

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2025**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 1**

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TO PARTICIPATE IN  
VIENNA SOCIAL HOUSING FIELD STUDY (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

In accordance with Board of Supervisors Policy D-7, Out-of-County Business and Related Guidelines and Processes and Administrative Code section 470, Supervisor Joel Anderson and Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe are requesting approval to attend the Fall 2025 Global Policy Leadership Academy (GPLA) Social Housing Field Study: “International Best Practices in Mixed-Income Housing” in Vienna, Austria. This six-day program is coordinated by GPLA and LeSar Development Consultants and will immerse delegates in a series of lectures, panels, and site visits to multiple social housing developments.

Supervisor Anderson and Supervisor Montgomery Steppe were both invited to participate in this field study as panelists, sharing insights from San Diego’s housing efforts while learning from Vienna’s internationally recognized housing model. Their participation in this field study will offer valuable insights and best practices that can inform San Diego County’s efforts to increase affordable housing supply, reduce homelessness, and pursue sustainable development.

Today’s request is for the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to approve both Supervisors’ travel to Austria to attend the study scheduled for September 21 through September 27, 2025.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON AND SUPERVISOR MONICA MONTGOMERY STEPPE**

Per Administrative Code 470, approve Supervisor Joel Anderson and Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe’s travel to Austria for participation in the Fall 2025 Global Policy Leadership Academy’s Vienna Social Housing Field Study: “International Best Practices in Mixed-Income Housing” scheduled for September 21 through September 27, 2025.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Participating in the Vienna Social Housing Field Study aligns with the San Diego County Board of Supervisors’ (Board) ongoing commitment to equity in housing and service delivery. Vienna’s housing model demonstrates successful strategies for integrating low- and moderate-income housing across diverse neighborhoods, reducing housing insecurity, and fostering mixed-income communities. The insights gained from this international delegation will support the County in identifying policy solutions that promote access, inclusion, and affordability for all residents, particularly those in historically underserved communities.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

This action supports the County of San Diego’s Sustainability Goal of fostering resilient, livable communities. Vienna’s planning approach combines social housing with strong environmental and transportation planning principles, offering models that could inform the County’s future land use, energy efficiency, and housing design policies.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the Board of Supervisors District Two and District Four budgets based on General Purpose Revenue. The estimated cost is up to \$20,000 for each office budget. This request will not result in any change in net General Fund cost or require additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

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