



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

AGENDA ITEM

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

PALOMA AGUIRRE
First District

JOEL ANDERSON
Second District

TERRA LAWSON-REMER
Third District

MONICA MONTGOMERY STEPPE
Fourth District

JIM DESMOND
Fifth District

DATE: May 20, 2026

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

Doyle Morrison spoke about the importance of honesty, integrity, and respect by elected officials, urged supervisors to work for all constituents and avoid orchestrated division, and stated that democracy will be corrected by the people when needed.

Michael Brando expressed concern about unequal enforcement of decorum, referenced an April 21, 2026 meeting incident involving a public speaker and an SEIU representative, and criticized what he described as lack of accountability. He also recommended that Supervisor Desmond review a book on geoenvironmental engineering.

Alishia Morrison described her efforts to participate in Board meetings, expressed concern that previously scheduled items were postponed or moved after she had prepared and traveled to attend, and urged respect for constituents' time and engagement in the democratic process.

Allegedly Audra ” commented on recent violence in the community, criticized perceived division among leaders, and stated that the public should unite as a human race instead of being set against each other.

John Bottorff opposed the County leasing agricultural land to West Coast Tomato Growers near the San Luis Rey River, cited alleged pesticide impacts on health and wildlife, and asked the Board to stop the lease and protect children's health and the river.

Suzanne Hume stated she was harmed by pesticides used by West Coast Tomato Growers on County land near homes and the San Luis Rey River, asserted that pesticides banned in other countries were still being used, and urged the County not to renew the lease and instead protect residents and wildlife.

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Madison Rapp expressed concern about youth mental health, cited data on suicide among adolescents and young adults, and urged the Board not to expand marijuana storefronts or cultivation in backcountry areas due to risks from high-potency THC products.

Terri Ann Skelly expressed concern about youth mental health, referenced recent statements from the California Department of Public Health, and urged the Board not to enlarge the footprint of marijuana storefronts and cultivation in unincorporated communities.

Michele Walther criticized the County's response to animal cruelty cases, including horses at the Deborah Berkley ranch and animals in Julian at Villa Chardonnay, alleged that named County officials failed to act despite being informed of neglect, and requested transparency and accountability regarding animal protection efforts.

Zohra Fahim, Los Angeles Alliance for Animals, raised concerns about alleged failures by the District Attorney's Office and County departments to adequately investigate and prosecute animal cruelty and neglect at the "Villa Chardonnay" property in Julian over several years and questioned continued funding for the District Attorney's Office.

Becky Rapp opposed expansion of the County's socially equitable cannabis program, citing high-potency THC products and emerging data on youth mental health impacts, including anxiety, depression, and psychosis. She urged the Board to prioritize youth health in cannabis policy.

Truth alleged retaliation and "doxing" by a regional transportation agency board member at a prior meeting, referenced state civil code protections and Assembly Bill 1979, and urged the County Office of Ethics to investigate.

Ann Riddle referenced a California Department of Public Health webinar on smoking and vaping impacts and questioned why the County would expand marijuana retail in backcountry communities if tobacco and vaping health harms are recognized.

Laurie Michaels asks the Board of Supervisors to take more compassionate and decisive action against severe animal neglect in Julian and on Artesian Road, criticizing authorities for inadequate investigations. She expressed gratitude to Supervisor Joel Anderson for supporting spay & neuter efforts and emphasized that rescue alone cannot solve shelter overcrowding.

Ilka Weston spoke on the poor communication of Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe, lack of follow-through, and financial mismanagement of severely overpriced Troy Street housing project. She also objects to the project's target population and opposes the cancellation of vital programs supporting seniors and people with disabilities.

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RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Heard, referred to the Chief Administrative Officer.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT
N/A

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT
N/A

FISCAL IMPACT
N/A

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT
N/A

ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT
N/A

BACKGROUND
N/A

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN
N/A

Respectfully submitted,



EBONY N. SHELTON
Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT(S)
N/A

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