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Agenda Item No.19  
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**Subject:** [External] Re: Fw: WE DESERVE A DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE PARTY WHERE ALL CAN JOIN IN  
**Date:** Saturday, February 14, 2026 7:53:25 AM

Thanks, Andres - I suppose we, the uninvited, might legitimately invite ourselves to the party ... but many of us will be working - ***Celebrating Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness Every Day!*** - Greg

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**From:** [Joann Antoine](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** [External] San Diego Building permits  
**Date:** Saturday, February 21, 2026 10:45:43 AM

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These permits are taking so much money from the private funds of those trying to build their homes and causing hardships on those who are trying to build their homes.. They are in Godly to expensive and there is a time limit set on them to be done. Most of the people trying to build must have to hold a job as well as have the time to complete the work required to finish each step .. The permit times run out and the home builder is forced to pay almost another \$1000 for renewal of that permit.. There should Never be a Time Limit once a permit is paid for .. people can Not work and try to complete the work required and hold their jobs. Yo earn the money to build .. UnFair .. ??

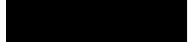
**From:** [Katie Qualman](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Outrageous SDGE prices  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 24, 2026 3:27:37 PM  
**Attachments:** [IMG\\_2051.png](#)

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing as a concerned citizen of the San Diego community. I believe it is time for San Diego to seriously consider making the electric company in San Diego a non-profit, publicly controlled utility. This photo is a side-by-side comparison of my electric bill from my condo with solar power. I used virtually the same amount of electricity in both years' respective Februarys, but the electric delivery fee has ballooned to over 100% of the cost of 2025's. This type of fee structure is an abuse of power by SDGE. They are extorting the people of San Diego County because we have nowhere else to get our power from and no competition. Is there something the San Diego Board of Supervisors can do to limit the excessive ballooning of fees that SDGE is charging? These are the things that matter to the average person in San Diego - please address these concerns!

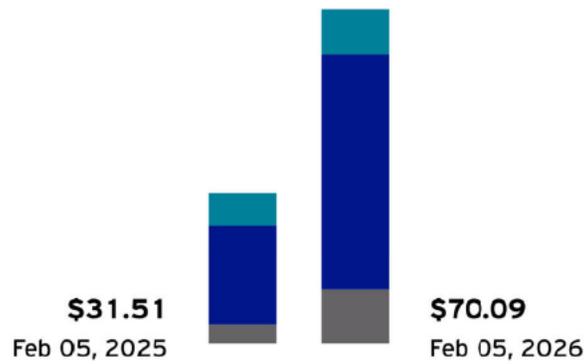
Sincerely,  
Katie Qualman





### Compare Bills

Compare To Last Year as a Detailed View



	Feb	Feb
SDCP Electric Generation	\$6.79	\$9.52
SDG&E Electric Delivery	\$20.75	\$49.15
State Fees, Taxes, & Other	\$3.97	\$11.42

📈 Your bill is up 122.44% (\$38.58)  
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**From:** [Heidi Bloom](#)  
**To:** [MontgomerySteppe, Monica](#); [FGG, Public Comment](#); [Lawson-Remer, Terra](#)  
**Cc:** [Keri Irwin](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Concerns Regarding Oversight of County General Relief Funds  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2026 12:34:21 PM

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Heidi Bloom

  
2/26/25

San Diego County Board of Supervisors  
1600 Pacific Highway  
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am writing as a concerned San Diego County resident regarding the allocation and oversight of public funds designated for homelessness and General Relief services.

Recent public reporting of county fund mismanagement has already shaken public trust. Beyond that, I have personally witnessed a troubling cycle that raises serious concerns about how taxpayer dollars are being distributed and monitored.

I have firsthand observed an individual experiencing homelessness and severe addiction receive General Relief and CalFresh benefits while actively using intravenous methamphetamine. This individual was recently hospitalized at UCSD Hillcrest with a serious heart infection and an infected heart valve directly correlated with IV drug use. He barely missed the margins of requiring open-heart surgery. After being transferred to a skilled nursing facility to receive intravenous antibiotics—care that costs thousands of public dollars—he left treatment within two days, returned to Health and Human Services to obtain a replacement benefit card, and resumed substance use while homeless.

This situation reflects a broader systemic issue: public funds are being distributed without sufficient safeguards, accountability, or structured intervention to interrupt the cycle of addiction, hospitalization, discharge, relapse, and re-enrollment in benefits.

I do not claim to have a singular solution. However, I believe the current approach lacks adequate checks and balances. Taxpayer funds should be tied to measurable outcomes, structured case management, and clear pathways toward stability and recovery—not an ongoing cycle that results in repeated medical crises and continued public expenditure.

I respectfully request:

1. Increased financial oversight and auditing of General Relief funding.
2. Transparent reporting of outcome metrics related to long-term stability and reduced recidivism.
3. Stronger coordination between Health & Human Services, hospitals, and behavioral health services to prevent immediate re-entry into the cycle following medical discharge.
4. A review of how General Relief funds are monitored when severe substance use and

documented medical instability are present.

San Diego residents deserve compassionate policies—but also responsible stewardship of public resources. Accountability and compassion are not mutually exclusive.

I strongly believe that if he passes away because of addiction the county will be responsible for handing the money any singularly supplies his addiction and his ultimately his death.

I plead with the board of supervisors to look into this immediately!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Heidi Bloom

**From:** [matthew.lorenz](#)  
**To:** [Desmond, Jim](#)  
**Cc:** [Lawson-Remer, Terra](#); [FGG, Public Comment](#); [Ebony Shelton](#)  
**Subject:** [External] URGENT: Exclusion of San Diego County Residents from LA28 Presale & Funding Disparity  
**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2026 4:45:44 PM

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Dear Supervisor Desmond and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

As a San Diego County resident, I am writing to express my deep disappointment regarding the LA28 Olympic ticket presale and the lack of equitable support for our region.

As a host for the 2028 surfing and soccer competitions, San Diego County is an essential stakeholder in the Games. However, our residents have been explicitly excluded from the "Locals Only" ticket presale (April 2–6, 2026), which currently benefits residents of Los Angeles and four neighboring counties.

A clear disparity in federal support compounds this exclusion. While the federal government recently approved \$1 billion for Olympic security and nearly \$95 million for transportation projects in the Los Angeles area, San Diego County has not received comparable federal investment to manage the impact of these events on our local infrastructure and safety.

Despite this lack of federal "host region" funding, San Diego residents are being asked to accommodate these Games without even being granted the basic "local" status afforded to our neighbors.

I respectfully request that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Petition the LA28 Organizing Committee to include San Diego County zip codes in the "Locals Only" presale before the March 18, 2026 registration deadline.
2. Advocate for equitable federal and state resources for San Diego County to help offset the security and transportation costs of hosting world-class events at Lower Trestles and Snapdragon Stadium.

Our county is stepping up to host the world, and we deserve to be treated as partners in the process.

Sincerely,  
Matthew Lorenz  
92126



San Diego County Board of Supervisors  
1600 Pacific Highway  
San Diego, CA 92101

2/27/2026

Dear Chair Lawson-Remer and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of **The Veterans Art Project**, we write to express our strong support for the creation of the **Consumer Fairness and Public Protection Unit (CFPP)** within San Diego County.

Our organization serves **Veterans, spouses, dependents, active duty and caregivers**, and we see firsthand how residents are harmed when illegal, deceptive, and predatory practices go unchecked. From financial scams and abusive debt collection to environmental contamination, housing-related fraud, and bad-faith insurance practices, these harms are real, growing, and too often fall through the cracks of existing enforcement systems.

**We have seen Veterans and active duty individuals fall prey to credit scams including high interest car loans.**

The CFPP represents a timely and necessary response to these challenges. As federal consumer protection enforcement has weakened and state agencies are stretched thin, local governments must step forward to protect residents and ensure accountability. Establishing a dedicated County-based civil enforcement and affirmative litigation unit will allow San Diego County to proactively address systemic misconduct, recover restitution for harmed residents, and deter repeat offenders while also promoting fair competition for law-abiding businesses.

We are particularly encouraged that the CFPP is designed to **complement, not duplicate**, the work of Legal Aid organizations, community partners, the District Attorney, and state agencies. By taking on cases that require government enforcement authority, address widespread harm, or demand systemic remedies, the CFPP will fill a critical gap and strengthen the broader consumer protection ecosystem in our region.

Importantly, the proposed funding structure ensures that this unit can be launched without burdening taxpayers, using existing settlement funds and a sustainable recovery model that reinvests penalties and restitution into continued enforcement and public protection.

San Diego County has an opportunity to lead California by demonstrating that local governments can and should play a decisive role in protecting residents from corporate misconduct and unfair practices. The Consumer Fairness and Public Protection Unit is a bold, responsible, and forward-looking step toward restoring trust, accountability, and economic fairness.

For these reasons, **VETART – The Veterans Art Project** respectfully urges the Board of Supervisors to support and approve the establishment of the Consumer Fairness and Public Protection Unit.

Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to protecting the health, safety, and economic security of San Diego County residents.

Sincerely,



Steve Dilley  
Executive Director

The Veterans Art Project



March 3, 2026

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1600 Pacific Highway  
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Chair Lawson-Remer and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

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One particularly stark example of fraud that is the story of one of our clients shared that they experienced a landlord scam that resulted in them experiencing a period of homelessness. This is just one story of many that we have heard over the years.

Additionally, we recently surveyed our clients. Some key findings:

- 58% have been targeted by a scam or fraudulent scheme
- 36% have experienced loss of money or personal information
- 57% support stronger local enforcement
- 70% support more education and outreach

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San Diego County has an opportunity to lead California by demonstrating that local governments can and should play a decisive role in protecting residents from corporate misconduct and unfair practices. The Consumer Fairness and Public Protection Unit is a bold, responsible, and forward-looking step toward restoring trust, accountability, and economic fairness.

For these reasons, **Serving Seniors** respectfully urges the Board of Supervisors to support and approve the establishment of the Consumer Fairness and Public Protection Unit.

Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to protecting the health, safety, and economic security of San Diego County residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Melinda Forstey".

Melinda Forstey  
President/CEO  
Serving Seniors