

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 5

**SUBJECT: A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO BETTER SERVE OLDER ADULTS BY
INTEGRATING COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO SERVICES INTO SENIOR
CENTERS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

Senior centers have traditionally served as access points for socialization, recreational activities, lifelong learning opportunities, nutritious meals, and basic resource assistance for a growing population of older adults. These services provide fundamental support to older adults that support long, healthy, and independent lives. There are currently 30 senior centers in San Diego County, operated primarily by local governments and non-profit organizations. In addition to the traditional services provided at senior centers, older adults have a need to be connected to other social services and vital resources. Although many of the needed resources exist throughout the community, the ability to manage and schedule multiple appointments and physically transport themselves to numerous facilities remain barriers to access for many older adults. Senior centers are uniquely positioned to integrate County of San Diego (County) services with their existing operations, creating a one-stop shop for older adults.

In a comprehensive study of San Diego County senior centers completed in 2019, San Diego Seniors Community Foundation (SDSCF) identified challenges and opportunities for improvement within existing senior centers. Among other recommendations, SDSCF proposed transforming senior centers into one-stop service hubs for older adults, creating a place where older adults can access programs and essential resources that address their physical, mental, and financial health. Integrating County services in senior centers will provide direct access to a variety of health and community services including public assistance, outreach, veterans' services, behavioral health services, housing services, aging services, homeless services, and public health services.

Today, you are being asked to support a one-year pilot program with the City of Escondido's Park Avenue Community Center (PACC) and the Jewish Family Service's College Avenue Center at Temple Emanu-El. This pilot program will utilize existing County resources to work directly with the City of Escondido and Jewish Family Service's College Avenue Center at Temple Emanu-El. to provide in-person services to connect older adults to vital resources that aid in maintaining healthy, independent lifestyles.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND AND SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to work with staff to implement a one-year pilot program with the City of Escondido and Jewish Family Service of San Diego to integrate County of San Diego services as needed into the Park Avenue Community Center and College Avenue Center at Temple Emanu-El. Report back to the Board in 12 months with successes, challenges, and recommendations to expand or discontinue the pilot program.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Existing barriers continue to prevent San Diego County's vulnerable older adult population from accessing resources needed to thrive. The creation of a one-stop service hub within existing senior centers will help the County of San Diego further provide services and resources to communities with the most need. Today's action will provide the mechanism to overcome traditional barriers to provide resources, outreach, and education to older adults, improving the quality of life for equity seeking groups to include black, indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC), women, people with disabilities, immigrants, the LGBTQ+ community, and the economically disadvantaged.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of approximately \$100,000 to \$250,000 in Fiscal Year 2022-23. The funding sources are California Department of Aging grants, Social Services Administrative Revenue, and Realignment. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Fletcher, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

ABSENT: Anderson

State of California)
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

