

Board of Supervisors

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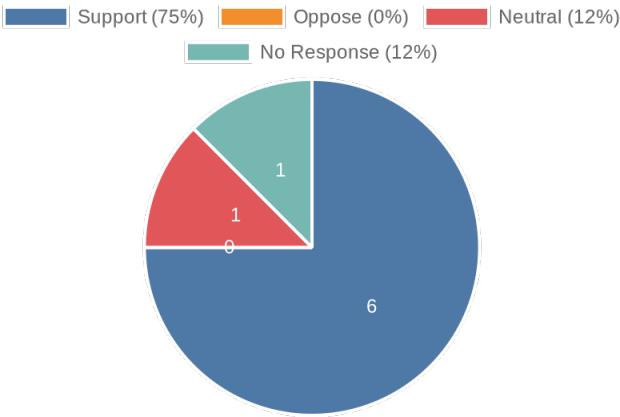
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Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
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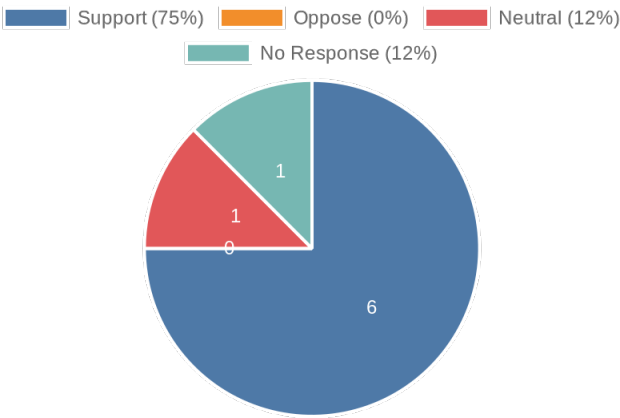


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12. AUTHORIZING PARTNER FOOD DISTRIBUTION PILOTS AT STRATEGIC COUNTY FACILITIES IN HIGH-NEED AREAS TO MITIGATE CALFRESH WORK REQUIREMENT DISPLACEMENTS	8	6	0	1

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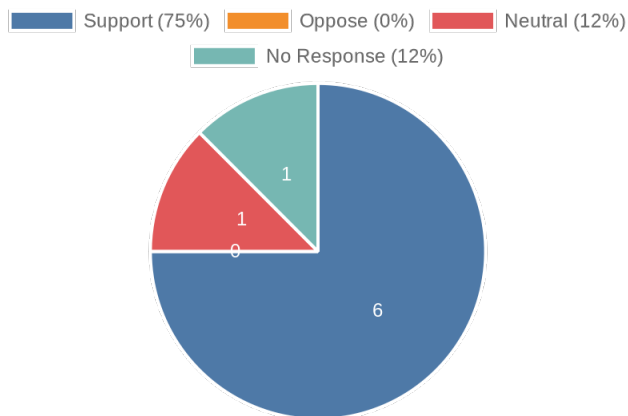
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Overall Sentiment



Fareshta Quedeess

Location: 91977, Spring Valley
Submitted At: 5:18pm 06-25-26

I am writing in support of Agenda Item #12.

At the San Diego Refugee Communities Coalition (SDRCC), we work closely with refugee and immigrant communities through our network of ethnic community-based organizations, and we continue to see the growing challenges many families are facing. Reductions in CalFresh and other public benefits have increased food insecurity and housing instability, particularly for individuals whose work authorization has expired or is pending renewal, leaving them with limited or no income to meet their basic needs.

I strongly support this policy because expanding food distribution through trusted community partners will help ensure that vulnerable families have access to essential food during difficult times. Thank you for advancing this important initiative and for your commitment to supporting our community members.

Nyaduoth Gatkuoth

Location: 92139, San Diego
Submitted At: 2:58pm 06-25-26

Hello. My name is Nyaduoth Gatkuoth, and I am the Youth Initiative & Development Coordinator at the San Diego Refugee Communities Coalition.

I urge the Board of Supervisors to support Agenda Item #12. This critical nutrition support is an important first step in addressing the immediate food insecurity many families are facing as a result of recent federal policy changes.

These changes will disproportionately impact immigrant and refugee communities. Many of the youth we work with come from families that are on the verge of losing—or have already lost—access to essential benefits. This includes many multi-generational households with older adults who also rely on these programs. As additional federal cuts take effect, we expect the number of impacted families to continue growing.

We also strongly support the recommendation to partner with trusted community-based organizations.

Ryan Fan

Location: 92020, El Cajon
Submitted At: 2:36pm 06-25-26

My name is Dr. Ryan Fan, and I work with Majdal, the Arab Community Center in District 2, a member of the San Diego Refugee Communities Coalition. We urge the Board of Supervisors to support Agenda Item #12. This critical nutrition support is an important first step in addressing the immediate food insecurity crisis caused by federal policy changes.

This policy shift will hit our immigrant and refugee families hardest. Of the 3500+ community members that we serve, more than 60 have already lost benefits, including multi-generational families with young children and elderly adults. The number of impacted individuals will rapidly increase as more cuts come into effect. We strongly support the recommendation to partner with trusted community providers. Based on our ongoing community health work, we know that information delivered through trusted messengers in our communities' primary languages is what enables families to make informed decisions and protect their well-being.

Amina S

Location:
Submitted At: 2:24pm 06-25-26

The San Diego Refugee Communities Coalition (SDRCC) strongly supports Item 12. SDRCC has a longstanding and successful partnership with the County of San Diego, through which we have helped bridge critical service gaps by delivering accurate, timely, and language-accessible information to refugee, immigrant, and other underserved communities. These efforts empower community members to make informed decisions and better navigate the impacts of changing policies and systems. We also strongly support the recommendation to take a community-led approach by partnering with trusted community-based organizations to ensure resources are distributed equitably, effectively, and in ways that are responsive to community needs. Together, we can help safeguard the dignity, health, and well-being of individuals and families who have already overcome significant challenges to build their lives and futures here in San Diego.

Lindsey Wade

Location:
Submitted At: 8:51am 06-25-26

The Hospital Association of San Diego & Imperial Counties (HASD&IC) strongly supports Item 12. Recent federal changes enacted through H.R. 1 are already making it more difficult for eligible San Diego County residents to access or retain the CalFresh benefits for which they qualify, increasing food insecurity across our region. We commend the County for taking proactive steps to mitigate these impacts and support residents before they face worsening health and economic hardship. Helping people successfully navigate these new requirements and maintain access to CalFresh benefits will be critically important. Food banks and community organizations alone cannot meet the scale of need among thousands of San Diegans at risk of losing this vital nutrition assistance.

Rita delaFuente

Location: 92101, San Diego
Submitted At: 3:56pm 06-24-26

On behalf of SD Hunger Coalition, we support Item 12. With HR1's CalFresh changes taking effect, moving food and on-site benefits into the hardest-hit neighborhoods is the right response, and we thank Vice-Chair Montgomery Steppe for her leadership.

As the County builds the "living map", targeting can be sharpened with zip-code-level data on the eligible-but-not-enrolled population, including the number of potential enrollees and the participation rate. That perspective keeps smaller, high-rate communities a priority when they might be overlooked by population-based metrics, and it surfaces where immigrant, mixed-status, and rural households could be missed by in-person events.

As more residents lose eligibility under HR1, ensuring everyone who remains eligible is successfully enrolled is more critical than ever. This is a vital one-time bridge, and we encourage the County to pair it with sustained investment and planning toward long-term food security as federal pressures continue.

Nancy Behm

Location: 92115, San Diego
Submitted At: 10:27pm 06-22-26

I fully support filling in the gaps of the social safety net (which, pre-Trump cuts were already there as well). This a great idea - let's demonstrate quickly how effective this is and replicate!

Paul Henkin

Location: 91902, Bonita

Submitted At: 10:42am 06-17-26

Great idea! Budget is a bit laughable. \$500K to fund events and pay for food, staff, and facility costs. Hopefully, there will be donations. Because I disapprove of using the unlocked reserves for a pilot program which may or may not work out. Reserves should be for what we know will work. Also, in the chart on page 5, the program would serve different number of zip codes, presumably a different number of people, at the same cost, which is highly unlikely.

But another idea would be to hold these at a community garden or farm where hopefully the food would be fresher and onsite rather than having to be 'trucked in.'

Some of the Libraries, by the way, are too small to store food, which this would require, so probably should be avoided.