



September 25, 2025

San Diego County Board of Supervisors
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101

RE: Support for Sustainable Fiscal Planning Subcommittee Proposal

Dear Chair Lawson-Remer and Members of the Board,

On behalf of **Brighter Bites San Diego (formerly +BOX)**, I am writing to express our strong support for the proposal to establish an **Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Sustainable Fiscal Planning**, brought forward by Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer and Supervisor Monica Montgomery-Steppe.

San Diego County is facing serious fiscal uncertainty due to unprecedented state and federal disinvestment in essential programs. Cuts to Medicaid, SNAP, housing, Medi-Cal, and other core services—alongside unfunded mandates and increased local burdens—risk destabilizing the safety net and undermining the County's ability to meet urgent community needs.

As a local non-profit organization committed to **creating communities of health through fresh food** by delivering fresh produce and nutrition education to San Diego families in under-resourced communities, we know firsthand how vital County services are to the well-being of residents, especially low-income communities, working families, older adults, veterans, and people with disabilities. These services cannot be left vulnerable to unpredictable decisions made in Washington or Sacramento.

We believe the **Sustainable Fiscal Planning Subcommittee** offers a proactive, community-centered approach to

- Safeguard essential services;
- Explore equitable, sustainable local financing solutions;
- Protect vulnerable residents from preventable harm; and
- Maintain the County's strong financial standing and long-term investments.

Brighter Bites San Diego urges the Board of Supervisors to approve this proposal and begin the process of developing a robust fiscal strategy that reflects community priorities and protects San Diego's future.

Sincerely,

Wesley Burt
Founder, +BOX | Director, Brighter Bites San Diego

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