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Good afternoon,

Please see attached (2) letters of support for upcoming Board agenda items.

Thank you,

Clariza Marin & Armon Harvey Harvey Family Foundation



August 20, 2025

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

RE: Support for Unlocking County Reserves Proposal

Dear Chair Lawson-Remer and Members of the Board,

On behalf of the Harvey Family Foundation, I urge you to approve the proposal to unlock a portion of the County's reserves in order to stabilize essential services for San Diego families.

Reserves exist for moments like this. When families are facing service cuts, when children, seniors, and people with disabilities are most at risk, and when state and federal disinvestment leaves us exposed; this is precisely when County leadership must step in. The dollars we set aside for "rainy days" must not sit idle while our communities weather the storm.

Unlocking these funds is not reckless. It is responsible, strategic, and accountable. By updating how reserves are calculated, the County can free up nearly \$300 million without creating new debt or jeopardizing long-term stability. Done right, this policy ensures that:

- Services protecting the most vulnerable continue without interruption.
- Public dollars are put back into the community—where they belong—at the exact moment they are needed most.
- Safeguards are strengthened so that reserves are still preserved for true emergencies, not politics.
- The County leads with values and vision, using its fiscal strength to protect the social and economic strength of its people.



We are not seeking reckless spending, we are calling for our leaders to protect responsibly. No child should lose care, no senior should lose services, and no working family should lose stability simply because the County chose caution over compassion.

We ask you to move forward with this proposal, decisively and without delay. Reserves are a tool, and right now, the tool our community needs most is leadership willing to put people first.

Thank you for your commitment to San Diego's families and for ensuring that public dollars truly serve the public good.

Sincerely,
Armon Harvey
President
Harvey Family Foundation