

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 10**

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SPORTS ACT  
(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Women and girls should not be forced to compete in athletic programs where their opportunities, well-being and fair competition are jeopardized by the participation of biologically male athletes.

This bill generally prohibits school athletic programs from allowing individuals whose biological sex at birth was male to participate in programs that are for women or girls.

The Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act (H.R.28), introduced by Rep. Gregory Steube, asserts:

- It is a violation of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 for federally funded education programs or activities to operate, sponsor, or facilitate athletic programs or activities that allow individuals of the male sex to participate in programs or activities that are designated for women or girls.

While the bill does not prevent males from training or practicing with women's or girls' teams, it does ensure that such participation does not deny female athletes the corresponding opportunities and benefits. The Government Accountability Office will also be required to report on the negative impacts of male participation in women's sports, including the psychological, developmental, and sociological effects on female athletes.

Today's action recommends the Board of Supervisors adopt a position of support for H.R.28 which would protect the fairness and integrity of women's and girls' sports programs across San Diego County.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND**

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to express the County's support for H.R.28, consistent with Board Policy M-2, which allows for legislative advocacy consistent with the Board's annually adopted Legislative Program.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action supports the right of women and girls to participate in sports where they feel safe, and their opportunities are not compromised by the participation of biological men. Allowing men to compete in women's sports not only jeopardizes the well-being of female athletes but also undermines the years of hard-fought progress to establish Title IX.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

By ensuring fair competition in sports, the bill promotes equitable access to athletic opportunities, which is essential for fostering physical and mental health among women and girls.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION 10.1:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Desmond, for the Board of Supervisors to take action as recommended.

*(Motion failed due to lack of a second.)*

### **ACTION 10.2:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, directing the Chief Administrative Officer to include advocacy and support for equal pay for women in sports in the Board's adopted Legislative Program.

AYES: Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

NOES: Desmond

ABSENT: Anderson, (District 1 Seat Vacant)

*(Motion failed due to lack of required affirmative votes.)*

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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

