

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 37

SUBJECT: 2025 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

In accordance with Board of Supervisors Policy, each year the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) adopts a Legislative Program containing statements and guidance that allows the County, through the Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs (EDGA), to take positions and advocate quickly in response to state and federal legislation that impacts the County or is of interest to the Board. The Legislative Program contains state and federal legislative proposals, legislative priorities, and policy guidelines for the upcoming calendar year.

Today’s action is a request for approval of the 2025 Legislative Program, which provides direction to EDGA staff and to the County of San Diego’s Sacramento and Washington, D.C. advocates.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Adopt the proposed 2025 Legislative Program (Attachment A, on file with the Clerk of the Board) by taking the following actions:
 - a. Authorize staff to seek the legislative proposals summarized in the Sponsorship Proposals section of the 2025 Legislative Program.
 - b. Authorize staff to pursue and respond to state and federal legislative efforts as detailed in the Priority Issues section of the 2025 Legislative Program.
 - c. Authorize staff to advocate as directed in the Policy Guidelines section of the 2025 Legislative Program.
2. Receive the 2024 Advocacy Report (Attachment B, on file with the Clerk of the Board).

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Authority to proactively advocate for legislation that ensures equity, transparency, and access for all residents is a central component of the 2025 Legislative Program. By advancing these efforts through legislative advocacy at the state and federal levels, we are pursuing policy change and financial resources for programs and services that benefit and uplift the residents we serve.

The 2025 Legislative Program reflects the diverse experiences and perspectives of all the clients, customers, and constituents we serve in our region. The community was invited to comment and share feedback on the Legislative Program through a public comment period stretching from August 1 to October 6, 2024. The County received comments from 70 individuals and community organizations in total, which came from the Engage San Diego platform, email, social media, and a virtual community forum EDGA hosted on October 2. People from across the San Diego region offered feedback on the 2025 Legislative Program-nearly 39 percent of respondents lived in various parts of North County,

followed by 26 percent in East County, nearly 23 percent in Central San Diego, and 13 percent in South County. In addition to individual feedback, the County received valuable input from community organizations such as the Downtown San Diego Partnership, the Children First Collective, San Diego for Every Child, Jewish Family Service of San Diego, and the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce. Among the top issues mentioned were homelessness, affordable housing, climate change and the environment, public safety, and behavioral health. Notably, the 2025 Legislative Program incorporates updates reflecting many of these top issues.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today’s proposed adoption of the 2025 Legislative Program supports many of the County of San Diego’s Sustainability Goals, including: engaging the community; providing just and equitable access; transitioning to a green, carbon-free economy; and protecting the health and wellbeing of everyone in the region by providing staff in EDGA, as well as the County’s Sacramento and Washington, D.C. advocates, guidance on advocacy efforts on behalf of the County at the state and federal levels.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Lawson-Remer, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended.

AYES: Vargas, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond
ABSENT: Anderson

State of California)
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