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Good afternoon,
Please see attached letter of support from City Attorney Elliott. Have a wonderful rest of your day.

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April 21, 2022

The Hon. Nathan Fletcher
Chairman, County of San Diego
1600 Pacific Hwy
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San Diego, CA 92101

*Re: United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination
against Women (CEDAW) - Support*

Dear Chairman Fletcher:

As the City Attorney of San Diego, I am pleased to support the County of San Diego's implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). By embracing the principles of CEDAW, we move our region closer to achieving gender equity and removing the barriers faced by so many women and girls.

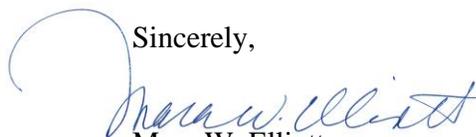
The United Nations adopted CEDAW in 1979. To this day, the treaty is the only international instrument that comprehensively addresses women's rights within political, civil, cultural, economic, and social life while proactively seeking to end gender-based discrimination and prevent human rights violations.

Sadly, the United States is one of just a handful of countries, including Sudan and Iran, that has failed to ratify this treaty. Where it has been ratified, CEDAW is credited with the development of citizenship rights in Botswana, inheritance rights in the United Republic of Tanzania, and property rights and political participation in Costa Rica. CEDAW has fostered the development of domestic violence laws in Turkey, Nepal, South Africa, and the Republic of Korea and anti-trafficking laws in Ukraine and Moldova.

The principles espoused in the treaty are consistent with those in U.S. law. Support for CEDAW reinforces our commitment to enhancing U.S. laws with respect to violence against women, access to legal protections, and other human rights.

For these reasons, my Office strongly urges that this ordinance be adopted by the County Board of Supervisors in order to support CEDAW's laudable mission of creating a more equitable society, here and abroad.

Sincerely,



Mara W. Elliott
San Diego City Attorney