

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, MARCH 03, 2026**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 3

SUBJECT: ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ADDING ARTICLE IIIx TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATED TO THE SAN DIEGO REGIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN ADVISORY COUNCIL AND AUTHORIZE APPLYING FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING-RELATED GRANTS (3/03/26 First Reading; 3/24/26 Second Reading); APPROVAL OF BYLAWS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

On June 14, 2011 (9), the Board of Supervisors (Board) established the San Diego Regional Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) Advisory Council (Advisory Council) to collaboratively create long-term, systemic changes to effectively address human trafficking and the commercial sexual exploitation of children. The Board directed that the Advisory Council include members from law enforcement agencies, victim services organizations, the education community, and volunteer and community groups. At that time, the Advisory Council was comprised of representatives of subcommittees, which were informal and formal groups generally self-organized by the sectors involved in combating and responding to human trafficking and CSEC. Subcommittees elected two members from ten sector groups, for a total of twenty members. As the Advisory Council's work and membership have evolved, the Advisory Council and County staff recommend codifying its purpose, structure, membership application process, and appointing authorities, while maintaining representation from the same ten sectors, business, child and family well-being, community, education, health services, law enforcement, prosecution, research and data, survivor voices, and survivor services. To formalize these changes, an ordinance, and accompanying bylaws to implement the ordinance, are required.

Today's request is to approve the introduction of an ordinance to amend the San Diego County Administrative Code to formally establish the membership and organization of the Advisory Council. If approved on March 3, 2026, the Board will subsequently consider on March 24, 2026, the adoption of the ordinance and Advisory Council bylaws. The bylaws reflect the procedures and new membership appointment practices established in the ordinance. A waiver of Board Policy B-29, which requires prior approval of grant applications, is requested to authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Public Safety, the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Health and Human Services Agency, and/or the District Attorney, or their designees, to apply for grant funding through June 30, 2031 to support human trafficking or commercial sexual exploitation of children prevention and intervention activities and/or services for adult and youth victims and survivors.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

On March 3, 2026:

1. Approve the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading):
AN ORDINANCE ADDING ARTICLE IIIx TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO THE SAN DIEGO REGIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN ADVISORY COUNCIL.

2. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires prior approval of grant applications and full cost recovery for grants, and authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Public Safety, the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Health and Human Services Agency, and/or the District Attorney, or their designees through June 30, 2031, to apply for grant funding to support human trafficking or commercial sexual exploitation of children prevention and intervention activities and/or services for adult and youth victims and survivors.

If on March 3, 2026, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors take action as recommended then, on, March 24, 2026:

1. Consider and adopt the Ordinance:
AN ORDINANCE ADDING ARTICLE IIIx TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO THE SAN DIEGO REGIONAL HUMAN
TRAFFICKING AND COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN
ADVISORY COUNCIL
2. Approve The San Diego Regional Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Advisory Council Bylaws.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed action to formally establish the membership and organization of the San Diego Regional Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Advisory Council seeks to improve coordination, prevention, and response efforts related to human trafficking throughout the region. Anyone can be a victim of human trafficking; however, available data show that certain populations experience disproportionate impacts, including youth involved in the child welfare and/or juvenile justice systems, runaway and homeless youth, Black individuals, migrant laborers, LGBTQ+ individuals, survivors of sexual or domestic violence, and individuals experiencing addiction. A 2016 regional study also found that while trafficking occurs countywide, victims are overrepresented in specific ZIP codes. The proposed action supports efforts to better identify and address the needs of communities at elevated risk, strengthen regional collaboration, and improve outcomes for individuals vulnerable to continued marginalization.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The implementation of an Ordinance to update the San Diego Regional Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) Advisory Council supports the County of San Diego's Sustainability Vision by fostering inclusive, resilient, and equitable communities. This action aligns by engaging the community in meaningful ways and seeking diverse stakeholder input to inform regional strategies addressing human trafficking. The Advisory Council brings together representatives from multiple sectors-including law enforcement, education, health, and survivor services-to collaborate on sustainable, community-centered solutions. It also promotes equitable access to services, policy development, and resources that support individuals at risk of exploitation. Through coordination and collaboration, the Advisory Council contributes to long-term social sustainability by strengthening community capacity, reducing systemic inequities, and enhancing safety and well-being for all residents.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. Staff will return to the Board of Supervisors as necessary to accept grant awards and to establish appropriations. There is no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, and took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on March 24, 2026.

AYES: Aguirre, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

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