

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 05, 2023**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 13

SUBJECT: 2024 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

In accordance with Board of Supervisors Policy, each year the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) adopts a Legislative Program containing statements and guidance that allows the County, through the Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs (EDGA), to take positions and advocate quickly in response to state and federal legislation that impacts the County and/or is of interest to the Board. The Legislative Program contains a legislative sponsorship platform, state and federal legislative priorities, and policy guidelines for the upcoming calendar year.

Today's action is a request for approval of the 2024 Legislative Program which provides direction to the EDGA staff and the County of San Diego's Sacramento and Washington, D.C. advocates.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Adopt the proposed 2024 Legislative Program (Attachment A, on file with the Clerk of the Board) by taking the following actions:
 - a. Authorize staff to seek the legislative proposals summarized in the Sponsorship Proposals section of the 2024 Legislative Program.
 - b. Authorize staff to pursue and respond to state and federal legislative efforts as detailed in the Priority Issues section of the 2024 Legislative Program.
 - c. Authorize staff to advocate as directed in the Policy Guidelines section of the 2024 Legislative Program.
2. Receive the 2023 Advocacy Report (Attachment B, on file with the Clerk of the Board).

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The County of San Diego (County) is committed to crafting a Legislative Program that meets the needs of the entire region. In 2021, EDGA revised the Legislative Program as part of the Framework for our Future: Reforming the County Legislative Program initiative approved by the Board. The revised Legislative Program added Equity and Justice as a legislative priority and created a set of Guiding Principles to allow EDGA to proactively advocate for legislation that ensures equity, transparency, and access for all residents. By advancing these efforts through legislative advocacy at the state and federal level, we are ensuring policy change and financial resources for programs and services that benefit and uplift the residents we serve.

Community engagement is at the heart of the County of San Diego's (County) General Management System and Strategic Plan. Following months of active engagement with residents, community-based organizations, advocacy organizations, other governmental agencies, and internal county departments, the 2024 Legislative Program was drafted with the community's feedback and needs in mind. The 2024 Legislative Program is a true reflection of the diverse experiences and perspectives of all the clients, customers, and constituents we serve in our region.

The 2024 Legislative Program builds on the community engagement efforts from the past several years. The community was invited to comment and share feedback on the legislative program through a public comment period stretching from August 1 through September 7. Comments were received via e-mail, social media, and through Engage San Diego. Following the public comment period, EDGA hosted a virtual community forum in early October. Over the course of our outreach, more than 80 individuals and organizations, including the San Diego Hunger Coalition, the Children First Collective, San Diego for Every Child, and the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce contributed valuable comments and feedback. The top issues mentioned were affordable housing, homelessness, nutrition security, and support for children of all ages and families. Notably, the 2024 Legislative Program includes updates reflecting these top issues. Under Priority Issues, Nutrition Security and Equitable Access to Quality Health and Social Care were added as priority issues. Under Policy Guidelines, new statements were added to increase quality and affordable child care, perinatal care, and pursuing opportunities for co-located services with affordable housing, such as child care and medical services. The 2024 Legislative Program represents a cross section between the Board's priorities as reflected in actions brought forth by the Board and the community as reflected in the comments and feedback EDGA has received over the last three years.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's proposed adoption of the 2024 Legislative Program supports many of the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals, including: engaging the community; providing just and equitable access; transitioning to a green, carbon-free economy; and protecting the health and wellbeing of everyone in the region by providing staff in EDGA, as well as the County's Sacramento and Washington, D.C. advocates guidance on advocacy efforts on behalf of the County at the state and federal levels.

FISCAL IMPACT

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

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

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

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

NOES: Anderson

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County of San Diego) §

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

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter