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Dear Clerk of the Board,

My name is Erica Hoerdeman, and I am a San Diego County resident. Please include the following public comment in the official record for the July 22, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting regarding **Agenda Items 8 and 10**.

Item 8 – Response to H.R.1 ("Big Beautiful Bill")

I appreciate that the County is taking steps to address the potential impact of H.R.1, but I'm deeply concerned that the current timeline and scope will not meet the urgency of the situation.

Cuts to federal programs like CalFresh, Medi-Cal, Section 8 housing, and LGBTQ+ support services would be devastating to thousands of residents. We cannot afford to wait until September to begin responding. We need immediate, proactive action.

I ask the Board to:

- Notify all impacted residents about the risks to their federal benefits
- Establish a task force that includes community-based organizations and service providers
- Use reserve funds to protect critical services if federal aid is delayed or denied
- Prioritize funding and protections for mental health, crisis care, and substance use programs

Additionally, I would like to know:

- Will the County conduct public equity audits to ensure transparency and identify the most affected communities?
- Are CBOs currently being consulted in the County's planning process?
- Will San Diego formally communicate its opposition to H.R.1 to our federal representatives?

This is a moment that calls for moral clarity, rapid action, and inclusive leadership. We are counting on you to meet it.

Item 10 – Know Your Rights ICE Training

In light of the recent ICE raid at Buona Forchetta, I fully support the County's initiative to implement Know Your Rights trainings for local businesses. These trainings are urgently needed and should be inclusive, trauma-informed, and rooted in real community partnership.

I encourage the County to:

- Launch the program in all districts, prioritizing areas with high immigrant populations
- Ensure materials are translated, accessible, and culturally relevant
- Collaborate with immigrant-led groups, legal aid organizations, and worker centers

These efforts will go a long way in helping small business owners and workers alike feel safer, more informed, and better prepared in the face of ongoing immigration enforcement threats.

Thank you for your time and for your service to our community.

Sincerely,
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