

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2026, 9:00 AM AND THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2026, 9:00 AM
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER
BOARD CHAMBER, ROOM 310
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

GENERAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION
THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2026, 9:00 AM

Order Of Business

- A. REGULAR SESSION: Meeting was called to order at 9:02 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. Closed Session Report

- C. 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.

- D. Approval of the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the sessions of June 9, 2026 and June 10, 2026; the Board of Supervisors Budget Hearing of June 1, 2026; the minutes for the concurrent Special District meetings of the Housing Authority of June 10, 2026, the In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority of January 28, 2026 and June 9, 2026; and, the Redevelopment Successor Agency of April 21, 2026.

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors approved the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the sessions of June 9, 2026 and June 10, 2026; the Board of Supervisors Budget Hearing of June 1, 2026; the minutes for the concurrent Special District meetings of the Housing Authority of June 10, 2026, the In Home Supportive Services Public Authority of January 28, 2026 and June 9, 2026; and, the Redevelopment Successor Agency of April 21, 2026.

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

- E. Consent Agenda
F. Discussion Items

Board of Supervisors' Agenda Items

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	3.	ADOPT THE REVISED LANTERMAN-PETRIS-SHORT DESIGNATION GUIDELINES AND PROCESSES FOR FACILITIES WITHIN SAN DIEGO COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTOR TO UPDATE AND ADOPT FUTURE REVISIONS TO THE GUIDELINES
Financial and General Government	4.	ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES REGARDING LITIGATION AUTHORIZATION FOR COUNTY COUNSEL (6/25/2026 first reading, 8/18/2026 second reading unless ordinance is modified on second reading)
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	9.	COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 ADOPTED BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR COUNTY SERVICE AREAS, COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICTS, CERTAIN MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS AND PERMANENT ROAD DIVISIONS (4 VOTES)

- 10. SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE: MODERNIZING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CHARTER TO STRENGTHEN TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT
- 11. CERTIFICATION OF INITIATIVE PETITION: MEASURE TO FUND SAN DIEGO COUNTY HEALTH & SAFETY SERVICES
- Health and Human Services 12. AUTHORIZING PARTNER FOOD DISTRIBUTION PILOTS AT STRATEGIC COUNTY FACILITIES IN HIGH-NEED AREAS TO MITIGATE CALFRESH WORK REQUIREMENT DISPLACEMENTS
- Financial and General Government 13. CONTINUED ITEM FROM JUNE 9, 2026 (18): ADOPT A POLICY TO REQUIRE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ALL BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEES
- 14. ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS JULY 2026 MEETING CALENDAR AND A-72 WAIVER
- Land Use and Environment 15. DESIGNATING WATERFRONT PARK AS THE PERMANENT HOME FOR THE SAN DIEGO REGIONAL FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL AND WAIVE BOARD POLICY A-72
- Financial and General Government 16. APPROVE ADJUSTMENT OF COMPENSATION FOR THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (CAO), CLERK OF THE BOARD, AND PROBATION CHIEF AND A-72 WAIVER
- 17. AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF A LONG-TERM GROUND LEASE AND AN AMENDMENT TO THE DISPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND CEQA EXEMPTIONS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON COUNTY LAND AT 620 E. VALLEY PARKWAY, ESCONDIDO
- Public Communication 18. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

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1. SUBJECT: SHERIFF - REQUEST TO ENTER INTO THE MEDI-CAL COUNTY INMATE PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) provided guidance and procedures regarding county participation in the voluntary Medi-Cal County Inmate Program (MCIP). This program implements a provision of federal law that allows for the claiming of Medicaid funds for inpatient services provided to incarcerated persons when those services are provided at a medical facility located off the grounds of the correctional facility, for a stay of 24 hours or more, and the incarcerated person is found to be Medicaid eligible. This program offers the opportunity for providers to bill Medi-Cal directly for eligible persons and costs, which could reduce county expenditures for inpatient care for incarcerated persons. As off-site medical needs and incarcerated individuals' serious or complex medical conditions continue to rise, ongoing participation in MCIP is essential because it provides significant cost savings and helps the San Diego Sheriff's Office (Sheriff's Office) mitigate increasing medical expenditures for patients requiring inpatient medical services in the community.

Approval of today's recommended actions will authorize the participation of the Sheriff's Office and Probation in the MCIP for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029. This is also a request to authorize the County of San Diego's participation in the MCIP in subsequent years if there are no material changes to the agreement terms.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

SHERIFF

1. Approve and authorize the Sheriff or designee to accept and execute upon receipt Medi-Cal County Inmate Program Agreements with the California Department of Health Care Services for the term of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029.
2. Authorize the Sheriff or designee to execute all required documents, including any extension, amendments, and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the program or funding level.
3. Authorize the Sheriff or designee to accept and execute Medi-Cal County Inmate Program Agreements with the California Department of Health Care Services in subsequent years or for retroactive periods, including all required agreement documents, including amendments and/or revisions thereof that do not materially impact or alter the terms of the Medi-Cal Inmate Program agreement.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Providing comprehensive on-site and off-site medical and mental health care to incarcerated individuals is a matter of equity because it upholds the fundamental human right to health. Incarcerated persons lose the ability to seek their own care. The incarcerated populations have increasingly come into custody with chronic conditions, trauma, infectious diseases, and substance use disorders. Comprehensive care ensures this deep-rooted health disparities are actively addressed rather than exacerbated, and today's Board action will allow for the County to share the costs of the expenses incurred providing the necessary off-site medical care.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

When severe medical or psychiatric needs exceed the capacity of on-site services at the detention facilities, off-site access to specialized hospital networks and emergency services is essential. This request supports the County's sustainability goal of providing just and equitable access by improving service delivery to those in its custodial care. It also supports the sustainability goal of fiscal stability by ensuring costs incurred by sending incarcerated persons to necessary off-site services are reduced for the County.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2026-27 CAO Operational Plan for the Sheriff's Office. If approved, this request will result in anticipated reduced costs in Fiscal Year 2026-27 and in subsequent fiscal years. Under the MCIP, the County will pay only the non-federal share of eligible claims from providers to the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), as well as a proportionate share of DHCS administrative costs for the program. These costs will be funded through General Purpose Revenue currently budgeted in the Sheriff's Office. 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 Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

2. **SUBJECT: ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AUTHORIZING A JOINT APPLICATION TO THE HOMEKEY+ PROGRAM (DISTRICT: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

On November 26, 2024, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), in collaboration with the California Department of Veterans Affairs, announced the availability of \$2.1 billion of Homekey+ program funds. Homekey+ is the permanent supportive housing component of Proposition 1 passed by California voters in March 2024 that supports the State goal to reduce homelessness and protect vulnerable populations through changes to the Mental Health Services Act. Homekey+ provides an opportunity for regional and local public entities to develop permanent supportive housing for Veterans and people living with a behavioral health challenge, including mental health and/or substance use challenges, who are at-risk of or experiencing homelessness.

In partnership with Wakeland Housing and Development Corporation and Wakeland Del Rey LP, the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency will expand on prior Homekey+ efforts to ensure additional Homekey+ funding is secured for the region and leveraged to provide additional housing resources to the most vulnerable members of our community.

Today's actions request the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) find that the proposed actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; adopt a resolution authorizing a joint application with Wakeland Housing and Development Corporation and Wakeland Del Rey LP to HCD for up to \$20 million in Homekey+ program funding, to support the 96-unit Paseo del Rey affordable housing development located in the City of Chula Vista; execute documents related to the award of Homekey+ program funding for this development; and direct the Auditor and Controller to establish a trust fund in relation to the Homekey+ program.

This item aligns with the County Housing for All Initiative by ensuring the County continues to focus on housing stability by addressing root causes, such as permanent supportive housing and supports. Additionally, today's actions support the County 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 ensuring vulnerable populations at risk of or experiencing homelessness have access to suitable living environments, as well as enhancing their quality of life by creating decent and safe affordable housing coupled with supportive services.

RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Find in accordance with Section 15060(c)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, that the proposed actions described herein are administrative in nature and not a project as defined by the state CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).
2. Adopt a Resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AUTHORIZING JOINT APPLICATION TO AND PARTICIPATION IN THE HOMEKEY+ PROGRAM.
3. Authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer or Interim Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee to, if awarded funds, accept funds and enter, upon successful negotiations, into a partnership agreement with Wakeland Housing and Development Corporation or an affiliate thereof, and into a Standard Agreement with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the administration of Homekey+ funds.
4. Authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer or Interim Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee to: execute agreements, amend agreements as needed to reflect changes to services and funding, execute certification forms, prepare and execute all necessary documents for the submittal, regulatory processing and implementation, and take any other actions necessary as required by HCD for Recommendation 3, as applicable.
5. Authorize and direct the Auditor and Controller to establish a trust fund in relation to the Homekey+ program grant for payment for Paseo del Rey multifamily rental housing development, with interest earnings allocated and distributed to the fund.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The 2026 Point-in-Time Count (PITC) identified 9,803 individuals as living on the streets or in shelters throughout the county. There were approximately 359 unsheltered Veterans in the region as of January 2026 as well as 289 sheltered Veterans. According to a 2023 study by the Journal of American Medical Association Psychiatry, Veterans are at a higher risk of experiencing mental health challenges and substance use disorders, compared to the general population. Based on the latest behavioral health data collected in the 2026 PITC, of San Diego County's unsheltered homeless adults reporting behavioral health conditions, 34% are experiencing mental illness and 25% are experiencing substance use disorders, respectively. This underscores the critical need for integrated housing and behavioral health interventions tailored to this vulnerable population. The County of San Diego is committed to finding equitable solutions to prevent and end homelessness by providing supportive services and permanent supportive housing options.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's proposed actions advance the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal #2 by promoting just and equitable access to housing. These actions ensure that affordable housing developments are reserved for individuals and families experiencing homelessness or chronic homelessness, while also strengthening partnerships with affordable housing developers and community organizations. This collaborative approach fosters collaboration grounded in a shared, mission-driven commitment to support communities disproportionately affected by poverty.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the Health and Human Services Agency. If awarded and approved, this request will result in one-time costs and revenue of up to \$20 million in FY 2026-27 for the Paseo del Rey affordable housing development. The funding source is State allocated funding from the Homekey+ Program. Upon award of the Homekey+ grant of up to \$20 million, staff will return to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors with requests for approval of mid-year actions to adjust the budget if necessary. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

This proposal will have a positive impact on the business community, since the recommended actions will result in construction work to be performed at the property that is awarded funding. Contracts resulting from these recommendations may be executed with private sector firms and will involve a competitive bidding process.

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, and adopted Resolution No. 26-093, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AUTHORIZING JOINT APPLICATION TO AND PARTICIPATION IN THE HOMEKEY+ PROGRAM.

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

3. SUBJECT: ADOPT THE REVISED LANTERMAN-PETRIS-SHORT DESIGNATION GUIDELINES AND PROCESSES FOR FACILITIES WITHIN SAN DIEGO COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTOR TO UPDATE AND ADOPT FUTURE REVISIONS TO THE GUIDELINES (DISTRICT: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act establishes a procedure for the involuntary detention for evaluation and treatment of persons who, as a result of a mental disorder, constitute a danger to themselves or others, or are gravely disabled. The LPS Act also requires that persons detained be placed in facilities designated for LPS involuntary detention by a county's Board of Supervisors.

In the San Diego region, LPS-designated facilities abide by the County of San Diego's (County) LPS Designation Guidelines and Processes for Facilities (LPS Designation Guidelines), which serve as the operational framework for evaluating, designating, contracting with, and monitoring LPS facilities based on State regulations. LPS Designation Guidelines was first adopted by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) in 2013 and since then, the Board has approved various updates to revise processes to increase efficiency and reduce administrative complexity while ensuring adherence to the LPS Act. Most recently, the Board approved updates to the Guidelines on April 8, 2025 (16).

Following the enactment of Senate Bill 1238 in 2024, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) issued LPS Facility Designation Interim Regulations. These regulations supersede the historical regulatory process that required the Board, or the delegated Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Director, approval of county designation of facilities authorized to provide treatment under the LPS Act. The new regulations centralize designated facility approval authority within DHCS and require BHS to revise the LPS Designation Guidelines to ensure compliance with the updated regulatory framework.

Today's item requests the Board adopt revisions to the LPS Designation Guidelines (Attachment A), which updates language to align with new LPS Facility Designation Interim Regulations. In addition, today's item requests the Board authorize the BHS Director to update and adopt future Guideline revisions as needed to remain consistent with any subsequent DHCS regulatory changes.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Adopt the revised Lanterman-Petris-Short Designation Guidelines and Processes for Facilities within San Diego County (LPS Designation Guidelines).
2. Authorize the Director of Behavioral Health Services to revise, and adopt on behalf of the County of San Diego, the LPS Designation Guidelines as needed to meet any programmatic needs or to conform to current or future statutory or regulatory requirements.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommended actions support the County of San Diego's (County) commitment to advancing equity in behavioral health services by ensuring that individuals experiencing a mental health crisis receive consistent, high-quality evaluation and treatment regardless of race, income, age, or geography. Revisions to the LPS Designation Guidelines and Processes for Facilities within San Diego County strengthen requirements related to documentation and monitoring and enhance data collection to better identify inequities in involuntary hold patterns, facility access, and crisis outcomes. These improvements support transparency and help reduce disparities in service availability across regions of the County, particularly in communities with historically limited access to behavioral health services.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's item supports the County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just an equitable access to County services and Sustainability Goal # 4 to protect the health and well-being of everyone in the region. These goals will be advanced by ensuring LPS designation processes are equitable and prioritize treatment quality and accountability. Ensuring access to quality behavioral health care, particularly for historically disadvantaged communities, is paramount to advancing the overall well-being of every person in the community.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's 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 Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

4. **SUBJECT: ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES REGARDING LITIGATION AUTHORIZATION FOR COUNTY COUNSEL (6/25/2026 first reading, 8/18/2026 second reading unless ordinance is modified on second reading) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

On March 24, 2026 (19), the Board of Supervisors (Board) directed County Counsel and the Chief Administrative Officer to establish a Consumer Fairness and Public Protection (CFPP) Unit within the Office of County Counsel. Part of that Board direction included amending Section 142 of the County Code of Administrative Ordinances to provide standing authority for the Office of County Counsel to bring certain consumer protection lawsuits on behalf of the

County of San Diego (County) and its residents. The proposed ordinance makes those amendments along with related amendments regarding lawsuits to enforce County lease provisions.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

On June 25, 2026:

1. Approve the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading): AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES REGARDING LITIGATION AUTHORIZATION FOR COUNTY COUNSEL

If, on June 25, 2026, the Board takes action as recommended, then, on August 18, 2026:

1. Consider and adopt (unless ordinance is modified on second reading): AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES REGARDING LITIGATION AUTHORIZATION FOR COUNTY COUNSEL

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

This recommendation protects all residents, including those that have suffered discrimination or disenfranchisement. The recommendation fulfills Board of Supervisors direction to establish the Consumer Fairness and Public Protection (CFPP) Unit, which strengthens the County of San Diego's ability to pursue proactive litigation against corporations and entities that harm residents through illegal, deceptive, or predatory practices.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

This recommendation supports the County of San Diego's (County) Sustainability Goal #2 by providing access to County services to promote equity, transparency, and community trust. Overall, the ordinance supports equity and community trust. This recommended action facilitates certain consumer protection lawsuits that protect residents and communities suffering environmental harm.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to amend an ordinance. There is no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years are required.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, and took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on August 18, 2026.

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

NOES: Desmond

**5. SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:
SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:
AMEND THE RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE SAN DIEGO
COUNTY ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARDS AND ASSESSMENT
HEARING OFFICERS (First Reading of Ordinance - 06/09/2026; Second
Reading, 06/25/2026) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

On June 9, 2026 (13), the Board of Supervisors took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on June 25, 2026. The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors administers the property tax assessment appeals process, including the acceptance, processing, and scheduling of applications.

The Assessment Appeals Boards and Assessment Hearing Officers maintain Rules of Procedure that govern responsibilities and procedures for the appeals process. The proposed changes to the Rules of Procedure are focused on modernizing the process by introducing Prehearing Conferences to improve case flow, reduce avoidable postponements, and expand availability for timely hearings. The amendments also support the transition to online filing through the County's new Case Management System and include several technical updates such as fee revisions, clarified evidence-return procedures, and minor clerical corrections.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

On June 25, 2026:

Approve the adoption of the Ordinance (second reading):

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ASSESSMENT
APPEALS BOARDS AND ASSESSMENT HEARING OFFICERS RULES OF
PROCEDURE.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

These amendments support equitable access to the assessment appeals process by enhancing the clarity, predictability, and accessibility of hearings. Online filing will reduce barriers for applicants with limited ability to travel, limited availability during business hours, or limited familiarity with paper based procedures. Prehearing Conferences will help ensure that cases proceed efficiently and that hearing calendars remain accessible to all applicants.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed actions promote sustainability by reducing paper usage through online filing and digital document submission. Improved case flow management also reduces duplicative work and unnecessary staff time, supporting long-term operational efficiency.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact with today's recommendation to approve the introduction of the ordinance. There is no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years are required.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed amendments will improve efficiency across the assessment appeals process by reducing day of hearing postponements, increasing case readiness, and streamlining workflows for both the Clerk of the Board and the Assessor’s Office. Prehearing Conferences will support earlier clarification of issues and more predictable scheduling.

Online filing will reduce manual data entry, minimize processing errors, and accelerate application review timelines. Applicants will benefit from an accessible, user-friendly system that supports guided filing, electronic document submission, and online case tracking, resulting in a faster and more transparent path to resolution.

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, and adopted Ordinance No. 11012 (N.S), entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARDS AND ASSESSMENT HEARING OFFICERS RULES OF PROCEDURE.

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

6. SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS: VARIOUS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

These appointments are in accordance with applicable Board Policy A-74, “Citizen Participation in County Boards.”

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Appoint Ayesha Majid to COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, Seat 11, for a term to expire June 25, 2028.

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 Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

7. 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 Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

8. **SUBJECT: COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 ADOPTED BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR COUNTY FAMILY OF FUNDS, ENTERPRISE FUNDS AND INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS, AND PRIOR YEAR ENCUMBRANCES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

On June 11, 2026, the County of San Diego (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) concluded budget hearings for the Fiscal Years (FY) 2026-27 and 2027-28 Operational Plan. At these hearings, the Board received public testimony and a presentation of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Recommended Operational Plan. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 29088, a resolution is submitted for adoption of the budgets for FY 2026-27 for the County Family of Funds, Enterprise Funds and Internal Service Funds. Also requested is authority to carry-forward prior year encumbrances and related funding. Today's actions request the Board to consider changes to the CAO Recommended Operational Plan and approve the resolutions adopting the budget and reimbursement of expenditures from the proceeds of indebtedness.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Approve the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Recommended Operational Plan Change Letter to revise the CAO Recommended Operational Plan.
2. Consider any Operational Plan change requests submitted after the close of the budget hearing, if applicable. **(4 VOTES)**

If additional time is needed to identify funding sources or otherwise balance the budget based on the Board's direction and recommendations above, this item may be continued to June 26, 2026, if necessary. If additional time is not needed, then take the following actions:

3. Adopt a resolution entitled: **ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2026.**
4. Authorize the Auditor and Controller to carry-forward appropriations and applicable estimated revenue for prior year encumbrances in all County funds. **(4 VOTES)**
5. Adopt a resolution entitled: **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO SETTING FORTH THE OFFICIAL INTENT OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FROM PROCEEDS OF INDEBTEDNESS.**

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The County of San Diego (County) is committed to promoting a culture of equity, belonging, and racial justice. We serve all communities, including Black, Indigenous, People of Color, LGBTQIA+, people with disabilities, low-income individuals, the young, the elderly, immigrants, refugees, and those who have faced inequality.

The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Recommended Operational Plan aims to allocate resources to address inequities in County programs and services. This plan is based on community input, data analysis identifying disparities, and meaningful assessment of outcome indicators.

In 2021, the County introduced a Budget Equity Assessment Tool. This tool helps County departments prioritize services and allocate resources with equity in mind. Each year, departments must identify equity components to evaluate budget changes that impact their ability to deliver services and support their goals. The questions in this tool ensure that the County applies an equity lens when developing the budget.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The County of San Diego (County) is working towards a sustainable future for everyone. Our strategic plan guides our activities to ensure sustainability in the region's economy, climate, environment, and communities. We aim to strengthen communities by pursuing legislative policies and collaborating with stakeholders to enhance services that help residents become self-sufficient, increase economic sustainability, and reduce poverty.

County departments contribute by implementing their own sustainability plans, which reflect their priorities and inform financial planning and decision-making. This ongoing effort helps each department increase the overall sustainability of their operations. These collective efforts strengthen communities, ensure accountability, and protect public resources by aligning available resources through services and initiatives.

The proposed budgetary plans for the Fiscal Years 2026-27 in the Chief Administrative Officer Recommended Operational Plan support the County's Strategic Initiative of Sustainability. This aligns resources with services while maintaining fiscal stability and ensuring long-term solvency.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total Revised Recommended Operational Plan includes increased spending of \$522,542,448 for Fiscal Year 2026-27 totaling \$9,157,051,405. Recommendation 1 includes total spending authority of \$8,995,959,903, which includes:

- \$8,118,486,954 for the County of San Diego (County) Family of Funds (General Fund, Capital Outlay Funds, Debt Service Fund and Special Revenue Funds);
- \$58,146,490 for the Enterprise Funds; and
- \$819,326,459 for the Internal Service Funds.

The remaining amounts of the total revised recommended spending authority of \$9,157,051,405 Countywide are reflected in additional Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Budget Board Letters for consideration, including the San Diego Sanitation District; County Service Areas, Community Facilities Districts, Certain Maintenance Districts and Permanent Road Divisions; San Diego

County Fire Protection District; and County of San Diego Successor Agency to the County of San Diego Redevelopment Agency; and San Diego County Flood Control District.

Recommendation 3 provides spending authority of \$8,118,486,954 for the County Family of Funds for FY 2026-27. The recommendation also provides spending authority of \$58,146,490 for the Enterprise Funds and \$819,326,459 for the Internal Service Funds.

Recommendation 4 authorizes the Auditor and Controller to carry over appropriations and any related revenues from the prior year. The exact amount of carry-forward budget is not known at this time and will not be finalized until the accounting cycle for FY 2025-26 has been completed in August 2026.

Recommendation 5 has no fiscal impact associated with this action. The FY 2026-28 Operational Plan includes \$164,920,000 in capital expenditures, both infrastructure and Information Technology. If approved, the resolution serves solely to establish compliance with U.S. Treasury Regulations and does not obligate the County to expend funds, incur debt, or proceed with any specific project. Adoption of the proposed reimbursement resolution will provide the County with the flexibility to reimburse eligible expenses from proceeds of an executed financing currently expected in early calendar year 2027. The resolution identifies a maximum reimbursement amount of \$164,920,000, allowing for flexibility in structuring the final bond issuance. Any future actions regarding the amount, timing, or structure of financing will be brought forward for Board consideration at a later date.

The fiscal impact of Recommendation 2 will be determined prior to adoption of the budget if Operational Plan change requests are received after the close of budget hearings.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

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

1. Approved the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Recommended Operational Plan Change Letter to revise the CAO Recommended Operational Plan. (Board Letter Recommendation No. 1)
2. Adopted Resolution No. 26-094 entitled: ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2026. (Board Letter Recommendation No. 3)
3. Authorized the Auditor and Controller to carry-forward appropriations and applicable estimated revenue for prior year encumbrances in all County funds. (Board Letter Recommendation No. 4)

4. Adopted Resolution No. 26-095 entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO SETTING FORTH THE OFFICIAL INTENT OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FROM PROCEEDS OF INDEBTEDNESS. (Board Letter Recommendation No. 5)

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

9. **SUBJECT: COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 ADOPTED BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR COUNTY SERVICE AREAS, COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICTS, CERTAIN MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS AND PERMANENT ROAD DIVISIONS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 29088, this request recommends the approval of a resolution to adopt the budget for the County Service Areas, Community Facilities Districts, Certain Maintenance Districts and Permanent Road Divisions for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Approve the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Recommended Operational Plan Change Letter to revise the CAO Recommended Operational Plan.
2. Consider any Operational Plan change requests submitted after the close of the budget hearing, if applicable. **(4 VOTES)**

If additional time is needed to identify funding sources or otherwise balance the budget based on the Board's direction and recommendations above, this item may be continued to June 26, 2026, if necessary. If additional time is not needed, then take the following actions:

3. Adopt a resolution entitled: ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY SERVICE AREAS, COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICTS, CERTAIN MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS, AND PERMANENT ROAD DIVISIONS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2026.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The County of San Diego (County) is committed to promoting a culture of equity, belonging, and racial justice. We serve all communities, including Black, Indigenous, people of Color, LGBTQIA+, people with disabilities, low-income individuals, the young, the elderly, immigrants, refugees, and those who have faced inequality.

The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Recommended Operational Plan aims to allocate resources to address inequities in County programs and services. This plan is based on community input, data analysis identifying disparities, and meaningful assessment of outcome indicators.

In 2021, the County introduced a Budget Equity Assessment Tool. This tool helps County departments prioritize services and allocate resources with equity in mind. Each year, departments must identify equity components to evaluate budget changes that impact their ability to deliver services and support their goals. The questions in this tool ensure that the County applies an equity lens when developing the budget.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The County of San Diego (County) is working towards a sustainable future for everyone. Our strategic plan guides our activities to ensure sustainability in the region's economy, climate, environment, and communities. We aim to strengthen communities by pursuing legislative policies and collaborating with stakeholders to enhance services that help residents become self-sufficient, increase economic sustainability, and reduce poverty.

County departments contribute by implementing their own sustainability plans, which reflect their priorities and inform financial planning and decision-making. This ongoing effort helps each department increase the overall sustainability of their operations. These collective efforts strengthen communities, ensure accountability, and protect public resources by aligning available resources through services and initiatives.

The proposed budgetary plans for the Fiscal Years 2026-27 in the Chief Administrative Officer Recommended Operational Plan support the County's Strategic Initiative of Sustainability. This aligns resources with services while maintaining fiscal stability and ensuring long-term solvency.

FISCAL IMPACT

The recommended action provides spending authority of \$32,663,418 for the County Service Areas, Community Facilities Districts, Certain Maintenance Districts and Permanent Road Divisions for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

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

1. Approved the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Recommended Operational Plan Change Letter to revise the CAO Recommended Operational Plan. (Board Letter Recommendation No. 1)
2. Adopted Resolution No. 26-096 entitled: ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY SERVICE AREAS, COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICTS, CERTAIN MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS, AND PERMANENT ROAD DIVISIONS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2026. (Board Letter Recommendation No. 3)

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

**10. SUBJECT: SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:
MODERNIZING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CHARTER TO
STRENGTHEN TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND
INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

On May 19, 2026 (24), the Board of Supervisors took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on June 25, 2026.

San Diego County has grown into one of the largest and most complex county governments in the nation, managing more than \$8.6 billion in annual public spending and delivering essential services to over 3.3 million residents. With that scale comes an even greater responsibility to ensure public dollars are used effectively and decisions reflect the needs of the people we serve. As the County has grown, public expectations for transparency, accountability, and independent oversight have grown as well, yet the County’s governing framework has not kept pace with that reality.

For many years, community organizations, civic leaders, and residents across the region have consistently called for greater transparency, clearer performance reporting, and stronger independent oversight of County decision-making. Together, these concerns make it harder for the public to understand how decisions are made, whether programs are working, and how their tax dollars are being spent. These concerns point to a widening gap between the scale and complexity of County government today and the oversight systems designed to ensure accountability to the public.

Key decisions affecting County budgets, programs, and service delivery are often shaped through internal staff-level analysis, with limited independent capacity to verify assumptions, evaluate performance, or assess policy alternatives. This creates two related challenges: it makes it harder for the public to clearly understand how decisions are made and how public dollars are spent, and it limits the ability of the Board of Supervisors, acting on behalf of County residents, to provide informed, effective oversight of a large and permanent County bureaucracy.

This Charter modernization effort responds directly to those long-standing calls from residents and community stakeholders. Its purpose is to strengthen independent oversight, improve transparency and access to information, and clarify accountability so residents can have greater confidence that County government is working effectively, efficiently, and in the public interest.

On April 21, 2026 (Item 14), the Board adopted Resolution 26-024 entitled, “A Transparent, Accountable, Modern County Government,” that proposed amendments to the County Charter. The Board also introduced an ordinance calling for a special election to submit the Charter amendment to the voters. During the meeting, the Charter reform proposal was amended to (1) give the Board the option to appoint the County Public Defender by ordinance, and (2) authorize County Counsel to make technical modifications to the measure or ballot question to conform to the California Elections Code, other law, or the Registrar of Voters.

On May 19, 2026 (Item 24), the Board amended the resolution to remove references to term limits for the Sheriff, District Attorney, Assessor Recorder County Clerk, and Treasurer Tax Collector. The Board adopted Resolution 26-051 entitled “A Transparent, Accountable, Modern

County Government” that proposed amendments to the County Charter. The Board also introduced a revised ordinance calling for a special election to submit the Charter amendment to the voters.

Today’s action is the second reading of the ordinance, before being placed on the November 2026 ballot. Because these changes involve the County Charter, voters will have the final decision on how their government is structured and how accountability is strengthened.

Core Reform Priorities:

The proposed Charter updates establish core accountability tools designed to improve public understanding and strengthen effective oversight, including:

- **Independent Ethics Oversight** - Establishing independent ethics oversight applicable to elected County officials to ensure ethical standards are upheld through a transparent and impartial process that strengthens public trust in County leadership.
- **Independent Fiscal and Budget Analysis** - Providing the Board of Supervisors and the public with independent, nonpartisan analysis of County budgets, long-term fiscal impacts, and policy tradeoffs before major decisions are made so public dollars are protected and tradeoffs are clearly understood.
- **Independent Evaluation of County Programs and Services** - Creating independent capacity to assess program performance and outcomes, strengthening accountability for results and service delivery, and helping the County improve what works and fix what doesn’t.
- **Transparency in County Spending and Performance** - Expanding public access to clear, timely, and usable information about County spending, operations, and program performance so residents can more easily see how their government is performing.
- **Modernization and Clarification of Charter Provisions** - Updating outdated or unclear Charter language to improve clarity and legal durability and align with state law.
- **Accountability for Senior Appointed Leadership** - Creating and modernizing confirmation, removal, and accountability requirements for senior leadership roles to strengthen transparency and public confidence. Gives the Board the option to appoint the County Public Defender by ordinance.
- **Clear and Reasonable Term Limits** - Aligning term limits for County elected leadership with California’s 12-year legislative model by establishing a limit of three four-year terms for members of the Board of Supervisors. This approach balances the importance of ensuring competence, expertise, and stability of elected leadership, with the value of encouraging new ideas and safeguarding against entrenchment.
- **Cost-Neutral Implementation** - All reforms will be implemented with no additional cost to taxpayers. This measure relies on existing resources, modernizes outdated structures, and reduces inefficiency, duplication, and waste. Over time, stronger oversight and clearer accountability are expected to yield long-term savings by preventing fraud, improving program effectiveness, and ensuring public dollars are spent as intended.

These reforms are designed to give residents, taxpayers, and their elected representatives stronger tools to understand, evaluate, and oversee how County government operates. The package is structured to be implemented without additional cost to taxpayers.

RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHAIR TERRA LAWSON-REMER

Consider and adopt the Ordinance (second reading) entitled:
AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE CONSOLIDATED WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS AMENDMENTS TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CHARTER ENTITLED “A TRANSPARENT, ACCOUNTABLE, MODERN COUNTY GOVERNMENT.”

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

This action supports the County's commitment to equitable service delivery by strengthening transparency, accountability, and independent oversight of County government operations. Ensuring that public resources are managed effectively and that performance information is accessible to all residents supports more equitable outcomes across all communities served by the County.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

This action supports the County's long-term fiscal and operational sustainability by establishing independent oversight mechanisms and improving access to budget and performance information. Strengthening accountability structures and evidence-based decision-making supports responsible stewardship of public resources over time.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no immediate fiscal impact associated with today’s recommended action. The proposed Charter reforms are intended to be implemented using existing resources and are designed to be cost-neutral. Over time, strengthened oversight and accountability are expected to reduce inefficiencies, prevent waste, and improve the effective use of public funds.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed Charter reforms do not create new regulatory burdens or costs for businesses. By improving transparency, fiscal discipline, and government effectiveness, the reforms are expected to foster a more stable, predictable, and competitive local economic environment.

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Lawson-Remer, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, and adopted Ordinance No. 11013 (N.S), entitled: AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE CONSOLIDATED WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO ENTITLED, “A TRANSPARENT, ACCOUNTABLE, MODERN COUNTY GOVERNMENT.”

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

11. SUBJECT: CERTIFICATION OF INITIATIVE PETITION: MEASURE TO FUND SAN DIEGO COUNTY HEALTH & SAFETY SERVICES (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The MEASURE TO FUND SAN DIEGO COUNTY HEALTH & SAFETY SERVICES initiative petition was filed with the Registrar of Voters on May 4, 2026. The Registrar has examined the petition and finds it contains a sufficient number of valid signatures to submit to the Board of Supervisors for action.

In accordance with State law and Article XIII C of the California Constitution, the Board of Supervisors (Board) is now required to submit the initiative measure to the voters. The Board may either (1) submit the initiative measure to the voters at the November 3, 2026, statewide general election or (2) direct the preparation of an impact report, due within 30 days, submit the initiative measure to the voters, and schedule a special meeting sometime between July 25, 2026 to August 7, 2026 to adopt the resolution. The Board may also direct the auditor for the County of San Diego (County) to prepare a fiscal impact statement that is printed in the voter information guide.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Receive the certification from the Registrar of Voters that the initiative petition contains a sufficient number of valid signatures.
2. Consider and take action on one of the following options pursuant to Elections Code Sections 9111 and 9118:
 - Option One: Adopt the resolution entitled, A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS AN INITIATIVE MEASURE TO FUND SAN DIEGO COUNTY HEALTH & SAFETY SERVICES for the purpose of submitting the initiative measure, without alteration, to the voters of San Diego County at the November 3, 2026 statewide general election.
 - Option Two: Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare an impact report that must be presented to the Board within 30 days. Upon receipt of that report, the Board would then be required to adopt the above-referenced resolution to submit the initiative measure, without alteration, to the voters of San Diego County. Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 1405, the resolution submitting the initiative measure to the voters must be issued at least 88 days prior to the election. For the November 3, 2026 statewide election, that deadline lands on August 7, 2026. Given the Board's current meeting calendar, this option would require the Board to schedule a special meeting sometime between July 25, 2026 and August 7, 2026 in order to adopt the resolution in time to submit this initiative measure to the voters at the November 3, 2026 statewide election.
3. Consider whether to direct the County auditor to review the initiative measure and prepare a fiscal impact statement pursuant to Election Code Section 9160, which is limited to 500 words and is printed in the voter information guide.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

A person's vote can influence policy and who represents them in government, which in turn impacts their environment, health, and quality of life. The Registrar of Voters' conduct of fair, accurate, and transparent election processes allows all eligible citizens to have a part in matters that affect them.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

A person's vote has a direct influence on the sustainability of their neighborhood, community, and local region. By voting and being civically engaged, San Diego County residents have a direct impact on their health, equity, the economy, and environment. With the County's implementation of the vote center model, all active registered voters receive a ballot in the mail as required by current law. This increases accessibility by providing voters with the opportunity to consider the method that is most convenient for them to return their ballot and has the possibility of reducing vehicle miles traveled to cast their vote. In addition, voters have the option of receiving voter information guides electronically to reduce paper waste. The recommended action today aligns with the Governance lens of sustainability and the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal of providing just and equitable access to County services.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are included in the Fiscal Year 2026-27 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the Registrar of Voters to conduct the November 3, 2026 statewide general election based on General Purpose Revenue and program revenues. There will be no change in General Fund cost and no additional staff years associated with today's action.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

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

1. Received the certification from the Registrar of Voters that the initiative petition contains a sufficient number of valid signatures.
2. Adopted Option One pursuant to Elections Code Sections 9111 and 9118:
 - Option One: Adopted Resolution No. 26-097 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS AN INITIATIVE MEASURE TO FUND SAN DIEGO COUNTY HEALTH & SAFETY SERVICES for the purpose of submitting the initiative measure, without alteration, to the voters of San Diego County at the November 3, 2026 statewide general election.

3. Amended the ballot question in Attachment D:

- To mitigate clean-up sewage pollution in Tijuana River Valley, improve wildfire prevention, emergency response, access to healthcare, food assistance, childhood development services, and authorized administrative expenses; shall the measure authorizing a half-cent retail transaction and use sales tax raising an estimated \$400,000,000 to \$450,000,000 annually, requiring citizen oversight, public spending disclosure, and independent annual audits, and lasting until ended by voters, be adopted?

AYES: Aguirre, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

NOES: Anderson, Desmond

12. SUBJECT: AUTHORIZING PARTNER FOOD DISTRIBUTION PILOTS AT STRATEGIC COUNTY FACILITIES IN HIGH-NEED AREAS TO MITIGATE CALFRESH WORK REQUIREMENT DISPLACEMENTS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

Shifts in federal policy, specifically driven by House Resolution 1 (H.R. 1), imposed new strict work-reporting requirements for public assistance. These changes have created an immediate and severe crisis for vulnerable populations across San Diego County. Under these new requirements, an estimated 93,500 individuals may face a sudden reduction or complete elimination of their CalFresh benefits in the next year, and an anticipated 314,000 individuals will be subject to new Medi-Cal work requirements that put their health coverage at risk. This policy-driven displacement directly undermines the regional safety net and threatens to plunge high-need, low-access communities into profound food insecurity.

On November 4, 2025 (12), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to explore opportunities to establish a Safety Net Bridge program, which would provide medical services and access to fresh food to address anticipated gaps in services due to barriers created by shifts in federal policy. On March 24, 2026 (27), the Board authorized the CAO to develop a pilot implementation plan for the Safety Net Bridge program in high-need areas where Medi-Cal disenrollment is most likely and return to the Board within 180 days. In response to the new CalFresh eligibility changes going into effect on June 1, 2026, the Board also directed the CAO to report back within 45 days on implementation plans and cost estimates for food access component of the Safety Net Bridge Program. Staff returned with a report back memorandum on May 15, 2026, outlining actions the Board could take to implement the food access component of the Safety Net Bridge Program.

This proposed action directs the CAO to advance several of the options outlined in the staff report to provide an immediate and practical intervention strategy to address anticipated food insecurity by partnering with the region's two food banks, Feeding San Diego and the San Diego Food Bank, to hold food distribution events with their partner networks in the areas with the highest expected need in San Diego County. These food distribution events will allow the County to move swiftly to initiate immediate, on-the-ground action to provide food access, benefit enrollment assistance, and supplemental resources to communities most affected by the new CalFresh requirements.

County staff have identified 16 high-impact zip codes where families are being hit the hardest by the CalFresh eligibility changes. These identified neighborhoods represent nearly half of the impacted individuals countywide. While local food banks and community pantries work incredibly hard to provide access to food, there are still gaps in coverage that leave too many families vulnerable.

By utilizing existing County facilities like Library Branches, Community Centers, and Family Resource Centers as regional food distribution hubs, the County will establish a direct pipeline of same-day access to fresh food, benefits enrollment assistance and supplemental resources where it is most needed. These food events are to commence as quickly as possible, with event frequency, days, and times optimized to match the community partner's operational capacity.

These food distribution events should be continually guided by real-time County data tracking the loss of CalFresh benefits and local enrollment trends throughout the next year to remain flexible and nimble to the shifting needs of the hardest-hit communities. The data should be used as a living map rather than a static plan to pivot resources, scale operations up or down, and reallocate support as new high-impact areas emerge. This will enable the County to be responsive to residents' food access needs.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

VICE-CHAIR MONICA MONTGOMERY STEPPE

1. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), or their designee, to implement emergency food distribution events and services to address food insecurity across identified high-impact zip codes for one year, in an amount not to exceed **\$1,000,000** to be allocated as follows:
 - a. \$500,000 to fund food distribution events across identified high-impact zip codes for one year, including agreements with San Diego Food Bank and Feeding San Diego, County of San Diego (County) associated facility costs, onsite staff support as needed, and dedicated staff to provide on-site benefit enrollment and supplemental resources at participating food distribution sites.
 - b. \$500,000 for food distribution to fill service gaps within the identified high-impact zip codes, with a portion be used to address gaps in Mountain Empire communities and that staff consult with District 1 regarding needs in zip code 91950 (National City/Lincoln Acres), such as home delivery or distribution through trusted community providers, if necessary, and for costs associated with staff time to administer, manage, monitor, and review reporting on an ongoing basis.
 - c. Transfer appropriations of \$1,000,000 from Finance Other, Services & Supplies, to Health and Human Services Agency (HHS), Public Health Services.
2. Find, in accordance with Government Code Section 26227, that funding emergency food distribution and related hunger relief services is necessary to meet the social needs of the population in the areas of health and welfare.
3. Authorize the CAO, or designee, upon successful negotiations, to execute grant agreements with the San Diego Food Bank and Feeding San Diego to fund emergency food distribution events and associated services and any alternative methods of food distribution to fill emerging service gaps that the County identifies as necessary to

support hunger relief efforts and to amend the agreements as necessary, subject to availability of funding.

4. Direct the CAO to report back to the Board of Supervisors with a progress report on the emergency food distribution events specific to households impacted by H.R. 1 in 6 months and in 1 year. The progress reports should contain data on households served per event, community level service gaps identified and addressed, and allocations of both funding appropriations, and track the loss of CalFresh benefits and local enrollment trends.
5. Pursuant to Board Policy B-29, authorize the Deputy CAO, Health and Human Services Agency and the Chief Sustainability Officer to submit grant applications that support food distribution programs through June 30, 2027, for regional safety net services.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

This proposed action in response to H.R. 1 intentionally targets resources toward 16 historically underserved and high-impact zip codes that bear a disproportionate burden of federal benefit displacements. By focusing on areas with a high concentration of low-income families, immigrant communities, residents of color, and other underserved communities, the proposed action works to dismantle structural barriers to nutrition access. By pairing face-to-face food distribution with on-site County eligibility staff, the Safety Net Bridge Program ensures that vulnerable residents receive immediate, dignified support while simultaneously reconnecting them to long-term stabilization resources.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

This proposed action supports the County of San Diego's (County) sustainability goal of economic stability and local resilience by reducing food waste and increasing food access. Through the Safety Net Bridge Program, the County will indirectly scale up edible food recovery in alignment with California's SB 1383, which mandates that 20% of edible food otherwise destined for landfills be recovered to combat both hunger and greenhouse gas emissions. Through coordinated logistics at the identified County facilities, the County and its partners will ensure that recovered food remains safe, fresh, and accessible without imposing an unsustainable cost burden.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds associated with today's recommendations are included in Finance Other in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-28 Adopted Operational Plan. If approved, this request will result in one-time costs of \$1,000,000 in FY 2026-27 for Health and Human Services Agency to implement emergency food distribution events and services to address food insecurity across the identified high-impact zip codes for one year. The proposed funding source is the Unlocked Reserves that was allocated for safety net services. This action reduces the safety net services balance of funds in Finance Other to \$43.7 million remaining to be allocated. 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.

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

13. **SUBJECT: CONTINUED ITEM FROM JUNE 9, 2026 (18):
ADOPT A POLICY TO REQUIRE TRANSPARENCY AND
ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ALL BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AD HOC
SUBCOMMITTEES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

On June 9, 2026 (18), the Board of Supervisors considered this item. The motion to adopt the recommendations failed due to a tie vote, and the Board did not continue the item. Pursuant to Rule 2(h) of the Board of Supervisors Rules of Procedure, the item was placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting.

On May 19, 2026 (34), the Board of Supervisors considered recommendations brought forward by the Chief Administrative Officer to provide standardized requirements regarding the creation, operation, notice, access, and documentation of Board of Supervisors ad hoc subcommittee activities. Although the Board discussed several options developed and presented by County staff, the Board did not approve any of those options.

Based on the discussions that occurred during the meeting on May 19, 2026, I recommend that the Board adopt a new policy, Board Policy A-75, “Board of Supervisors Ad Hoc Subcommittees Policy” (Attachment 1). This recommended action would:

- Establish comprehensive and standardized procedures for Board ad hoc subcommittees, including the posting of meeting notices, public access to meetings, documentation, and record availability, ensuring consistent operational expectations across all Board-created subcommittees
- Enhance transparency and support the County’s Strategic Plan initiatives related to Transparency, Accountability, and Community Engagement by making meeting agendas, recordings, minutes, memos, consultant information, and all meeting materials publicly accessible on a centralized County webpage
- Provide clear definitions and operational requirements distinguishing ad hoc subcommittees from standing committees, reducing ambiguity around Brown Act applicability while still ensuring robust public access to information
- Clarify County staff responsibilities, including designated staff leads, preparation of agendas and minutes, logistical support, and coordination with Board offices, which may reduce confusion and improve consistency in subcommittee operations

Although an existing policy, Board Policy A-74, “Participation in County Boards, Commissions, and Committees,” provides significant guidance and rules governing the activities of standing and special boards, commissions, committees and task forces formed to advise the Board of Supervisors and County staff, it does not provide this same level of guidance or rules to govern the actions and meeting procedures of ad hoc subcommittees created by, and entirely comprised of, members of the Board of Supervisors.

In order for our constituents to stay apprised of the actions taken by Board ad hoc committees, particularly when important policies and financial matters are discussed and acted upon, rules and guidance for the operations of ad hoc subcommittees are needed. County residents will benefit by having full access to ad hoc subcommittee meeting information, by having the opportunity to view meetings, submit information during or after subcommittee meetings, and review records of the items considered and acted upon during those meetings.

Among the actions to be required by ad hoc subcommittees should be the timely postings of meeting agendas prior to meetings, Countywide notification to citizens of scheduled meetings and the on-line posting of meeting materials and records. This action would mirror efforts taken by the County to ensure the public is aware of, and can participate in, regular Board of Supervisors meetings and the numerous meetings of boards, commissions, committees, councils, panels, teams and task forces created to advise the Board and County staff.

To maintain the County's high standards of transparency, I recommend that the Board adopt new Board Policy A-75 to clearly identify the actions that Board of Supervisors ad hoc subcommittees must comply with to ensure the proper level of transparency and accountability.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON

Adopt proposed Board Policy A-75, "Board of Supervisors Ad Hoc Subcommittees Policy" (Attachment 1).

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Board meetings and advisory bodies operate under procedures intended to provide equitable access for County residents. Establishing consistent requirements for Board ad hoc subcommittees supports public access by ensuring that information, meeting schedules, records, and materials associated with these subcommittees are available to all individuals.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Standardized procedures for Board ad hoc subcommittee operations support transparency and consistency in County processes. Making records, communications, and meeting materials publicly available contributes to clear documentation and long-term administrative sustainability.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no immediate fiscal impact associated with the Board's adoption of this policy. There may be future fiscal impacts based on additional actions that would be required of County staff under Board Policy A-75 for both existing and new ad hoc subcommittees. Staff will need to review anticipated future scope and meeting frequency of each subcommittee and will return to the Board with recommendations for consideration and approval, if costs cannot be absorbed within existing appropriations in the supporting department(s). At this time, there will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

Ad hoc subcommittees created by the Board have been tasked with considering, adopting and bringing recommendations to the full Board of Supervisors that could directly impact the County's business community. By ensuring all subcommittees adhere to a consistent open and

transparent process, the region's businesses will have an opportunity to monitor and participate in the meetings and activities of the Board's ad hoc subcommittees. Standardized procedures for meeting access and documentation provide consistent information to the business community and other interested parties. This allows stakeholders to track and participate in matters considered by Board ad hoc subcommittees.

ACTION 13.1:

A motion was made by Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, for the Board of Supervisors to amend Board Policy A-75 to add the following:

- Policy Section C. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an ad hoc subcommittee may meet confidentially on any topic for which the Ralph M. Brown Act would permit a legislative body to meet in closed session, if not already covered by the Brown Act or state law. If an ad hoc subcommittee decides to meet confidentially, the co-chairs must communicate the need and justification for holding a confidential meeting to the other Board members, the Chief Administrative Officer, the Clerk of the Board and County Counsel.

(A substitute motion was introduced.)

ACTION 13.2:

ON MOTION of Supervisors Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors amended Board Policy A-75 to add the following:

- Add this sentence to the first paragraph of Policy Section: B. The following requirements will not apply to ad hoc subcommittees that are established to address sensitive subjects, including those related to juveniles.

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

**14. SUBJECT: ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JULY 2026 MEETING CALENDAR AND A-72 WAIVER
(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

On December 9, 2025 (11), the Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted the meeting calendar for the 2026 calendar year and further amended the calendar on May 19, 2026 (11). It is necessary to amend the 2026 meeting calendar to cancel the July 14, 2026, meeting as there are no anticipated agenda items for that date. This confirmation occurred after the standard Board Letter docket deadline.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHAIR TERRA LAWSON-REMER

1. Waive Board Policy A-72 Agenda and Related Process, Section 2.C.2.ii, which establishes required timelines for review when preparing a Board Letter.
2. Adopt the resolution: A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AMENDING THE DATES AND TIMES FOR MEETINGS OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN JULY 2026.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Board of Supervisors annually adopts a calendar for regular meetings. This ensures that the public is well informed of the meetings and can plan for active participation in local government.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The amended meeting calendar allows 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 Lawson-Remer, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, and adopted Resolution No. 26-098, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AMENDING THE DATES AND TIMES FOR MEETINGS OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN JULY 2026.

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

15. **SUBJECT: DESIGNATING WATERFRONT PARK AS THE PERMANENT HOME FOR THE SAN DIEGO REGIONAL FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL AND WAIVE BOARD POLICY A-72 (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

In October 2022, the Board of Supervisors took the first step toward honoring San Diego's fallen firefighters by initiating the process to establish the San Diego Regional Firefighter Memorial. That action created the San Diego Regional Firefighter Memorial Working Group, directed County staff to evaluate suitable locations, and seeded the effort with initial planning and design funds. Today, the Board takes the next step: formally designating Waterfront Park at the County Administration Center as the permanent home of the San Diego Regional Firefighter Memorial. San Diego's firefighters serve their communities at profound personal risk. The names of thirty fallen San Diego firefighters are currently engraved on the California Firefighters Memorial Wall in Sacramento - each name representing a family tragedy and a community that owes an enduring debt of gratitude. Yet despite this legacy of sacrifice, there is no single, permanent place anywhere in San Diego County dedicated to honoring fallen firefighters from across all departments and agencies in the region. The San Diego Regional Firefighter Memorial will create that place.

Waterfront Park is the right home for this memorial. The County's civic campus is already recognized as a place for honoring fallen heroes. The Law Enforcement Memorial at Waterfront Park has long served as a place where the community can come together to remember the officers lost in the line of duty and stand alongside their families. San Diego's firefighting community deserves a similar home for reflection, grieving, and healing.

The San Diego Regional Firefighter Memorial will be anchored by a Wall of Heroes honoring fallen firefighters from across the county, designed to complement the existing Law Enforcement Memorial. The space will serve both quiet individual reflection and formal community ceremonies. Construction and maintenance will be funded through donations, grants, and other external resources coordinated by the San Diego Regional Firefighter Memorial Working Group, with no impact to the County's General Fund.

Today, the Board is asked to designate Waterfront Park as the home of the San Diego Regional Firefighter Memorial and direct the CAO to collaborate with the Memorial Working Group on identifying a mutually agreeable site. The timing of today's action is essential, as it allows for the project to move forward with site selection, design finalization, and fundraising, targeting a completion date of September 11, 2026, to align with commemorations of the sacrifices of firefighters nationally. With this vote, the Board ensures that the public service and courage of San Diego's firefighters will be honored in a permanent and meaningful way for generations to come.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHAIR TERRA LAWSON-REMER

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to designate Waterfront Park as the permanent location of the San Diego Regional Firefighter Memorial and work with the San Diego Regional Firefighter Memorial Working Group to construct the memorial at a mutually agreeable site.
2. Waive Board Policy A-72 Agenda and Related Process, Section 2.C.2.ii, which establishes required timelines for review when preparing a Board Letter.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

By establishing a regional memorial that honors fallen firefighters from every department and agency across the county, this action affirms that every firefighter's service and sacrifice deserve equal recognition, regardless of the community they served or the agency that employed them. The memorial also creates a lasting civic anchor for public awareness of the physical and mental toll of firefighting - work that is essential to the safety and resilience of San Diego's most vulnerable communities.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's recommendation. Future impacts may include a reduction in revenue associated with event space availability, based on site selection. Additionally, costs for constructing the memorial will be funded through donations, grants, and other external sources. There is no net change in General Fund cost and no change in staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

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

1. Directed the Chief Administrative Officer to designate Waterfront Park as the permanent location of the San Diego Regional Firefighter Memorial and work with the San Diego Regional Firefighter Memorial Working Group to site and construct the memorial, prioritizing a site that mirrors the location of the Law Enforcement Memorial.
2. Waived Board Policy A-72 Agenda and Related Process, Section 2.C.2.ii, which establishes required timelines for review when preparing a Board Letter.
3. Directed the Chief Administrative Officer to coordinate with appropriate jurisdictions and agencies to evaluate the feasibility of utilizing portions of Harbor Drive adjacent to Waterfront Park as an extension of Waterfront Park for event space and venue purposes, including for large-scale public events, in order to preserve and expand public event capacity at Waterfront Park, and explore other feasible options to continue having large-scale community centered events in Waterfront Park. The evaluation will be reported back to the Board within 90 days with findings and any recommended next steps.

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

16. **SUBJECT: APPROVE ADJUSTMENT OF COMPENSATION FOR THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (CAO), CLERK OF THE BOARD, AND PROBATION CHIEF AND A-72 WAIVER (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

The Board of Supervisors completed 2026 performance evaluations for the following Board appointed executives: Chief Administrative Officer (“CAO”), Clerk of the Board, Chief Probation Officer (“Probation Chief”), and In-Home Supportive Services Executive Director. Today's action approves a salary increase for the CAO, Clerk of the Board, and the Probation Chief. In accordance with the employment agreements, timely Board action is needed by June 26, 2026 to implement salary adjustments for the CAO, Clerk of the Board, and Probation Chief following completion of their 2026 performance evaluations.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHAIR TERRA LAWSON-REMER

1. Waive Board Policy A-72 Agenda and Related Process, Section 2.C.2.ii, which establishes required timelines for review when preparing a Board Letter.
2. Approve adjustments to the pay for the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Clerk of the Board, and Chief Probation Officer (Probation Chief). The compensation for the CAO is set at an hourly rate of \$207.39 effective June 26, 2026. Clerk of the Board is set at an hourly rate of \$119.23 effective June 26, 2026; and compensation for the Probation Chief is set at an hourly rate of \$144.49 effective June 26, 2026.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

This action is requested to compensate experienced leaders in their respective capacities as CAO, Clerk of the Board, and Probation Chief. The County of San Diego promotes a culture of equity, belonging, and racial justice. We serve the needs of communities with diverse groups including Black, Indigenous, people of Color, LGBTQIA+, people with disabilities, people of low-income, the young, the older, immigrants, refugees and communities that have historically faced inequality and inequity. In addition, the County centers its budgetary efforts on equity through the continued implementation and operationalization of the Budget Equity Assessment Tool. The tool ensures there is a framework to use an equity lens to evaluate the development of the County's budget.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The County of San Diego is building a sustainable future for all. The County's strategic plan guides County activities to ensure sustainability as it relates to the region's economy, climate, environment, and communities. These collective efforts strengthen communities, ensure accountability, and protect public resources by aligning available resources through services and initiatives.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds associated with these requests are included in the Fiscal Year 2026-27 CAO Recommended Operational Plan. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

Noting for the record that Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Andrew Potter and Chief Administrative Officer Ebony Shelton were not present at the dais for this item; and noting for the record that, prior to the Board taking action, the Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors read a statement into the record regarding the summary of recommendations on the salary and compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits for the Chief Administrative Officer, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, and Probation Chief; ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

17. **SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF A LONG-TERM GROUND LEASE AND AN AMENDMENT TO THE DISPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND CEQA EXEMPTIONS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON COUNTY LAND AT 620 E. VALLEY PARKWAY, ESCONDIDO (DISTRICT: 5)**

OVERVIEW

For many years, the San Diego region has faced a severe and chronic shortage of affordable housing units that directly impacts housing insecurity and housing cost burden for lower-income

households across San Diego County. Given this housing crisis, we must leverage every available option to develop more affordable housing. One of these options that has had tremendous success, is the redevelopment of excess County of San Diego (County)-owned property into affordable homes. There are 12 County-owned surplus properties in various stages of the development pipeline for affordable homes, including 620 E. Valley Parkway in the city of Escondido.

On May 6, 2025 (21), the Board authorized the execution of a Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) on County-owned property at 620 E. Valley Parkway between the County and San Diego Community Housing Corporation in partnership with National Community Renaissance of California (SDCHC/CORE) for the development of 100% affordable housing for seniors. Additionally, the Board authorized execution of a long-term ground lease upon SDCHC/CORE's receipt of all financing and entitlements to construct the project. On May 12, 2025, the DDA was fully executed and became immediately effective. SDCHC/CORE has requested an amendment to the DDA to: (1) immediately execute and record the long-term ground lease prior to receipt of all financing and entitlements to enable them to accept funding in the amount of \$3 million from the City of Escondido, pursuant to the requirements of that acceptance; (2) allow for a two-phased project schedule, if needed, which will create better financial feasibility of the development and; (3) removal of the requirement to construct a childcare facility. Today's request is for Board approval of the amendment to DDA and to authorize execution and recordation of the long-term ground lease in advance of the SDCHC/CORE receiving all financing and entitlements, as well as approval of the relevant California Environmental Quality Act findings.

RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Find that the proposed actions to authorize execution of a 99-year ground lease and amend the Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) for development of affordable housing at 620 E. Valley Parkway, Escondido and allow for a two-phased project schedule, if needed, and removal of the requirement to construct a childcare facility are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15332.
2. Authorize the Director, Department of General Services, to execute the First Amendment to DDA and a 99-year ground lease with San Diego Community Housing Corporation in partnership with National Community Renaissance of California or an affiliate entity, and any other attachments to the amendment, the ground lease, and the original DDA and perform any actions in furtherance of or necessary to administer or implement the DDA, as amended, and Ground Lease, including but not limited to, approving, and executing amendments and executing restatements of one or more ground leases to complete the development of the affordable housing project.
3. Authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services Agency, or a designee, to execute the Regulatory Agreement for 620 E. Valley Parkway and perform any actions in furtherance of or necessary to administer or implement the DDA, Ground Lease, and Regulatory Agreement, as amended by these actions, including approving and executing amendments and executing restatements to one or more Regulatory Agreements to complete the development of the affordable housing project.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's recommendations will result in the development of much-needed affordable housing in the region. The 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment indicates that 68,959 units are needed regionally for very low, and low-income individuals and households. Restricted affordable housing for low-income households may serve seniors, families, homeless, at-risk of homelessness, veterans, homeless with serious mental illness, and transitional aged youth. All units reserved for low-income individuals and households serve tenant populations earning below 80% area median income, currently \$97,950 for a one-person household and \$139,900 for a four-person household. Utilizing County excess property for development of affordable housing creates private sector jobs and economic opportunities in San Diego County and contributes to the County of San Diego efforts to address local housing shortages and meet the needs of low-income residents for years to come.

This item advances the County vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all residents, specifically for those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind. This item also aligns with the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities by ensuring low-income residents have access to suitable living environments and by enhancing quality of life through decent and affordable housing. Additionally, this action supports the County Housing for All initiative by ensuring the County continues to focus on prevention and housing stability by addressing root causes, such as housing affordability.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's proposed actions support the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access and Sustainability Goal #4 to protect health and wellbeing for residents. The recommended actions support the building of safe and affordable housing for lower-income households, persons experiencing homelessness, seniors, and veterans. Together, these efforts promote long-term community sustainability by improving housing stability, increasing access to essential services, and enhancing the overall quality of life for residents. These actions also align with Sustainability Goal #6 to protect the environment by requiring sustainability features for each site that are in alignment with California Tax Credit Allocation Committee requirements, and our regional efforts to decarbonize.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for these requests are included in the Fiscal Year 2026-28 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the Department of General Services, Facilities Management Internal Service Fund. If approved, this request will result in total estimated costs and revenue up to \$30,000 for staff time. The funding source is an internal agreement supported by General Purpose Revenue. 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 Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

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

OVERVIEW

Shaurya Adappa spoke regarding littering and pollution, urging the Board to explore community-centered solutions including youth-led neighborhood clean-ups.

Taiye Bland Aruya spoke in support of continued investment in long-term solutions for people experiencing homelessness, including mental health care, substance use treatment, job opportunities and prevention efforts.

Anna Acevedo requested continued advocacy and funding to address sewage and public and environmental health impacts in the Tijuana River Valley, including investments in wastewater treatment and infrastructure.

Oliver Twist offered general remarks in celebration of Independence Day and urged the Board to restore clapping as a form of public expression in the chambers.

Saniah Jameson encouraged the Board to prioritize juvenile justice approaches that emphasize rehabilitation, accountability and opportunity through mentorship, education and supportive resources.

Paul the Bold criticized the Board of wasting taxpayer resources by keeping the public in the dark and not allowing accurate public participation at Board meetings.

Consuelo C. criticized local and county officials for alleged misuse of funds and selective enforcement of laws, asserting that truth-tellers and whistleblowers are being punished.

Dennis Brown spoke to the Board regarding addressing a claim contesting the certification of election results at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Becky Rapp asked the County to account fully for marijuana-related expenditures and advocated incorporation of marijuana-prevention education into youth programs and future Department of Youth Development efforts.

Ann Riddle voiced concerns about marijuana cultivation emissions and their potential public health impacts, citing a recent webinar, and urged caution regarding the County's social equity cannabis program.

Truth raised various criticisms of individual Supervisors, alleged corruption, and questioned the residency and financial practices of certain Board members.

Hecter Oh requested that the Board use Zoom for its meetings and raised general concerns about white supremacy and "white history month."

Pam criticized the Board's policies on abortion and gender identity, argued that county actions endanger children, and expressed opposition to county support for Rady Children's Hospital gender-affirming care.

Natalie Raschke raised concerns about the impending expiration of Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs) in November 2026, noting that many voucher holders, including herself and her children, could become homeless absent federal or local intervention.

Kathleen Lippitt spoke about combined alcohol and high-potency marijuana use, warning of normalization of deviance and associated public health harms, and urging clear risk messaging.

Terri Ann Skelly spoke to the Board regarding concerns of marijuana shops operating without the required permits.

ACTION:

Heard, Referred to the Chief Administrative Officer

There being no further business, the Board of Supervisors adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of San Diego, State of California

Notes By: 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. Generative artificial intelligence (AI) was utilized to assist in drafting portions of the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes using the meeting's audio recording. All content produced through AI assistance underwent human review to ensure accuracy.