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Dear Supervisors,

All of the government passed vaccine mandates and orders (not only yours, but you are responsible for the ones you passed.) had a huge effect on safety and commerce:

Analysts say that the lingering effects of COVID-19 mitigation strategies essentially reduced the production of goods and services, and the supply-chain shortages now happening are the result of struggles to return to pre-pandemic levels.

A growing number of the workforce can't work, busy at home or fired because of COVID mandates. (at least 20 million left their jobs this year)

This includes policemen, firefighters, hospital workers, schools, transportation (TSA and truckers to haul the goods) and more.

Some call it 'The Great Resignation.'

ABC News

What's causing America's massive supply-chain disruptions?

As the U.S. economy struggles to fully recover from the coronavirus pandemic, supply-chain disruptions across the country are driving up prices and leading to a growing shortage of goods.

The supply-chain bottlenecks -- around the world -- have caused record shortages of many products that American consumers are used to having readily available, from household goods to electronics to automobiles.

Moody's Analytics has warned that problems "will likely get worse before they get better."

"As the global economic recovery continues to gather steam, what is increasingly apparent is how it will be stymied by supply-chain disruptions that are now showing up at every corner," Moody's wrote in a report.

Here is how experts answer some key questions:

What's causing the disruptions?

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"The result of that imbalance between supply and demand eliminated all the inventory and eliminated all the grease that allows the wheels of commerce to work smoothly," said Steve Ricchiuto, chief U.S. economist at Mizuho Securities.

Economists believe there are several factors contributing to the supply-chain shortages, including a growing number of workers quitting jobs key to keeping things running smoothly.

A record 4.3 million Americans quit their jobs in August -- the most since the Department of Labor started tracking this data in 2000.

"You have a bunch of sectors that just pay minimum wage and labor is just going to veer over to where it finds the most profit," said Vidya Mani, an associate professor at the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business.

The Labor Department in July reported that the warehouse industry had a record 490,000 job openings. Companies such as Walmart, Target and Amazon are going to great lengths to attract warehouse workers with attractive benefits, including free college tuition.

With growing inflation jitters, many large retail employers are increasing their wages to keep up with rising prices, intensifying the competition among companies to make their most compelling job offers amid the pre-holiday rush to hire workers.

The American Trucking Association in 2019 estimated that it would be short some 60,000 drivers, but those shortages have increased due to retirements, and new truck drivers needing to be trained due to COVID-19 closures.

"There is a shortage of drivers, and it is one of several issues contributing to problems in the overall supply chain," said Sean McNally, an ATA spokesman. "However it is a reflection of the strong demand for goods – and everything consumers buy is delivered in a truck."

At the same time, economists say large employers preparing to bring their staffs back to work in larger numbers had led to large purchases of bulk items.

So, what happens now?

Supply-chain experts say that the best option for consumers right now is to wait and start tapering their demands for goods, or they may ultimately end up paying a higher price once those long-awaited products become available.

"It's good to be aware of the fact that when we make our purchases that whatever we order is going to land at some point in time," said Mani. "We see these immediate shortages and we just keep ordering and ordering. A lot of those consumer goods companies are going to just pass on those price increases to you."

The Biden administration has made a concerted effort to try to close supply chain gaps and has pushed the president's infrastructure plan as a means of addressing systemic supply chain issues. President Joe Biden announced that the port of Los Angeles would begin 24/7 operations to ease bottlenecks ahead of the holiday season.

"Strengthening our supply chains will continue to be my team's focus," said Biden. "If federal support is needed, I will direct all appropriate action, and if the private sector doesn't step up, we're going to call them out and ask them to act."

But experts believe that untangling supply chain woes could take much longer.

How long before things return to normal?

"We are in for at least four to six months for it to actually catch a break," said Nick Vyas, executive director at the Kendrick Global Supply Chain Management Institute at University of Southern California Marshall School of Business.

"So, I think we're going have to go through the peak seasons with this bottlenecks, and although the bottlenecks may actually move from the ports into the inland, but the delay is, I do anticipate to be continued through the holiday season."

Disruptions to the supply chain at the pandemic's onset, which caused months of shortages in PPE including N95 respirators, gloves, cleaning supplies and other critical care hospital equipment took nearly a year to resolve.

The federal government, specifically FEMA, had no clear guidance on the distribution of supply to the states leading to an oversupply of goods in some portions of the country while others experienced severe shortages.

Though the supply crunch is driving up prices, companies now have an opportunity to begin figuring out solutions, given the vulnerabilities that recent supply chain crisis has exposed, including the deepening cargo ship gridlocks at the world's busiest ports.

Gooten, a U.S. based supply-chain company, facilitates brands and retailers in using on-demand manufacturing to grow their retail and e-commerce businesses on a global basis.

Companies that utilize on-demand production begin producing products only once they are purchased by a consumer, as opposed to

forecasting what the demand for a product might be and then producing a set number of those products.

"We have to start that same just-in-time manufacturing model with everything else we produce, whether its apparel, wall art, home goods, toys we just have to shift our thinking," said Mark Kapczynski, chief marketing officer at Gooten.

"If you're a retailer, or you're a brand and you have ten thousand pieces of, let's say t-shirts, sitting on a box in a boat how do you sell anything?" he said.

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/markets/whats-causing-americas-massive-supply-chain-disruptions/ar-AAPzzUY?li=BBnb7Kz>

Regards, Paul Henkin,

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From: [Anjleena Sahni](#)
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Subject: [External] Letter of Support, BOS Meeting (10/19/21) Item 3
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Hello,

On behalf of the Center on Policy Initiatives, I am submitting the attached letter in support of Item 3 on the San Diego County Board of Supervisors Meeting Agenda for October 19, 2021.

Best,
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The Center on Policy Initiatives supports the board letter entitled **“A DATA-DRIVEN APPROACH TO PROTECTING PUBLIC SAFETY, IMPROVING AND EXPANDING REHABILITATIVE TREATMENT AND SERVICES, AND ADVANCING EQUITY THROUGH ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION: BUILDING ON LESSONS LEARNED DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.”**

Our organization supports Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer’s board letter to examine how we can decrease rates of incarceration and expand alternatives to custody. The Center on Policy Initiatives understands the importance of investing in alternatives to incarceration as a way to create healthier communities through economic and racial justice for working families in the San Diego region. The history of racial injustice that has created economic inequalities among communities of color, is perpetuated and deepened by modern systems of mass incarceration that are funded and operated at the local level.

Research shows that the increased use of jails and prisons does not reduce crime. The carceral system disproportionately pursues convictions for and incarcerations of Black people and people of color. Individuals who are incarcerated through our carceral systems face a lifetime of significantly diminished earnings. Despite the ineffectiveness and inhumanity of incarceration, our County continues to invest nearly a billion of public dollars in systems of policing and incarceration every year. Rather than promoting public safety and providing individuals with the supportive services and interventions they need, the County is spending money on incarceration and a carceral system that harms community members and their families.

We have an opportunity to create alternative treatments and services that promote public safety in an effective and humane way. Communities across the country are working to safely reduce the number of people in jails through evidence-based measures. This includes investing in often underfunded community-based resources outside of the traditional carceral system including supportive services, counseling, treatment, and workforce development. Supervisor Lawson-Remer’s board letter addresses the need for San Diego County to analyze our current jail system so that we can responsibly explore alternatives to incarceration for our community residents.

It is time our County reexamined its priorities and its role in supporting residents’ ability to live, work and thrive.

Sincerely,

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Center on Policy Initiatives

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[Data Driven Approach Support Letter \(ACLU SDIC\)\(10.18\).pdf](#)

Please find attached the ACLU SDIC letter of support for Supervisor Lawson-Remer proposal to be heard tomorrow.

Thank you,
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October 18, 2021

Dear San Diego County Board of Supervisors:

We write to express our support for Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer's board letter entitled "A Data-Driven Approach to Protecting Public Safety, Improving and Expanding Rehabilitative Treatment and Services, and Advancing Equity Through Alternatives to Incarceration: Building on Lessons Learned During the Covid-19 Pandemic."

San Diegans deserve to live in communities that are safe, healthy and thriving. A reliance on incarceration policies does not make our communities safer, in fact such policies are dangerous and ineffective. Our County must confront and divest from racist systems of policing and incarceration while creating networks of care for our communities.

The approach outlined in Supervisor Lawson-Remer's letter offers an opportunity for San Diego County to analyze our current jail system and explore alternatives to incarceration. We must also continue to identify alternative approaches to improve the health and well-being of all San Diego communities. The reductions in the jail population during the pandemic, while insufficient to protect those who remain inside from COVID-19, show that mass incarceration — with its tremendous societal and monetary costs — is not only unnecessary, but also horrifically damaging, especially to people of color and low-income communities. This is true not only in San Diego, but in jails and prisons across the country.

As we enter a new phase in this pandemic, it is critical that we do not allow our policing, jail admissions and prison sentencing systems to return to business as usual. We must end the criminalization of poverty and mental health illness, mass incarceration, and the endless construction of jails and prisons to lock up more people, disproportionately people of color.

COVID-19 showed us that we can quickly change even our most ingrained habits and behaviors when the need is urgent. The mass incarceration crisis has been destroying our communities for decades, but the pandemic made its depravity and senselessness impossible to ignore. We are faced with an opportunity and a mandate: We must apply the same urgency to ending our mass incarceration crisis that we applied to keeping ourselves and our loved ones safe during the last year.

For these reasons we support this board letter as another step to create a society that welcomes and meets the needs of everyone. We urge this board to vote in favor of adopting a data-driven approach to public safety to find alternatives to incarceration and to halt expansions and upgrades to jails; instead, we need the County to invest in existent and new initiatives that provide care for our communities.

Sincerely,

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Hi, on behalf of the signed-on Climate Hub organizations, I am writing to submit for the record the attached letter in response to item 3 of the County Board of Supervisors agenda on 10/20/21 (CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE PROGRESS REPORT).

Thanks,

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Our Mission is Simple: Stop the Climate Crisis



October 19, 2021

Board of Supervisors
County of San Diego
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Re: Recommendations for the County of San Diego's Climate Action Plan (CAP)

Dear Chair Fletcher, Vice-Chair Vargas, and Supervisors,

On behalf of the undersigned Climate Hub organizations, please accept the following recommendations to ensure the County CAP is as strong as possible to address the scale and scope of the climate emergency, and to achieve climate justice and equity for unincorporated communities.

Ensure the CAP Complies with CEQA Guidelines for Qualified Plans

CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.5(b)(1) states that all greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures must be specific, and include substantial evidence that demonstrates that the strategies will achieve the overall emissions reduction targets. The County should prioritize proven strategies that reduce emissions at the source, not carbon offset schemes that allow for continued local pollution.

Commit to Zero Carbon by 2035 in Line with State Targets & Climate Science

To stave off the most devastating impacts of the climate crisis, such as extreme heat, wildfires, and sea-level rise, we must achieve Zero Carbon as soon as possible, and no later than 2045.

Additionally, the County should align the CAP's emissions reduction targets and strategies in support of the forthcoming Regional Decarbonization Framework to achieve Zero Carbon by 2035.

Eliminate Building Emissions through Building Electrification

Even as our cities work to achieve 100% clean electricity, natural gas remains one of the most significant sources of emissions in our region, so to fully transition away from fossil fuels, we must reduce and ultimately eliminate natural gas consumption. We recommend requiring all newly constructed or renovated buildings to be all-electric, as well as providing incentives and

streamlining to electrify existing buildings. We also recommend centering equity and public health in any building electrification plan to protect communities of concern from being stranded with this dangerous asset. Specifically, any affordable housing project the County finances should be required to be all-electric to eliminate dangerous methane gas from reaching the lungs of vulnerable residents.

Include Smart Land Use Policies with Affordable Housing Near Transit

Building affordable housing near transit and job centers is a key equity strategy to reduce vehicle miles travelled (VMT), slash transportation emissions, and solve the housing crisis. To create inclusive and sustainable communities the County must advance the development of ample affordable housing near current and future transit centers and high-frequency bus lines, in alignment with SANDAG's 2021 Regional Plan.

To prevent sprawl in extremely dangerous high-VMT, high fire hazard areas, the County must stop backcountry development. We recommend that the County stop permitting new housing outside of existing and planned Transit Priority Areas (TPAs) and VMT efficient areas per SB 743 state guidance. We also recommend the County align the CAP's projected housing growth with SANDAG's draft Sustainable Communities strategy, which calls for 7,419 units through 2050.

Adopt Green Infrastructure Strategies

The CAP should include robust green infrastructure strategies and measures to sequester carbon and develop a holistic Green Infrastructure Plan, which can include preserving or restoring natural lands, and implementing green streets using techniques such as street trees, permeable pavements, bioretention, swales, and retrofit policies for public and private properties that promote projects such as green roofs.

We recommend the CAP commit to a quantifiable tree canopy coverage target by planting and caring for drought-tolerant shade trees, creating urban forests, community gardens, and planting trees around walkways and transportation routes. The County should also boost tree canopy coverage in communities of concern first as a key equity strategy.

Center and Strengthen Equity by Developing a Climate Equity Index

Climate change hits hardest in communities of concern that are disproportionately burdened by multiple sources of pollution and face health and socioeconomic challenges. We recommend the County develop a Climate Equity Index (CEI), in collaboration and consultation with a diverse set of stakeholders, to identify communities on the frontlines of the climate crisis and environmental injustices, which should be prioritized in CAP investments.

The County should incorporate the CEI into an equity section within the CAP that outlines how the tool will be utilized and include strategies and benchmarks that measure equitable

implementation of all climate solutions. In preparing a holistic approach to equity, the County should develop tracking and reporting metrics to determine progress and success of these benchmarks, and make necessary updates based on the results and community feedback.

We also recommend the CAP integrate strategies, policies, and benchmarks to ensure there are good, family-sustaining union jobs with an equitable jobs pipeline from communities of concern.

Ensure the CAP is Legally Binding

Ensuring that the CAP is legally binding will ensure accountability for the strategies set forward in the CAP.

Conclusion

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on the development of this critically important document. We urge you to direct staff to incorporate the recommendations above to comply with legal requirements, maximize emissions reductions, and deliver economic, safety, and health benefits to families and businesses.

Sincerely,

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