

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 25

SUBJECT: ADOPTING A REVISED RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO ENTITLED “A TRANSPARENT, ACCOUNTABLE, MODERN COUNTY GOVERNMENT” AND AMENDING THE ORDINANCE MODERNIZING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CHARTER TO STRENGTHEN TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

On April 21, 2026 (14), the Board of Supervisors (Board) considered a proposal to amend the County Charter, and, by a vote of 3 to 2, adopted a resolution and approved the introduction of an ordinance to submit proposed County Charter amendments to County voters on November 3, 2026.

During the Board discussion on this item, members of the Board were provided supplemental information by staff, shared additional ideas, and expressed their openness to the possibility of making revisions during the further consideration of the ordinance, scheduled for May 19, 2026.

Based on the Board’s discussion of the proposed amendments to the County Charter, I am submitting a revised resolution proposing amendments to the County Charter and a revised version of the proposed ordinance for the Board to consider during the May 19, 2026, Board meeting. In summary, the revisions I am suggesting to the proposed ordinance include the following:

- Restore language maintaining two four-year term limits for current members of the County Board of Supervisors and clarify that the proposed term limit extension for members of the County Board of Supervisors would only apply to future Board members
- Delete language empowering Supervisors to confirm and remove senior staff appointed by the Chief Administrative Officer
- Add language establishing the proposed independent program auditor position as
 - o an elected position
- Clarify language specifying that members of the Board of Supervisors are prohibited from interfering in the decisions of the County’s Director of the Department of Purchasing and Contracting, prohibited from dealing directly with the Director for the purpose of buying supplies, and are limited to conducting official business with the Director only when the Board is convened in regular session
- Delete provisions proposing to establish term limits for the elected County offices when a change in State law would be required to establish such limits.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON

1. Adopt a Resolution entitled RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 26-024 PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO ENTITLED “A TRANSPARENT, ACCOUNTABLE, MODERN COUNTY GOVERNMENT.”

2. Approve the introduction of a revised Ordinance (first reading), amended from the Ordinance that was introduced at the April 21, 2026 (14) meeting, entitled:
AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE CONSOLIDATED WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS AMENDMENTS TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CHARTER ENTITLED “A TRANSPARENT, ACCOUNTABLE, MODERN COUNTY GOVERNMENT.”
3. Submit the revised Ordinance for further Board consideration and adoption (second reading) on June 23, 2026.
4. If the proposed amendments to the County Charter are passed, create the Charter Reform Implementation Task Force (Task Force), co-chaired by Jack McGrory and Dr. Kyra Greene. Each member of the Board of Supervisors shall appoint one additional member to serve on the Task Force. The co-chairs may appoint additional temporary or advisory members as necessary to ensure subject-matter expertise and effective implementation. The Task Force shall be staffed by the Office of County Counsel and shall operate for a two-year period following its establishment.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

This action supports the County's commitment to equitable service delivery by strengthening transparency, accountability, and independent oversight of County government operations. Ensuring that public resources are managed effectively and that performance information is accessible to all residents supports more equitable outcomes across all communities served by the County.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

This action supports the County's long-term fiscal and operational sustainability by establishing independent oversight mechanisms and improving access to budget and performance information. Strengthening accountability structures and evidence-based decision-making supports responsible stewardship of public resources over time.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's actions and there will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years. There may be future fiscal impacts from related recommendations which staff would bring back to the Board for consideration and approval.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed Charter reforms do not create new regulatory burdens or costs for businesses. By improving transparency, fiscal discipline, and government effectiveness, the reforms are expected to foster a more stable, predictable, and competitive local economic environment.

ACTION 25.1:

In accordance with Rule 9 of the Board's Rules of Procedure, a motion was made by Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, to overrule the Vice Chair's decision to move this item to be considered on Wednesday, May 20, 2026.

AYES: Anderson, Desmond

NOES: Aguirre, Montgomery Steppe

ABSENT: Lawson-Remer

(Motion failed for lack of required affirmative votes.)

ACTION 25.2:

Noting for the record that this item was heard on May 20, 2026; a motion was made by Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, for the Board of Supervisors to take action as recommended.

AYES: Anderson, Desmond

NOES: Aguirre, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

(Motion failed for lack of required affirmative votes.)

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