



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

## AGENDA ITEM

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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**DATE:** April 26, 2022

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

### **SUBJECT**

**NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING: APPROVAL OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES FOR THE ALPINE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION NORTH COUNTY, ELEMENT EDUCATION, LAKESIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

The Board of Supervisors serves as the Code Reviewing Body for any local government, other than cities, with jurisdiction wholly within the County, per Government Code Section 82011. The recommended action would approve the adoption of the new Conflict of Interest Code for Dual Language Immersion North County, and the proposed amendments to the Conflict of Interest codes of Alpine Fire Protection District, County of San Diego Sheriff's Department, Element Education, Lakeside Fire Protection District and North County Fire Protection District.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Approve the Conflict of Interest codes of the following agencies:

1. Alpine Fire Protection District
2. County of San Diego Sheriff's Department
3. Dual Language Immersion North County
4. Element Education
5. Lakeside Fire Protection District
6. North County Fire Protection District

### **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 policies 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 and as such must provide transparent bias-free decision-making. The Board of Supervisors serves as the Code Reviewing Body for any local government, other than cities, with jurisdiction wholly within the County, pursuant to Government Code Section 82011. Under the California Political Reform Act, a public official has a disqualifying conflict of interest in a governmental decision if it is

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foreseeable that the decision will have a financial impact on their personal finances or other financial interests. In such cases, there is a risk of biased decision-making that could sacrifice the public's interest in favor of the official's private financial interests. To avoid actual bias or the appearance of possible improprieties, the public official is prohibited from participating in the decision.

The recommended action would approve the adoption or amendments of the Conflict of Interest codes submitted by various entities. The adoption or amendments to the Conflict of Interest codes in this Board Letter enable the County of San Diego to provide transparency and accountability to individual residents, ensuring equitable operations of the government that are free from undue influence.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The funding source for administration of this task is included in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Adopted Budget for the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. These reviews require minor costs, which may be recoverable from the State of California.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT**

N/A

**BACKGROUND**

The Board of Supervisors serves as the Code Reviewing Body for any local government, other than cities, with jurisdiction wholly within the County, per Government Code Section 82011. The recommended action would approve the adoption of the new code for Dual Language Immersion North County, and the proposed amendments to the Conflict of Interest codes of the Alpine Fire Protection District, County of San Diego Sheriff's Department, Element Education, Lakeside Fire Protection District and North County Fire Protection District. These agencies notified the Clerk of the Board of the adoption or amendment of their Conflict of Interest codes.

The aforementioned agencies are submitting their Conflict of Interest codes for approval by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN**

The approval of Conflict of Interest Codes fulfills the Strategic Initiative of Operational Excellence in the County of San Diego Strategic Plan 2018-2023 for promoting a culture of ethical leadership and decision making across the enterprise.

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Respectfully submitted,



HELEN N. ROBBINS-MEYER  
Chief Administrative Officer

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

Conflict of Interest Codes for:

1. Alpine Fire Protection District (Attachment A)
2. County of San Diego Sheriff's Department (Attachment B)
3. Dual Language Immersion North County (Attachment C)
4. Element Education (Attachment D)
5. Lakeside Fire Protection District (Attachment E)
6. North County Fire Protection District (Attachment F)