, assembly, testing, commissioning, maintenance, repair, retrofitting, and decommissioning of a BESS facility or ESMS be certified in Energy Storage and Microgrid Training and Certification (ESAMTAC).
7. Took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinances on March 3, 2026.

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

**3. SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:  
SHERIFF - ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 9 TO TITLE 2, DIVISION 1; AMENDING TITLE 2, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 1 AND AMENDING TITLE 2, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 3 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES RELATING TO LICENSE REQUIRED FROM THE SHERIFF, FOR-HIRE VEHICLE DRIVERS, AND TAXICABS AND TAXICAB OPERATORS (01/28/2026 - First Reading; 02/10/2026 - SECOND READING UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On January 28, 2026 (02), the Board of Supervisors took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on February 10, 2026.

The San Diego County Sheriff's Office (Sheriff's Office) License Division currently issues all taxicab drivers in the unincorporated San Diego County as provided by Title 2, Division 1, Chapter 3 of the San Diego County Code.

In 1997, at the request of the Metropolitan Transit Development Board, the Sheriff's Office agreed to assume the responsibility for licensing drivers of jitneys, low-speed vehicles, nonemergency medical vehicles, charters, and sightseeing vehicles in addition to taxicabs. San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) Ordinance No. 11 was accordingly revised, and the Sheriff's Office began issuing all non-taxicab for-hire driver ID cards pursuant to Ordinance No. 11. However, the San Diego County Code was never revised to formalize this transfer of responsibilities. The Sheriff's Office began licensing for-hire vehicle drivers, except for taxicabs, in accordance with Ordinance No. 11 while MTS maintained responsibility for the denial, revocation or appeal. Due to a lack of authority to receive criminal history information and stated due process concerns, MTS is not processing revocations, denials or appeals for the for-hire drivers, raising significant public safety concerns.

Today's item requests that the San Diego County Board of Supervisors review and approve the introduction of an ordinance relating to for-hire vehicle drivers. The ordinance would formalize the transfer of responsibility that took place in 1997 and provide the Sheriff's Office with the authority to deny, suspend, revoke, and process appeals for all for-hire vehicle drivers. This ensures that for-hire vehicle drivers are complying with eligibility requirements designed to protect the safety of both passengers and the public. The ordinance would also amend the County's taxicab regulations for consistency with the new for-hire vehicle driver ID card regulations. The ordinance will be introduced on January 28, 2026, and, if approved, it will be scheduled for adoption on February 10, 2026.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**SHERIFF**

Consider and adopt the For-Hire Vehicle Driver Ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 9 TO TITLE 2, DIVISION 1; AMENDING TITLE 2, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 1 AND AMENDING TITLE 2, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 3 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES RELATING TO LICENSE REQUIRED FROM THE SHERIFF, FOR-HIRE VEHICLE DRIVERS, AND TAXICABS AND TAXICAB OPERATORS.**

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed Ordinance will enhance public safety by ensuring that all for-hire drivers are subject to clear and consistent standards regarding the issuance, suspension, or denial of their licenses. Adopting the proposed Ordinance would ensure that all for-hire drivers licensed by the Sheriff’s Office have the right to appeal in the case of a denial or revocation.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action supports the County of San Diego’s Sustainability Goal #2 of providing just and equitable access to County services to promote equity, transparency, and community trust.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today’s request to review and approve the amended Ordinance. 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 Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, adopting Ordinance No. 10972 (N.S.), entitled: AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 9 TO TITLE 2, DIVISION 1; AMENDING TITLE 2, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 1 AND AMENDING TITLE 2, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 3 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES RELATING TO LICENSE REQUIRED FROM THE SHERIFF, FOR-HIRE VEHICLE DRIVERS, AND TAXICABS AND TAXICAB OPERATORS.

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

- 4. **SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING COUNCIL (CCDPC) MEMBERS (DISTRICT: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The San Diego County Child Care and Development Planning Council (CCDPC) is advisory to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) and the San Diego County Superintendent of Schools to advise the State on local child care and needs. The San Diego County CCDPC is a statutory body for all counties per Assembly Bill (AB) 131 and Welfare and Institutions Code, Child Care and Development Services Act [10207 - 10490], and Chapter 31 Local Planning Councils [10480 - 10487]. The San Diego County Superintendent of Schools approved the San Diego County CCDPC Membership Roster on November 21, 2025.

Today’s action requests the Board appoint nine new members and reappoint eight members to the San Diego County CCDPC and approve the San Diego County CCDPC Membership Roster for 2026.

Today's action supports the County of San Diego 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 continuing services that assist San Diego County families with their diverse child care needs and improving access to quality child care and early education programs, which promote a healthy, safe and thriving region.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Appoint nine new members to the San Diego County Child Care and Development Planning Council (CCDPC) to serve a two-year term, set to expire December 31, 2027.
2. Reappoint eight members to the San Diego County CCDPC, whose term ended on December 31, 2025, to serve another two-year term, set to expire December 31, 2027.
3. Approve the San Diego County CCDPC Membership Roster for 2026 and authorize the Clerk of the Board to certify the membership composition as required by the California Department of Social Services (Attachment A and B).

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The San Diego County Child Care and Development Planning Council (CCDPC) membership roster recommendations are made with a good faith effort to appoint members ensuring that the ethnic, racial and geographic composition of the San Diego County CCDPC is reflective of the population of the county. The membership list for the 2026 year will be comprised of 16% Black or African American, 44% Hispanic, 4% Asian or Pacific Islander, 56% White (non-Hispanic), and 4% Native American. This demographic closely resembles the demographics of San Diego County (Attachment B).

The San Diego County CCDPC assesses the child care and child development needs of San Diego County children and develops a Child Care Plan to address those needs. The Child Care Plan provides recommendations gathered through community engagement solicited during San Diego County CCDPC meetings. San Diego County CCDPC members conduct outreach in the community with a focus on engaging areas of the community with the highest need. Outreach is conducted throughout the year with a strong emphasis done in March through May of each year to solicit new members.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed actions support the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access by providing the building blocks to create a more equitable, accountable, accessible, and affordable child care system that meets the needs of San Diego County families.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. 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 Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

**5. SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS OF BOARD MEMBERS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The Board of Supervisors annually appoints Board Members to the boards, commissions and committees listed in Attachment A.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHAIR TERRA LAWSON-REMER**

1. Appoint members of the Board of Supervisors to boards, commissions and committees as proposed in Attachment A.
2. Appoint Matthew Parr, Director, Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs, as the second alternate member on the Urban Counties of California.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Annually, the Board of Supervisors must appoint members of the Board to serve on boards, commissions, and committees. This ensures that the County has a voice on regional boards and commissions for opportunities to maximize resources to benefit the region.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed appointments allow 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 Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended and adopted the following list of appointments to boards, commissions, and committees, on Consent.

COMMITTEE NAMES	APPOINTED
California Identification System Remote	Anderson
California State Association of Counties (CSAC)	Montgomery Steppe Lawson-Remer (Alternate)
City-County Reinvestment Task Force	Montgomery Steppe

Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board of San Diego County	Montgomery Steppe
East County Advanced Water Purification JPA	Anderson Director, Department of Public Works (Alternate)
First 5 Commission (Chair)	Lawson-Remer
Goodan Ranch Regional Park JPA Policy Committee	Anderson
Harry Griffen Regional Park JPA	Montgomery Steppe
Indian Gaming Local Benefit Committee	Anderson
Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)*	Aguirre Anderson Montgomery Steppe (Alternate)
Metro Wastewater JPA*	Anderson
Metropolitan Transit System Board*	Montgomery Steppe Aguirre (Alternate)
Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force	Anderson / Montgomery Steppe
Multiple Species Conservation Program Review/North County Multiple Species Conservation Program	Desmond/ Lawson-Remer
National Association of Counties (NACo)	Montgomery Steppe (Primary) Lawson-Remer (Alternate)
North San Diego County Transit Development Board*	Desmond Lawson-Remer (Alternate)
Otay Valley Regional Park Policy Committee	Aguirre
Rincon Shared Benefit Fund Selection Committee	Desmond
San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)*	Aguirre (Seat 1) Anderson (Seat 2) Montgomery Steppe (Primary Alternate) Lawson-Remer (Secondary Alternate) Tally Vote Order: Aguirre, Anderson, Montgomery Steppe, Lawson-Remer
Bayshore Bikeway	Desmond
Borders Committee*	Anderson
Executive Committee*	Aguirre Anderson (Alternate)
Public Safety Committee*	Anderson Aguirre (Alternate)
Regional Planning Committee*	Anderson
Selection committee for the TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee	Lawson-Remer
Shoreline Preservation Working Group	Desmond
Transportation Committee*	Anderson Aguirre (1st Alternate) Montgomery Steppe (2nd Alternate)
San Diego Continuum of Care Board	Lawson-Remer
San Diego County Air Pollution Control District	Aguirre Lawson-Remer
San Diego Regional Community Choice Energy Authority (San Diego Community Power JPA)*	Lawson-Remer Aguirre (Alternate)
San Diego County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council	Montgomery Steppe
San Diego County Behavioral Health Advisory Board	Lawson-Remer
San Diego County Regional Airport Authority*	Montgomery Steppe
San Diego County Water Authority	Desmond
San Diego Regional Building Authority	Montgomery Steppe
San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation Trustee	Lawson-Remer
San Diego Workforce Partnership, Inc., Policy Board	Montgomery Steppe Aguirre

San Dieguito River Park JPA	Desmond Anderson (Alt. Andrew Hayes)
Santa Margarita River Watershed Management Program Policies Committee	Desmond
Solid Waste Hearing Panel	Desmond
Spent Fuel Solutions Coalition (ref. San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station)	Desmond
Tobacco Securitization JPA – Sacramento	Lawson-Remer
Tobacco Securitization JPA – San Diego	Lawson-Remer Aguirre
Unified San Diego County Disaster Council (Chair)	Lawson-Remer
Urban Counties of California	Lawson-Remer Montgomery Steppe (Alternate) Director, Economic Development and Government Affairs (Second Alternate)

\*Receives stipend.

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

6. **SUBJECT: ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO ADD CHAPTER 28 TO DIVISION 1 OF TITLE 2 LICENSES, BUSINESS REGULATIONS, AND BUSINESS TAXES OF THE COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES RELATING TO IMPROVING SAFETY AND LABOR STANDARDS IN COUNTY PARKS (2/10/26 - First Reading; 3/3/26 - Second Reading unless ordinance is modified on second reading) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On November 3, 2021 (05), the County of San Diego (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted a Resolution requiring the County Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) through existing reservation and event agreements, to ensure that all entertainment vendors at DPR facilities have completed the Entertainment Technician Certification Program (ETCP) and a 10-hour Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) safety awareness course or equivalent. Subsequently, on October 21, 2025 (21), the Board directed the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to explore the feasibility of establishing a local labor enforcement mechanism for higher impact events held on County-owned and leased park property, to support implementation and compliance with Board adopted labor standards, including minimum wage requirements, and to return to the Board within 120 days with a draft ordinance, through the Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement (OLSE).

This action is in response to a national trend in which large-scale commercial events held on public property generate economic activity but may also present heightened safety and labor compliance risks. Temporary and subcontracted workers, stagehands, and production crews often work in fast-paced environments with limited oversight. Without local enforcement, violations such as unpaid wages and unsafe conditions can go unaddressed, risking the safety and well-being of workers and attendees.

In partnership with organizations supporting entertainment professionals, OLSE identified measures the County could implement to ensure events held on County-owned and leased park property reflect the County's values, promote safe workplaces, and ensure responsible management of public spaces. The proposed ordinance establishes enforceable labor standards for high-impact events, including a \$25 minimum hourly wage for entertainment workers with annual cost-of-living adjustments based on state minimum wage increases. These requirements apply to technicians, stagehands, and other event-based workers engaged directly through subcontractors to perform setup, operation, or teardown of production elements such as staging, lighting, and sound as set forth by California State Labor Code Division 5, Part 14, Section 9251.

This ordinance would also authorize OLSE to investigate complaints, issue penalties, and promote compliance through education and outreach. Additionally, it establishes a dedicated staff position to ensure consistent enforcement and coordination between OLSE and DPR.

Today's request is for the Board to approve the introduction of an ordinance adding Chapter 28 to Division 1 of Title 2 Licenses, Business Regulations, and Business Taxes of the County Code of Regulatory Ordinances, establishing clear safety and labor standards for entertainment and live events on County-owned and leased park property. If approved, the ordinance will be scheduled for adoption on March 03, 2026. If the proposed ordinance is modified on February 10, 2026, then, on that date, a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance's adoption.

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

On February 10, 2026:

1. Consider the recommendation to approve the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading):

ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO ADD CHAPTER 28 TO DIVISION 1 OF TITLE 2 LICENSES, BUSINESS REGULATIONS, AND BUSINESS TAXES OF THE COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES RELATING TO IMPROVING SAFETY AND LABOR STANDARDS IN COUNTY PARKS.

**If, on February 10, 2026, the Board takes action as recommended on item #1 above, then on March 03, 2026:**

1. Consider and adopt the Ordinance (second reading):  
ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO ADD CHAPTER 28 TO DIVISION 1 OF TITLE 2 LICENSES, BUSINESS REGULATIONS, AND BUSINESS TAXES OF THE COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES RELATING TO IMPROVING SAFETY AND LABOR STANDARDS IN COUNTY PARKS
2. If the Board acts on Recommendation #1 above:
  - a. Refer to Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 budget deliberations the establishment of appropriations of \$165,000 in the Chief Administrative Office, Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement for one staff year (1.0 FTE) for administering and enforcing safety and labor standards at County-owned and leased park facilities based on General Purpose Revenue. Active enforcement of the ordinance and program implementation will be contingent upon the successful addition of the position in the Operational Plan.

3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to report back on the status of the Improving Safety and Labor Standards in County Parks Program established in the Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement, including development of regulations on how funds will be collected if penalties are administered.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Improving safety and labor standards in County parks directly advances the County's commitment to equity, inclusion, and worker well-being. By setting clear minimum labor standards and requiring compliance with established safety practices, the proposed ordinance promotes equitable treatment across all event workers, regardless of employment status or employer type.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

This action strengthens the long-term sustainability of the region's live events ecosystem by promoting responsible labor practices, community safety, and operational integrity within County-owned and leased park property. Sustainable governance is not only environmental but also includes ensuring that economic systems and workplaces function safely and equitably over time. By embedding fair labor standards and safety requirements into the administration of County-owned and leased park property, the County helps create a self-sustaining model in which event organizers, vendors, and workers all benefit from predictable expectations and reduced risks. These measures contribute to a stable, skilled, and safety-conscious workforce, decreasing turnover and supporting the resilience of both the local events industry and the broader community that depends on it.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact for FY 2025-26. If Recommendation 2a is approved on March 3, 2026, there will be ongoing costs and revenue of approximately \$165,000 that will be referred to FY 2026-27 budget deliberations in the Chief Administrative Office, Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement for one staff year for administering and enforcing safety and labor standards at County-owned and leased park facilities based on General Purpose Revenue. For the Department of Parks and Recreation, any decrease in special events could provide less revenue and potentially impact park operations and programming.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's action establishes equitable standards for entertainment event vendors, and discourages unfair competition from low-road employers by setting clear and consistent safety and labor standards for County-owned and leased park properties. These standards promote responsible business practices that protect workers and ensure that all contractors operate under equitable conditions. By establishing a more predictable and transparent operating environment, the ordinance helps retain more of the economic impact generated from events on County-owned and leased park property within the local economy, supporting good jobs, fair wages, and a skilled entertainment workforce. In doing so, the County strengthens the regional events industry, fosters high-quality vendor performance, and reinforces its role as a fair and accountable public partner to the business community.

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, and took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on March 3, 2026.

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

7. **SUBJECT: 2025 ESCHEATMENT OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY TAX REFUND MONEY IN COUNTY TRUST FUNDS (PROPERTY TAX) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

This is a request to approve the escheatment of unclaimed property tax refunds pursuant to section 5102 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Approve the escheatment of unclaimed property tax refunds and direct the Chief Administrative Officer through the Auditor and Controller to transfer \$313,012.66 from the Treasurer-Tax Collector trust funds and deposit in the County General Fund.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Treasurer-Tax Collector recognizes the systemic impacts that inequitable policies may create for residents of the County of San Diego. Impacts have historically included outcomes related to racial justice and issues of belonging that are reflected in the programs, services and resources allocated to communities. The Treasurer-Tax Collector has provided widespread public notice that these property tax refunds are available to claim by displaying a full list of items on its website for the past four years, and by placing display ads in local community news publications throughout the County as means to notify the public of the upcoming deadline to claim refunds before they are escheated. The notices and display ads utilize plain language and graphics to convey the message and action that is needed to claim a refund. Concurrent to these efforts staff perform extensive research and make attempts to contact the rightful owner of the refund and encourage a claim be submitted. It is anticipated that these actions have a positive impact on groups including Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), women, people with disabilities, immigrants, youth, and the LGBTQ+ community

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed actions to escheat unclaimed refunds and return the revenue to the County of San Diego's (County) General Fund are appropriate as they support the County's Strategic Initiative of Sustainability to align the County's available resources with services to maintain fiscal stability and ensure long-term solvency. The proposed actions to escheat revenue is in alignment with the County's Sustainability Goal of providing just and equitable access as the process to claim refunds is widely accessible to all claimants.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

If approved, this request will result in \$313,012.66 of unanticipated revenue to the General Fund. 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 Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors approved the escheatment of unclaimed property tax refunds and directed the Chief Administrative Officer through the Auditor and Controller to transfer \$313,012.66 from the Treasurer-Tax Collector trust funds to the General Fund and establish appropriations in the Health & Human Services Agency to be used towards shallow rent subsidy program.

AYES: Aguirre, Anderson, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

NOES: Lawson-Remer

**8. SUBJECT: 2025 ESCHEATMENT OF UNCLAIMED MONEY IN COUNTY TRUST FUNDS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

This is a request to approve the escheatment of specified unclaimed funds pursuant to California Government Code sections 50050-50057 and Penal Code sections 1420-1422. Public notice has been given by the Treasurer-Tax Collector that 1) the amount of \$278,465.43 was deposited in Trust Funds in the Treasury of San Diego, 2) was not the property of the County of San Diego (County), 3) has remained unclaimed for the requisite years, and 4) will become property of the local agency effective October 7, 2025, if no claim is received prior to that date. The final claim period ended on October 6, 2025.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to transfer total of \$242,802.54 from County Trust Funds from identified County Departments and deposit it as revenue in the County’s General Fund.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer through the Office of Revenue and Recovery to transfer a total of \$35,662.89 from its Trust Funds and deposit it as revenue in the Office of Revenue and Recovery’s Victim Services Fund

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Treasurer-Tax Collector recognizes the systemic impacts that inequitable policies may create for residents of the County of San Diego. Impacts have historically included outcomes related to racial justice and issues of belonging that are reflected in the programs, services and resources allocated to communities. County departments submit a list of unclaimed monies in their possession to the Treasurer-Tax Collector for inclusion in the Treasurer-Tax Collection escheatment noticing and advertising activity. The Treasurer-Tax Collector provides widespread public notice that these unclaimed monies are available to claim by displaying a full list of items

on the Treasurer-Tax Collector website, and by placing display ads in local community news publications throughout the County as means to notify the public of the upcoming deadline to claim the monies before they are escheated. The notices and display ads utilize “plain language” and graphics to convey the message and action that is needed to make a claim. Concurrent to these efforts staff perform extensive research and make attempts to contact the rightful owner of the money and encourage a claim to be submitted. It is anticipated that these actions have a positive impact on groups to include Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), women, people with disabilities, immigrants, youth, and the LGBTQ+ community.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed actions to escheat unclaimed refunds and return the revenue to the County of San Diego (County) General Fund are appropriate as they support the County’s Strategic Initiative of Sustainability and the Goal of Economy, to align the County’s available resources with services to maintain fiscal stability and ensure long-term solvency. The proposed actions to escheat revenue are also in alignment with the County’s Sustainability Goal of providing just and equitable access as the process to claim refunds is widely accessible to all claimants.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

If approved, this request will result in \$242,802.54 of unanticipated revenue to be realized by the County of San Diego’s General Fund and \$35,662.89 by the Office of Revenue and Recovery Victim Services Fund. 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 Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

- 9. SUBJECT: GENERAL SERVICES - APPROVE FIFTH AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE REGIONAL AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE (DISTRICT: 2)**

### **OVERVIEW**

The San Diego County Regional Auto Theft Task Force (RATT) is a multi-agency task force that investigates and prosecutes vehicle theft in the San Diego Region. The County of San Diego (County) is the financial administrator for the task force. On June 2, 1992 (20), the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the initial lease for office space for RATT.

On August 6, 2019 (17), the Board authorized a site search for a new location as the current facility no longer met the operational requirements of RATT. A space validation conducted by the Department of General Services (DGS) supported a need of up to 21,500 square feet. DGS negotiated a short-term lease extension to allow RATT time to search for space that better suited its programmatic needs. The current facility no longer meets the operational requirements

necessary to accommodate the current staffing needs. The County identified a facility owned by the current lessor's affiliate that meets RATT's requirements. The initial lease expired on April 30, 2025, and is currently on holdover, which has allowed RATT to continue its occupancy on a month-to-month basis while a relocation amendment was negotiated.

Staff from DGS have negotiated a fifth amendment to the lease agreement that will relocate RATT to a new facility and extend the term by ten years, with one five-year option to further extend the term. The proposed amendment also includes an expansion of 718 square feet. Today's request is for Board approval of the fifth amendment to the lease agreement, which will allow RATT to relocate to a new facility.

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

1. Find the proposed lease for the San Diego County Regional Auto Theft Task Force is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.
2. Approve and authorize the Director, Department of General Services, to execute the proposed lease amendment for the new premises located in San Diego.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The San Diego County Regional Auto Theft Task Force supports the community in its current location. Extending the term of the lease would benefit the community by continuing to provide resources. A larger facility increases the availability of adequate programs and resources ensuring the community has equitable access to law enforcement resources.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Implementing effective sustainability objectives is crucial to ensuring safe and healthy communities and contributing to the overall success of the region. The approval of this lease amendment supports the County's Strategic Initiative of Sustainability to ensure the capability to respond to immediate needs for individuals, families, and the region.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan for San Diego County District Attorney (DA). If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of approximately \$94,500 in Fiscal Year 2025-26 based on an estimated amendment commencement of April 1, 2026. Fiscal Year 2026-27 costs are estimated at \$381,308, which includes a 3.5% rent adjustment to go into effect April 1, 2027. Funds for the remaining contract term and for each option year (if exercised) will be included in future years' operational plans for DA. The funding source is fees collected pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 9250.14. There will be no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

10. **SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO SELL SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY - 11.71 ACRES ON COTTONWOOD AVENUE, SANTEE - COUNTY PARCEL NUMBER 2013-0091-A; AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT PUBLIC AUCTION AT COUNTY OPERATIONS CENTER; DIRECTION TO COMMIT USE OF EXCESS REVENUE FROM POTENTIAL FUTURE EDMEMOOR PROPERTY SALE TO FACILITATE DEVELOPMENT OF MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING; AND APPROVAL OF CEQA EXEMPTION (DISTRICT: 2)**

**OVERVIEW**

On December 3, 2013 (18), the Board of Supervisors (Board) declared County of San Diego (County) Parcel Number 2013-0091-A (Property 1) surplus to County needs. Property 1 is further identified as Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 381-051-17 and consists of approximately 11.71 acres of vacant land located immediately south of the Edgemoor Skilled Nursing Facility. In November 2016, the County issued a Notice of Availability (NOA) per State of California Surplus Land Act (SLA) and attempted to sell the property twice to repay the Edgemoor Development Fund, per Board Policy F-38, *Edgemoor Property Development* (Board Policy F-38).

On August 1, 2024, the County issued the NOA as required by SLA to local public entities, as defined by Section 50079 of the Health and Safety Code, that have jurisdiction over the surplus land. The NOA was also sent to California Housing Finance Agency Certified Housing Sponsors, as defined by Section 50074 of the Health and Safety Code, that have notified the California Department of Housing and Community Development of their interest in surplus land for affordable housing development. In accordance with SLA, interested parties were given 60 days to respond to the NOA. The County did not receive interest from any public entities, but did receive proposals from three housing sponsors, and entered into a good faith negotiation period with the selected developer as required by SLA. However, the County and the selected developer could not agree on mutually satisfactory terms for the sale.

Today's request is for Board authority to take the actions necessary to sell Property 1 to the highest bidder in accordance with California Government Code Sections 25520 et seq. If the Board takes the actions recommended on February 10, 2026, then on March 20, 2026, the Director of General Services, or designee, will conduct the bid openings for the sale of Property 1, open sealed bids from bidders, open the floor for oral bids, select the highest responsible bidder, and return to the Board at a later date for the final acceptance of the selected bid and approval of the sale. As permitted by California Government Code Section 25527, if the winning bidder is represented by a licensed real estate broker, a commission equal to two percent of the sale price will be paid to the broker from the sale proceeds. In addition, as required by Section 54233 of the California Government Code, County will record a restrictive covenant against Property 1. This covenant will state if 10 or more residential units are developed on the property,

then at least 15% of the total units shall be rented or sold at affordable housing cost or affordable rent to lower income households, as defined in Section 54233. The minimum bid for Property 1 is \$15,000,000, representing an as-is value based on an appraisal addendum dated August 23, 2025. Pursuant to Board Policy F-38, the net proceeds from the sale of the property will be deposited to the Edgemoor Development Fund.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find that the proposed actions are exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15312 as it is the sale of surplus government property that is not located in an area of statewide, regional, or areawide concern identified in Section 15206(b)(4) of the State CEQA Guidelines.
2. Approve and adopt the Resolution entitled: RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO SELL REAL PROPERTY AND NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR REAL PROPERTY NUMBER 2013-0091-A. **(4 VOTES)**
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors (Board) to post the adopted Resolution and advertise the County's Notice of the Adoption of the Resolution of Intention to Sell Real Property Number 2013-0091-A in accordance with the Government Code Sections 25528 and 6063.
4. Authorize the Director, Department of General Services, or designee, to conduct the bid opening and select the highest responsible bidder for Real Property Number 2013-0091-A on March 20, 2026 and return to the Board for the final approval of the highest bidder.
5. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to commit use of excess revenue from the potential future sale of a portion of the Edgemoor Remainder Parcel (APN 381-050-81) after payment of outstanding debt service to facilitate the development of Missing Middle housing in San Diego County and return to the Board to appropriate the excess revenue.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Parcel Number 2013-0091-A (Property 1) is among 25 sites in the City of Santee (City) that were recently rezoned to reduce the residential density and could support the development of the moderate-income category of housing. It is anticipated that the approval of today's recommendations will increase housing production that meets the needs of the community in the City. As required by Surplus Land Act (SLA) Government Code Section 54222.5 and California Department of Housing and Community Development, the County will record a restrictive covenant against Property 1 at the time of sale, which states that if 10 or more residential units are developed on Property 1, then at least 15% of the total number of units developed on the property shall be sold or rented as affordable housing. The revenue resulting from the sale of Property 1 will be deposited to the Edgemoor Development Fund and used to support annual debt service for the Edgemoor Skilled Nursing Facility.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today’s proposed action contributes to the County of San Diego’s Sustainability Goal No. 1 to engage the community to partner and participate in decisions that impact communities and Goal No. 2 to provide just and equitable access to develop land for housing needs.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan in the Department of General Services (DGS). If approved, today’s requests will result in costs and revenue of \$220,000 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26, which includes DGS staff costs of \$60,000 for sale of Property 1, ongoing homeless encampment cleanup efforts of \$60,000 on the Edgemoor properties, \$80,000 for pre-planning efforts such as survey work, appraisal and staff time to prepare for a future Board request to declare a portion of the Remainder Parcel surplus, and \$20,000 to support the identification of how excess revenue can be used to develop of Missing Middle housing and report back. The funding source is Edgemoor Development Fund revenue.

If the sale of Parcel Number 2013-0091-A (Property 1) is completed, this will result in revenue of \$15,000,000 anticipated in FY 2026-27. Pursuant to Board Policy F-38, *Edgemoor Property Development* (Board Policy F-38), the net proceeds from the sale of the property will be deposited to the Edgemoor Development Fund to support the annual debt service for the Edgemoor Skilled Nursing Facility. Per Board Policy F-38 revenue generated in excess of debt service payments, can be used to pay for costs associated with management, maintenance or marketing of the Edgemoor property. Based on Recommendation 5, alternative uses to fund Missing Middle housing will be identified. 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 Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, adopting Resolution No. 26-011, entitled: RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO SELL REAL PROPERTY AND NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR REAL PROPERTY NUMBER 2013-0091-A.

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

- 11. **SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION (1/28/2026- FIRST READING; 2/10/2026- SECOND READING, UNLESS THE ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On January 28, 2026 (11), the Board of Supervisors took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on February 10, 2026.

The Compensation Ordinance, enacted by the Board of Supervisors, establishes procedures for compensating County of San Diego employees. The Department of Human Resources recommends updates based on organizational needs to attract and retain a skilled, adaptable, and diverse workforce. Today's proposed amendments support this goal.

Today's recommendations are for the Board to approve the introduction of the amendments to the Compensation Ordinance (first reading). If the Board takes action as recommended, then on February 10, 2026, staff recommends the Board adopt the ordinance (second reading). If the proposed ordinance is altered on February 10, 2026, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the adoption of the ordinances.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Approve the adoption of the Ordinances (second reading):  
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION

If the proposed ordinance(s) are altered on February 10, 2026, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for adoption of the ordinance(s).

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Department of Human Resources is committed to ensuring equity in classification and compensation. Today's recommended amendments to the Compensation Ordinance will help the County of San Diego attract, retain, and support a skilled, adaptable, and diverse workforce, enabling the delivery of efficient, high-quality services to residents and visitors.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed amendments to the Compensation Ordinance support the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals by promoting sustainable economic growth through just and equitable wages and benefits.

**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 Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, adopting Ordinance No. 10973 (N.S.), entitled: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION.

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

**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,” Board Policy A-77, “Appointments to Fill Vacancies and Cancellation of Election where Insufficient Nominations Filed Prior to Uniform District Election and Citizen Planning Group Election,” and Board Policy I-1, “Planning and Sponsor Group Policies and Procedures.”

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND**

Appoint Christi Knight to the COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP ADMINISTERING BOARD, Seat 5, for the term to expire January 4, 2027.

Appoint Brian Morales to the PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, Seat 9, to complete the unexpired term, set to expire January 4, 2027.

Appoint Francesca Harris to the RAINBOW COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP, Seat 5, for a term to expire January 8, 2029.

Appoint Stuart Kuhn to the WARNER SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP, Seat 1, to complete the unexpired term, set to expire January 8, 2029.

Appoint Dorothy Willis to the WARNER SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP, Seat 9, to complete the unexpired term, set to expire on January 8, 2029.

**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 Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

**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 Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

**14. SUBJECT: FIGHTING THE RISING COST OF LIVING BY OPPOSING NEW TAXES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

This item was continued from the January 28, 2026 General Legislative and Land Use Legislative Session.

San Diego County is one of the most desirable places to live in the country with its temperate weather, vibrant economy, and beautiful landscape. 3.3 million people are lucky to call San Diego County their home. However, many are being priced out by the high cost of living. Years of mismanagement by the State of California, coupled with structural economic issues like the housing shortage, are exacerbating the affordability crisis. Californians pay some of the highest taxes in the country: state income and payroll taxes, sales taxes, property taxes, gas taxes, school bonds, vehicle registration, and more. Working and middle-class families, young professionals, seniors, and small businesses are being crushed by the cost of living and tremendous taxes they pay.

The County of San Diego (County) has collected increasing, record amounts in property taxes year after year. This was reflected in the County's largest budget ever being adopted, totaling \$8.63 billion for Fiscal Year 2025-26 (FY). The County does not have a revenue problem, and residents already pay exorbitant taxes. The County should actively oppose new and unnecessary taxes.

The Documentary Transfer Tax (DTT), also known as the property transfer tax, is a tax on all real estate transactions. It applies a tax of \$0.55 per \$500 on the sale price of property under state law. This is typically a line item for real estate sales. For example, a property that sells for \$1 million would have a DTT of \$1,100. This default rate of \$0.55 is set by state law. It can be raised by a city or county through a ballot measure. Cities and counties that have raised this tax have seen disastrous effects on their real estate markets and local economies. Raising the DTT typically results in a sharp drop in real estate transactions, reduced development and construction, and below expected revenue from the tax. Proposals to raise the statewide default rate from \$0.55 to \$30.55 would result in a 5,455% increase of the DTT. If the tax rate was increased 5,455%, the \$1,100 one would pay on a \$1 million home would suddenly become \$61,100. This would dramatically increase the price of not just single-family homes, but office space, commercial space, and multi-family housing, which could have unintended consequences on our local economy.

A proposal has also been made to change state laws to allow individual counties to collect payroll taxes. Currently, counties cannot levy and collect payroll taxes. Payroll taxes are paid by the employee and employer to the state and federal governments. Payroll taxes are a massive overhead cost for businesses and raising these costs will make it harder for businesses not only to hire new employees, but also to retain their existing workforce. Larger businesses may reconsider operating in San Diego County, and small businesses will have harder time growing and staying afloat.

The County of San Diego should oppose new and unnecessary taxes. The County has a healthy revenue source that has continuously increased. Today's action directs the Chief Administrative Officer to add to the Legislative Program opposition to legislation that will increase the DTT and the ability for counties to levy and collect payroll taxes.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**  
**SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND**

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to include in the Board's Legislative Program opposition to legislation that will change state law that would increase the current Documentary Transfer Tax of fifty-five cents (\$0.55) for each five hundred dollars (\$500).
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to include in the Board's Legislative Program opposition to legislation that will change state law to allow counties to levy and collect payroll taxes.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT**

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

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION 14.1:**

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

*(A substitute motion was introduced.)*

**ACTION 14.2:**

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

1. Directed the Chief Administrative Officer to add to the County's Legislative Program opposition to tax giveaways for the rich that shift costs onto low-income, working, and middle-class county residents.
2. Directed the Chief Administrative Officer to add to the County's Legislative Program to seek State authority to ask voters to support new taxes on Californians that have benefited the most from our economy: billionaires, global investors, out of state real estate speculators, large corporations, and others who have amassed a disproportionate share of

wealth, with those taxes structured through progressive revenue strategies that level the playing field, so essential services like 9-1-1 emergency response, healthcare, and clean air and water are not cut.

AYES: Aguirre, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

NOES: Anderson

ABSTAIN: Desmond

**15. SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF A SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL (250TH ANNIVERSARY) CELEBRATION OF THE UNITED STATES DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AT WATERFRONT PARK (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

San Diego County, the second largest county in California, is home to one of the most diverse and civically engaged populations in the country and holds a unique place in the nation's history. The county also has the largest concentration of military personnel in the world who share with the rest of our constituents a deep and enduring connection to the principles of democracy, service, and equality that underpin the United States Declaration of Independence. As the nation approaches the Semiquincentennial or 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, the County of San Diego (County) is uniquely positioned to serve as a regional leader in commemorating this historic milestone.

Today's action requests Board authorization to hold a public Semiquincentennial Celebration on July 4, 2026 at Waterfront Park to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence. The proposed event would include the use of projection mapping displays on the County Administrative Center and authorize vendor participation to support event programming, public engagement, and community activation. Waterfront Park's central location and accessibility make it an ideal venue to host a large-scale, inclusive celebration that reflects the County's historical significance, military presence, and commitment to civic participation.

The proposed celebration also presents a significant opportunity to collaborate with community partners and Downtown San Diego stakeholders to enhance the event's reach, impact, and economic benefit. Potential sponsorships and partnerships may include, but are not limited to, ACE Parking, San Diego Metropolitan Transit System, San Diego Padres and Ballpark Events, Petco Park concessions and vendors, USS Midway Museum, Downtown San Diego Partnership, Gaslamp Quarter Association, Little Italy Association of San Diego, Petco Park concert and event entertainment companies, and the San Diego Tourism Authority. These collaborations would support strengthening ties between the County and the broader downtown business and cultural community.

Approval of this request will allow the County to commemorate a defining moment in the nation's history through an event that honors San Diego County's role as a center of military service, civic pride, and community partnership, while creating opportunities for public engagement, local business participation, and regional collaboration.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON AND SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND**

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to take the necessary actions to facilitate and support the planning and implementation of a Semiquincentennial (250th Anniversary) Celebration of the United States Declaration of Independence at Waterfront Park, including coordination of site use, approval of projection mapping displays, and authorization of vendor participation in support of the event.
2. Direct the CAO to foster partnerships and actively pursue sponsorships and collaborative opportunities with, and accept donations from, public, private, and community stakeholders, including downtown San Diego organizations, to support the planning, programming, and execution of the Semi Quincentennial (250th Anniversary) Celebration at Waterfront Park and to enhance public awareness, engagement, and participation in the event.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Semiquincentennial Celebration at Waterfront Park is designed to be inclusive and accessible for all San Diego County residents by ensuring free public admission, multilingual materials, and ADA-compliant facilities. The event will actively engage small businesses and vendors to promote economic equity, while programming will reflect the diverse cultural contributions that shape our nation's history.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for the actions requested to collaborate and plan for a Semiquincentennial (250th Anniversary) Celebration of the United States Declaration of Independence at Waterfront Park are partially included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Operational Plan based on existing staff time in the Department of Parks and Recreation and Department of General Services funded by existing General Purpose Revenue and Charges for Services to support planning for the event. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

Funds to support direct costs of the event, including vendors, equipment, and supplies, are not included in the FY 2025-26 Operational Plan and will depend upon availability of sponsorships and collaborative opportunities. At this time, there is no funding source budgeted to support direct event costs and the event would not proceed without financial support from sponsorships or reallocation of existing funding. Staff would return to the Board for any necessary actions to accept sponsorships and/or appropriate identified funding as needed. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego (County) has a longstanding commitment to encouraging the participation of large and small businesses in County contracting opportunities and recognizes the vital role the local business community plays in supporting County initiatives. Approval of this request provides an opportunity to further advance these efforts by facilitating vendor participation at Waterfront Park, thereby expanding outreach and engagement while enhancing access to economic opportunities for local businesses.

**ACTION:**

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

1. Directed the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to take the necessary actions to facilitate and support the planning and implementation of a Semiquincentennial (250th Anniversary) Celebration of the United States Declaration of Independence at Waterfront Park, including coordination of site use, approval of projection mapping displays, and authorization of vendor participation in support of the event.
2. Directed the CAO to foster partnerships, actively pursue sponsorships and collaborative opportunities, and accept donations from the public, private, and community stakeholders to support the planning, programming, and execution of the Semiquincentennial Celebration of the United States Declaration of Independence at Waterfront Park, and to enhance public awareness, engagement, and participation in the event, subject to the following eligibility requirements.
  - a. The County shall accept sponsorships, donations, other financial contributions, or partnerships only from organizations that demonstrate alignment with the County's Strategic Plan and the County's values of inclusion, equal opportunity, and support for immigrant communities, LGBTQ+ communities, tribal nations and indigenous groups, and other historically underserved populations.
  - b. An organization may demonstrate alignment with the values with subsection (a) through one or more of the following, as determined by the CAO:
    - i. Publicly stated policies, programs, or commitments supporting immigrants, refugees, or mixed-status families, tribal nations and indigenous groups, and/or LGBTQ+ communities
    - ii. Workforce, community, or philanthropic initiatives that advance inclusion, equity, or access to opportunity for historically underserved populations;
    - iii. Partnerships, grants, or investments supporting organizations or communities aligned with the County's equity and inclusion goals; or
    - iv. Other comparable actions or commitments consistent with the purpose and values highlighted in the County's strategic plan.
  - c. All organizations shall self-certify, in a form approved by the CAO, that they meet the eligibility criteria set forth in this section
  - d. Notwithstanding an organization's self-certification or demonstrated alignment, the CAO retains discretion to decline any sponsorship, donation, financial contribution, or partnership that is inconsistent with the purpose, intent, or values of the Celebration.
3. a. Directed the CAO to coordinate with the Office of Equity and Racial Justice (OERJ) and the County's Tribal Liaison to ensure that the planning and implementation of the Semiquincentennial Celebration of the United States Declaration of Independence at Waterfront Park:
  - i. Incorporates meaningful community engagement, with particular emphasis on tribal nations and indigenous groups, immigrant communities and immigrant-serving organizations, LGBTQ+ communities, and other historically underserved populations

- ii. Promotes broad and inclusive participation reflecting the diversity of San Diego County; and
- iii. Is consistent with the County's equity, inclusion, and racial justice goals.

b. Such coordination shall inform outreach strategies, program development, and partnership activities associated with the Celebration.

AYES: Aguirre, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

NOES: Anderson, Desmond

**16. SUBJECT: EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

California Government Code Section 31454 requires the Board of Supervisors to adjust the rates of San Diego County's employer and employee retirement contributions based on recommendations of the San Diego County Employees Retirement Association (SDCERA) Board of Trustees (Retirement Board). The Retirement Board approved the employer and employee contribution rates recommended by its actuary, The Segal Group, Inc., for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 on November 20, 2025.

While the employer contribution rates are different for Safety and General members, the aggregate employer rate (or weighted average rate) approved by the Retirement Board for FY 2026-27 is 38.00% of payroll, which is a decrease from the FY 2025-26 aggregate employer rate of 48.16%, as anticipated in our long term financial planning. The decrease in the employer contribution rate results most significantly from the effect of fully amortizing some of the retirement fund's Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) layers as well as from a larger than expected projected total payroll and changes in actuarial assumptions adopted by the Retirement Board, notably changes in demographic assumptions that effectively reduce cost.

The average employee (i.e. member) rate as a percentage of payroll decreased from 11.58% to 11.26%, primarily due to changes in active member demographics among retirement tiers and changes in actuarial assumptions.

Approval of today's recommendation would adopt employer and employee retirement contribution rates for inclusion in the Chief Administrative Officer Recommended Operational Plan (i.e. budget) for FY 2026-27.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Adopt the San Diego County employer and employee retirement contribution rates for Fiscal Year 2026-27 as recommended by the San Diego County Employees Retirement Association actuary and approved by the Retirement Board on November 20, 2025.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Approval of this recommendation will implement the County of San Diego's contribution rates for the normal cost and Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability that will be funded in the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Operational Plan to meet the County's obligation to provide a defined benefit pension plan for permanent employees. San Diego County Employees Retirement Association's retirement benefits support a broad community of diverse employees and retirees, providing long-term financial support well after active employment with the County concludes.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Benefits provided by a secure and stable retirement fund help ensure the County of San Diego can compete to attract and retain an appropriately sized, skilled and diverse workforce to design and implement policies, programs and services that ensure equitable and sustainable opportunities.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

If the recommendation to adopt the rates of employer retirement contributions is approved, the estimated total annual employer retirement contribution costs for the County of San Diego (County) and all participating employers will be approximately \$757.0 million for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27, a decrease of approximately \$139.3 million from the FY 2025-26 estimated total employer contribution.

The County is obligated to fund approximately 94% of the total annual employer retirement contribution, which is estimated at \$711.6 million in FY 2026-27, a decrease of approximately \$131.0 million from the County's share of estimated annual employer retirement contributions in the prior fiscal year, which is included in the County's long term financial planning. Other participating employers are obligated to make the remaining 6% of contributions to the San Diego County Employees Retirement Association (SDCERA). These employers include San Diego Superior Court, San Dieguito River Valley Joint Powers Authority, Local Agency Formation Commission and San Diego County Office of Education. The County's actual cost of retirement will differ from this estimate due to the application of the contribution rates to the County's actual biweekly payroll instead of the SDCERA actuary's assumed payroll. The funding source is a combination of program specific revenues and General Purpose Revenue. No additional staff years are required.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

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

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

NOT PRESENT: Anderson

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

**OVERVIEW**

**A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**

(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)

Robert Martinez, et al. v. Tri-Group Construction and Development Inc., et al.;  
San Diego Superior Court Case No.: 37-2023-00035689-CU-PA-CTL

**B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**

(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)

Daniel Garcia v. County of San Diego;  
San Diego Superior Court Case No.: 37-2024-00021805-CU-PA-CTL

**C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**

(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)

Darryl Dunsmore, et al. v. County of San Diego, et al.; United States District  
Court, Southern District Case No. 20-cv-00406-AJB-WVG

**D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**

(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)

Rowdy Pauu v. County of San Diego, et al.; United States District Court,  
Southern District Case No. 23-cv-0961-TWR-SBC

**E. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**

(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)

Whitney Antrim v. County of San Diego, et al.;  
San Diego Superior Court, Case No.: 37-2023-00016017-CU-WT-CTL

**ACTION:**

The Board of Supervisors met in closed session on February 10, 2026, from 4:06 p.m. to 4:44 p.m. Four Board members were present for Items 17A and 17B, with Chair Lawson-Remer absent. All members were present for Items 17C and 17D. Chair Lawson-Remer and Vice Chair Montgomery Steppe recused themselves from Item 17E. The Board took no reportable actions.

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

**OVERVIEW**

Aaron Landau spoke in support of Supervisor Joel Anderson, commending his bipartisan approach, accessibility to constituents, and long record of public service, and expressed appreciation as a self-identified lifelong Democrat who votes across party lines.

Gilbert Chavez requested that vacancies on the Spring Valley Community Planning Group be filled expeditiously, noting he has applied, completed required steps, and wishes to serve to improve neighborhood safety and quality of life.

Allegedly Audra raised concerns about child trafficking and abuse, alleged misconduct within child welfare and related agencies, and criticized elected officials and institutions for failing to protect children and address alleged pedophilia and exploitation.

Purita Javier described health impacts and anxiety related to emissions from a ceramics kiln in her neighborhood, referenced involvement by County Health and Human Services, and asked for continued assistance to protect community health and safety.

Greg Sowizdrzal, President of IATSE Local 122, spoke in support of creating a County film initiative, including a film commission, film office, and targeted rebate program, to standardize permitting, retain film and television productions, and increase local jobs and spending.

Steven Watson stated that his father, Minh Watson, died under court ordered house arrest in San Diego, alleged the death was mishandled by law enforcement and the Medical Examiner's Office, and requested that the County take action regarding his concerns.

Paul the Bold raised concerns about child welfare operations, called for an audit of the Child and Family Well Being Department and related agencies, and criticized potential governance reforms and comments by an outside policy advocate.

Barbara Gordon recognized February as Heart Health Month and highlighted the cardiovascular risks of smoking tobacco and marijuana, emphasizing research on high blood pressure and urging stronger prevention and public education efforts.

Truth criticized County leadership and communications strategies, referenced environmental issues at the Tijuana River, raised concerns about animal services practices and euthanasia decisions, and opposed extending supervisor term limits.

Consuelo raised concerns about proclamations and governance reform, alleged that County actions and proclamations are performative, criticized economic conditions and cost of living, and asserted that residents are not truly free given economic pressures.

Cesar Javier spoke regarding the Tijuana River pollution, the Air Pollution Control District, and collaboration between City and County officials.

Mark spoke regarding artificial intelligence, digital identity, and global governance concerns.

Madison Rapp spoke regarding cannabis impaired driving and public safety.

Peggy Walker spoke regarding public health impacts of marijuana and recent media attention to those impacts.

Andrea Ebbing spoke regarding criminal justice, victim services, and alleged corruption.

Justin Castro spoke regarding technology, nongovernmental organizations, and perceptions regarding elections and representation.

**ACTION:**

Heard, Referred to the Chief Administrative Officer

The Board recessed at 4:44 p.m., until Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 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.

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