

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 09, 2025**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 21

**SUBJECT: ADVANCING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN OUR
HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

The County of San Diego has made substantial investments to address homelessness across the region. This includes funding for emergency shelters, bridge housing, affordable housing development, behavioral health services, substance use recovery programs, and wrap-around support. These efforts reflect a strong commitment by this Board to reduce homelessness and ensure vulnerable residents have a pathway toward stability and self-sufficiency.

The 2025 Point in Time Count shows an 11% reduction in homelessness in the unincorporated area. While this is a significant improvement, there are still around 200 people living on our streets. This is unacceptable, and it underscores the urgency of continuing to refine our strategies, close service gaps, and ensure no one is left behind.

To inform our policy moving forward, we need to know what is working, and what is not. To accomplish this, we need transparent, consistent, and actionable updates on progress in our efforts to house every homeless person in the unincorporated area. Without this data, our ability to evaluate the effectiveness of our strategies is hampered. The unincorporated area faces unique challenges, and it is our responsibility to ensure that we understand those challenges and adapt our strategies as needed. Utilizing the By-Name-List will be critical to this effort.

Today's action directs the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to explore the feasibility of providing a monthly memo to update the Board of Supervisors and the public on how many homeless individuals are in the unincorporated area, the barriers each individual faces, how many were connected to emergency shelter/the Regional Housing Assistance Program, and how many exited to permanent housing. The return to the Board should address barriers to acquiring data, explorations of other relevant data and information, and include a draft format for the proposed monthly memo.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to explore the feasibility of providing a monthly memo to the Board of Supervisors detailing progress on efforts to house every homeless individual in the unincorporated areas of San Diego County and return to the Board within 90 days with a draft memo. This memo should include, but is not limited to:

- The number of homeless individuals.
- The number of individuals who exited homelessness.
- The number of individuals in the Regional Housing Assistance Program.
- The number of homeless individuals at the end of the month.
- Include data on how individuals are exiting homelessness (permanent housing, family reunification, entering a treatment program etc...)
- Identify the primary barrier(s) to housing for each homeless individual.
- Track the number of contacts made with each homeless individual.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed action aims to ensure equitable oversight of County of San Diego's (County) housing initiatives for people experiencing homelessness in the unincorporated area. These communities often lack access to the same level of infrastructure and supportive services available in urban cores. By requiring regular, transparent tracking, this action promotes equity by holding the County accountable for delivering services to historically underserved populations and geographies.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

This proposed action contributes to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal of protecting the health and well-being of all San Diegan residents by working towards housing solutions for the entire homeless population.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for the actions requested are included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan for the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). If approved, this request will result in the use of existing staff time in the County of San Diego (County) HHSA Housing and Community Development Services. The funding source is existing General Purpose Revenue. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

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

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

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County of San Diego) §

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

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter

