

# ATTACHMENT

For Item

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Honorable Nora Vargas  
Chairwoman, County of San Diego Board of Supervisors  
1600 Pacific Coast Highway  
San Diego CA, 92101

**Re: Item # 7- Department of Environmental Health and Quality Cost Recovery Fee Proposal - Fiscal Year 2024-25 (SUPPORT)**

Dear Chairwoman Vargas and Honorable Members of the Board,

On behalf of the California Restaurant Association, San Diego County Chapter (SDCRA), representing an industry of nearly 9,000 food and beverage establishments, I am writing to express SDCRA's **SUPPORT** for the proposed FY 2024-25 fee adjustments by the County of San Diego, Department of Environmental Health and Quality (DEHQ).

SDCRA has reviewed DEHQ's 2024-25 cost recovery fee proposal and understands the rationale for the proposed fees, including increased departmental costs associated with recent state and local regulatory mandates which call for additional review and compliance monitoring. While fee increases may not always be popular among customers, SDCRA appreciates that DEHQ continually pursues opportunities to contain costs, implement operational efficiencies, and leverage technology to streamline services. Additionally, SDCRA applauds DEHQ and their professional approach to legislative, regulatory and policy initiatives related to the restaurant industry.

Therefore, based on the reasons outlined above, we respectfully request the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors SUPPORT Agenda Item #7. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (619) 517-6435 or [cduggan@calrest.org](mailto:cduggan@calrest.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Duggan".

Chris Duggan  
Director, Local Government Affairs  
California Restaurant Association

Cc; County of San Diego, Clerk of the Board