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Subject: [External] Public Comment on Items 28 & 29 for County Board of Supervisors Meeting, September 27, 2022
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Good Morning,

Attached is "*SDVC LOS for Increasing Veterans in the County Workforce, Establishing East County MVRC, & CMVR*" sent as Public Comment on Items 28 & 29 for County Board of Supervisors Meeting, September 27, 2022.

Sincerely,

Ron Stark

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September 26, 2023

Chair Nathan Fletcher
Supervisor Joel Anderson
Supervisor Jim Desmond
County of San Diego
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 335
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Chair Fletcher, Supervisor

The San Diego Veterans Coalition (SDVC) is pleased to support the policy proposals on the September 27, 2022, agenda items 28 and 29, "Increasing Veterans in the County Workforce: Hiring San Diego Heroes" and "Prioritizing Our Veterans: Establishing a Center for Military and Veteran Reintegration in East County."

Veterans are important to SDVC because of their service to our Nation, and the talent, skills, and devotion to serving they bring to their communities when they choose the make San Diego County their home after the military.

These two Items will be beneficial to San Diego County veterans. The first, "Increasing Veterans in the County Workforce: Hiring San Diego Heroes" would have the County of San Diego reexamine its own workplace policies and find ways to increase veteran recruitment and retention with the aim of doubling County worker veteran employment by 2030.

The second, "Prioritizing Our Veterans: Establishing a Center for Military and Veteran Reintegration in East County" asks our County team to reimagine the way we provide services to veterans, and create a new Military and Veterans Resource Center in East County.

San Diego veterans play a critical role in our lives, economy, and community. As of 2021, more than 200,000 veterans call San Diego County their home with an average of approximately 7,000 active-duty service members deciding to settle in San Diego County after leaving military service. This large and important group of people, who served our nation to protect our rights, deserve the utmost respect and support when reintegrating into civilian life.

We have observed that veterans may at times have difficulty adjusting to life and connecting to the communities they live in after their military service has ended. So, to help alleviate this, the SDVC and I strongly urge the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors to support both items in the hopes we can better support our local heroes and provide new opportunities for them to be successful now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Ron Stark, MBA, LAADC-CA
President

Submitted Via email: Publiccomment@sdcounty.ca.gov

From: [Johnson, Jamaela S](#)
To: [FGG, Public Comment](#)
Subject: FW: Support Letter Board Items 28 & 29
Date: Monday, September 26, 2022 2:37:34 PM
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Hello,

I am forwarding this letter of support on behalf of Akilah Templeton, CEO of Veterans Village of San Diego.

Best,
Jamaéla



Jamaéla S. Johnson ([She/Her/Hers](#))

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Subject: [External] Support Letter

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Diego serves America's
veterans in overcoming
homelessness and
related challenges*

Chair Nathan Fletcher
County of San Diego
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 335
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September 23, 2022

Dear Chair Nathan Fletcher,

Veterans Village of San Diego is pleased to support the policy proposals on the September 27, 2022 agenda, "Increasing Veterans in the County Workforce: Hiring San Diego Heroes" and "Prioritizing Our Veterans: Establishing a Center for Military and Veteran Reintegration in East County."

Veterans Village of San Diego has served the local veteran community for over 40 years. We know firsthand the challenges many veterans face when they come home. We know that gainful employment lessens the chance that a veteran will experience homelessness and related challenges.

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Veterans may at times experience difficulty adjusting to life after their military service has ended. I ask the Board of Supervisors to support both of these items in the hopes we can better support our local heroes and provide new opportunities for them to be successful now and in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Akilah Templeton'.

Akilah Templeton
President & Chief Executive Officer
Veterans Village of San Diego