

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 12

**SUBJECT: SOLICITING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE ANNUAL POINT IN TIME COUNT
(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that Continuums of Care (CoC) conduct an annual count of persons experiencing homelessness who are sheltered or unsheltered on a single night in January of each year. The Regional Task Force on Homelessness (RTFH) brings together a wide range of community partners and volunteers to conduct the Point-in-Time-Count (PITC) also known as We all Count, throughout San Diego County. While the data collected during the PITC count is used to apply for federal funding, the count allows us to better understand the demographics, challenges, and characteristics of those experiencing homelessness in our community.

To conduct this extensive survey, RTFH puts out a call to action to organizations, stakeholders and the community to assist their efforts to count as many people as possible who are experiencing homelessness. This year, during the January 2024 Point-in-Time-Count there were over 1,700 volunteers that participated in the region's Point-in-Time-Count and helped identify 10,605 individuals living in shelters or on the streets.

Our County employees, have time and time again stepped up to support our communities in times of need, especially through volunteer roles during election season and during the Point-in-Time-Count. Today's action would direct the Chief Administrative Officer to establish a volunteer program to allow County employees to participate in the annual Point-in-Time-Count on January 30, 2025, on paid County time.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHAIRWOMAN NORA VARGAS

1. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to establish a volunteer program to allow County employees to participate in the annual point in time count on January 30, 2025, on paid County time.
2. Find that allowing County employees to volunteer to participate in the annual Point-in-Time Count on paid County time serves a public benefit by ensuring the region's homelessness can be quantified and federal funding can be secured to support the region's homeless population.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

By allowing our County staff to participate in the annual Point-in-Time-Count, we join our regional efforts to address homelessness in San Diego County. The Point-in-Time Count outcomes have multiple benefits and helps our region apply for federal funding as well as gives the region a better understanding of the demographics, challenges, and characteristics of those experiencing homelessness in our community. The Point-in-Time-Count also serves as a guiding principle for policy makers to help drive policy changes and investments to help house our unsheltered neighbors.

Establishing a program to allow County employees to participate in the annual Point-in-Time Count on January 30, 2025, will support efforts to create effective approaches to assist those who are homeless throughout San Diego County. The count outcomes have multiple benefits, including eligibility to apply for federal and state funding in addition to enabling the region to gain a better understanding of the scope, impact, and potential solutions to address this issue. The numbers from this count are broken down into subpopulation categories, including counts of persons who are chronically homeless, veterans, youth, persons with HIV/AIDS, and victims of domestic violence. It is anticipated that this action will drive much-needed resources to residents who are disproportionality represented in the homeless system including justice-involved individuals as well as Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC). In general, the incidence of BIPOC individuals experiencing homelessness mirrors the disparities found at the broader community levels. These population groups are over-represented in homelessness when compared to their proportion in the general community.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed action contributes to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal to engage the community and protect health and well-being. By establishing a program that allows County staff to participate in the annual Point-in-Time-Count we engage with our most vulnerable population and will use the data collected to advocate for funding and resources to house our unsheltered neighbors.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding associated with these recommendations are included as staff time in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operational Plan in various departments. The funding source is based on a combination of General Purpose Revenue and program revenues. Actual cost and revenue will be determined by the classification of employees who may choose to volunteer. 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 Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

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County of San Diego) §

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

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter



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