

**January 23, 2024**

**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS**

*The Minutes of the*

***REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS***

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

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COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024, 9:00 AM  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, ROOM 310  
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

**Order Of Business**

- A. **REGULAR SESSION:** Meeting was called to order at 9:09 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Supervisors Nora Vargas, Chair; Terra Lawson-Remer, Vice-Chair; Joel Anderson; Monica Montgomery Steppe; Jim Desmond; also, Andrew Potter, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

- B. **Statement (just cause) and/or Consideration of a Request to Participate Remotely (emergency circumstances) by a Supervisor, if applicable.**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953, Supervisor Desmond participated remotely due to just cause for the following reason: illness. Supervisor Desmond stated no one over the age of 18 was in the room with him.

- C. **Invocation was led by Dolly Chacon.**

- D. **Pledge of Allegiance was led by Andres Fernandez Perez, University of San Diego Associated Students President.**

- E. **Presentations or Announcement of Proclamations and Awards:**

Chairwoman Nora Vargas presented a proclamation declaring January 23, 2024, to be the Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition Day throughout the County of San Diego.

Supervisor Joel Anderson and Supervisor Jim Desmond presented a proclamation declaring January 23, 2024, to be Eileen Delaney Day and Robin Joy Maxson Day throughout the County of San Diego.

- F. **Non-Agenda Public Communication: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Board on any subject matter within the Board's jurisdiction but not an item on today's agenda.**

- G. **Approval of the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the Regular meeting of January 9, 2024; and the Special meeting of January 4, 2024.**

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors approved the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the Regular meeting of January 9, 2024; and the Special meeting of January 4, 2024.

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

- H. Consent Calendar
- I. Discussion Items
- J. Board Member Committee Updates. This is an opportunity for Members of the Board to provide informational updates on their committee assignments. No action may be taken.

NOTICE: THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE ANY ACTION WITH RESPECT TO THE ITEMS INCLUDED ON THIS AGENDA. RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY COUNTY STAFF DO NOT LIMIT ACTIONS THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD NOT RELY UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE BOARD LETTER AS DETERMINATIVE OF THE ACTION THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE ON A PARTICULAR MATTER.

### **Board of Supervisors' Agenda Items**

| <b>Category</b>           | <b>#</b> | <b>Subject</b>  |
|---------------------------|----------|---|
| Public Safety             | 1.       | AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION FROM THE FIRE SAFE COUNCIL OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY AND MAKE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FINDINGS<br>[FUNDING SOURCE: DONATION FROM THE FIRE SAFE COUNCIL OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY]   |
| Health and Human Services | 2.       | AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF OLDER ADULT SERVICES REVENUE AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24, AND AUTHORIZE CONTRACT AMENDMENTS WITH CHAMPIONS FOR HEALTH FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S PROJECT CLINICAL ROUNDTABLE AND SAS BUSINESS VENTURES FOR TECHNOLOGY FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION AND WELL-BEING SERVICES<br>[FUNDING SOURCES: HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND HEALTHY BRAIN INITIATIVE GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH] |
|                           | 3.       | AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FOR THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM, HOUSING NAVIGATION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM-PLUS HOUSING SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM AND ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF ALLOCATION AWARDS<br>[FUNDING SOURCE: TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM ALLOCATION OF STATE GENERAL FUNDS; HOUSING NAVIGATION MAINTENANCE PROGRAM ALLOCATION OF STATE GENERAL FUNDS; TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM-PLUS HOUSING SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM ALLOCATION OF STATE GENERAL FUNDS]               |

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|                                  | 4.  | AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF TOBACCO GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING, ADOPT A RESOLUTION, AND AUTHORIZE APPLICATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES [FUNDING SOURCE: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TOBACCO GRANT PROGRAM; HEALTH REALIGNMENT] |
|                                  | 5.  | AUTHORIZE SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACTS AND AMENDMENTS TO EXTEND EXISTING CONTRACTS FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY [FUNDING SOURCES: ENHANCING LABORATORY CAPACITY (ELC) ENHANCING DETECTION GRANT FUNDS AND EXISTING HEALTH REALIGNMENT]   |
| Financial and General Government | 6.  | PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY FROM SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS  |
|                                  | 7.  | ONLINE PUBLIC AUCTION TAX SALE OF TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY  |
| Appointments                     | 8.  | APPOINTMENTS: VARIOUS   |
| Communications Received          | 9.  | COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED   |
| Financial and General Government | 10. | NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING: GENERAL SERVICES - APPROVAL OF A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR A BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM IN THE SOUTH BAY REGIONAL CENTER AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION  |
| Health and Human Services        | 11. | REMOVE BARRIERS TO HEALTH FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS BY CREATING A REGIONWIDE STREET HEALTH INITIATIVE  |
|                                  | 12. | INFRASTRUCTURE AND WORKFORCE INVESTMENTS TO COMBAT THE CHILDCARE CRISIS [FUNDING SOURCE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)]   |
| Financial and General Government | 13. | RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM'S RIGHT TO SAFETY AMENDMENT & CALL FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION   |
|                                  | 14. | RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 1, REBUILDING CALIFORNIA'S MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM  |
|                                  | 15. | RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS   |
| Closed Session                   | 16. | CLOSED SESSION  |



- SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION FROM THE FIRE SAFE COUNCIL OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY AND MAKE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FINDINGS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego is fortunate to partner with many outstanding organizations that help bolster our region's ability to prevent and prepare for wildfires. San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) is one such partner, and they recently provided a donation of \$60,000 to the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County for the purpose of applying long-term fire retardant along roadsides and evacuation corridors in high fire risk areas throughout the county. With 79 percent of the unincorporated San Diego area designated as High or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County, also a valued partner, has offered to pass the \$60,000 donation to San Diego County Fire (County Fire) to allow for the preventative treatment of vegetation with long-term fire retardant, thereby decreasing the likelihood of entrapment, loss of life, and loss of property from fire.

County of San Diego Administrative Code Section 66 and Board of Supervisors Policy A-112, Acceptance of Gifts and Donations, permit the acceptance of gifts and donations upon approval by the Board of Supervisors. Today's actions seek approval to accept a donation of \$60,000 from the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County for the purchase of long-term fire retardant for application in high fire risk areas. High fire risk areas are selected where there has been prior fire history and where evacuation routes have been identified in the Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) by a local Fire Safe Council.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

- Find that the proposed actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(3) and 15378(b)(4).
- In accordance with San Diego County Administrative Code Section 66 and Board Policy A-122, authorize the acceptance of a donation from the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County in the amount of \$60,000 to fund the purchase of long-term fire retardant for application in high fire risk areas.
- Authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign a letter of appreciation on behalf of the Board of Supervisors and the County of San Diego to the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Seventy-nine percent of the unincorporated area in San Diego County is designated as High or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, and 41 percent of this area has burned at least once since 2000. Some individuals living within these communities are socially vulnerable, meaning, it is more difficult for them to cope with, resist, and recover from the impacts of natural hazards due to social or physical conditions. County Fire's priority is to ensure that every community is resilient, thereby decreasing the likelihood of entrapment, loss of life, and loss of property. The preventative treatment of long-term fire retardant will reduce the risk of a roadside fire start from becoming a major wildfire event and help protect evacuation corridors, which are critical to emergency response.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action to authorize the acceptance of a donation from the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County in the amount of \$60,000, to fund the purchase of long-term fire retardant for application in high fire risk areas, will contribute to the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal of protecting the health and wellbeing of residents in our region. The preventative treatment of long-term fire retardant will reduce the risk of roadside fires becoming a major wildfire event, and it will also help protect evacuation corridors which are critical to emergency response. Taking the proposed action will enhance the ability of first responders to have quick access to vulnerable residents during an emergency and help mitigate fire risk along evacuation corridors. Reducing the risk of roadside fires from becoming a major wildfire incident will also contribute to protecting air quality from wildfire smoke, which is unhealthy to breathe and can be especially dangerous for children, the elderly, pregnant women, people with heart or respiratory conditions, and animals.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan for San Diego County Fire. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of \$60,000 for the application of fire retardant along the roadside and evacuation corridors in high fire risk areas throughout San Diego County. The funding source is a donation from the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County. San Diego County Fire will return to the Board to establish appropriations, if necessary. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **ACTION:**

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

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

2. **SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF OLDER ADULT SERVICES REVENUE AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24, AND AUTHORIZE CONTRACT AMENDMENTS WITH CHAMPIONS FOR HEALTH FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S PROJECT CLINICAL ROUNDTABLE AND SAS BUSINESS VENTURES FOR TECHNOLOGY FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION AND WELL-BEING SERVICES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

## **OVERVIEW**

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) has demonstrated a long-term commitment to enhancing programs focused on the safety and well-being of older adults and persons with disabilities. On July 7, 2020 (7), the Board approved the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Aging & Independence Services (AIS) 2020-2024 Area Plan, which is a planning document required by the California Department of Aging (CDA) to receive Older Americans Act funds. AIS serves as the region's federally designated Area Agency on

Aging and administers programs, in alignment with the goals and objectives established in the 2020-2024 Area Plan. The services align with the Aging Roadmap, which is the County's regional plan to ensure local programs equitably support needs and leverage the contributions of the growing population of older adults.

On November 29, 2023, CDA notified AIS of an additional allocation of \$618,253 in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - Education funding to implement nutrition education and physical activity promotion programs for older adults. This funding provides AIS with an opportunity to reach more persons aged 60 years and older and is expected to be ongoing as part of a new base allocation.

The Alzheimer's Project Clinical Roundtable, currently facilitated by Champions for Health, provides a platform for medical professionals throughout the San Diego County region to collaborate on screening and evaluation of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Amending the contract with Champions for Health to increase the contract amount will enable the County to expand the work of The Alzheimer's Project Clinical Roundtable.

Additionally, SAS Business Ventures provides in-person and virtual technology instruction to homebound, isolated older adults and persons with disabilities. Amending this contract to increase the contract amount will enable the County to expand capacity for participant enrollment and services that have been vital for those who have experienced increased feelings of isolation as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Today's actions request the Board authorize the acceptance of additional funding from CDA and authorize the Clerk of the Board to execute the revenue agreement upon receipt. In addition, today's actions request the Board authorize amendments to the contracts with Champions for Health to expand the work of the Alzheimer's Project Clinical Roundtable, and with SAS Business Ventures to expand the Technology for Social Inclusion and Well-Being program. These items support the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by supporting older adults and persons with disabilities through various programs and initiatives ensuring communities that are livable for people of all ages.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Approve and authorize the Clerk of the Board to execute, upon receipt, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - Education CalFresh Healthy Living (CF-2223-23) revenue agreement from the California Department of Aging in the projected amount of \$618,253, and, subject to the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency or designee, including any extensions, amendments or revisions thereto that do not materially impact either the program or funding level.



2. In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, and Administrative Code section 401, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, subject to successful negotiations and a determination of a fair and reasonable price, to amend contract # 567903 with Champions for Health to increase the contract amount and expand services in support of the Alzheimer's Project Clinical Roundtable, and to reflect changes in services and funding allocations; and amend the contract as required in order to reflect any future changes to services and funding allocations, subject to the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.
3. In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, and Administrative Code section 401, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, subject to successful negotiations and a determination of a fair and reasonable price, to amend contract # 567872 with SAS Business Ventures to increase the contract amount, expand capacity for participant enrollment; and amend the contract as required in order to reflect any future changes to services and funding allocations, subject to the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

There are approximately 710,000 adults, aged 60 years and older, in San Diego County. By 2030, that number is expected to increase to more than 850,000. Additionally, the county's population over the age of 85 is projected to diversify and grow more than any other age group. The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Aging & Independence Services (AIS) provides a wide array of services to meet the needs of this growing population and ensures the welfare of older adults, caregivers, and persons with disabilities. To sufficiently meet the needs of the community, AIS will continue to seek community input and feedback through public hearings, which are held annually during the development of the Area Plan, a planning document required by the California Department of Aging to receive Older Americans Act funds. Community input and collaboration are also fostered through the Aging Roadmap community teams, comprised of community members, subject matter experts, and County staff to develop and implement goals in the 10 priority areas of the Aging Roadmap. Continued investments to enhance and expand programs for older adults and persons with disabilities ensure that all residents can age well while accessing needed services, regardless of their race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender identity, and/or sexual orientation.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Working with partners to improve and expand programs and services that contribute to the safety and welfare of older adults and persons with disabilities will advance the County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goal #1 to engage the community in meaningful ways; Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to County services; and Sustainability Goal #4 to protect health and well-being of everyone in the region. This will be accomplished by increasing opportunities for nutrition education, improving access to digital connectivity, and promoting cognitive health. These efforts are designed to improve overall health and well-being, and reduce barriers for underserved populations, which benefits individuals and communities at large.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

### ***Recommendation 1: Acceptance of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - Education CalFresh Healthy Living Revenue Agreement***

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-25 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of \$618,253 in FY 2023-24 and will be funded with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - Education CalFresh Healthy Living (CF-2223-23) funding from the California Department of Aging. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

### ***Recommendations 2-3: Amendment of Champions for Health and SAS Business Ventures Contracts***

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-25 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of approximately up to \$868,463 in FY 2023-24. The funding sources are the Home and Community Based Services Access to Technology Grant from the California Department of Aging and the Healthy Brain Initiative Grant from the California Department of Public Health. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

Supervisor Anderson noted for the record on this item that with recommendation 2 for the Champions for Health contract, he received a contribution of more than \$250 from Paul Hegyi, CEO for Champions for Health, within the past twelve months. Therefore, he recused himself from participating in any discussion or decision on this item. ON MOTION of Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

RECUSED: Anderson

3. **SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FOR THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM, HOUSING NAVIGATION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM-PLUS HOUSING SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM AND ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF ALLOCATION AWARDS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Child and Family Well-Being (CFWB) Transitional Housing Program (THP) is comprised of the Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus) and the Transitional Housing Placement Program for Non-Minor Dependents (THPP NMD). Both improve outcomes for youth entering adulthood from the foster care system. Over the past two decades, the California legislature has made strides in addressing the transitional age youth housing crisis for those involved in the

child welfare and probation systems. In 2001, Assembly Bill (AB) 427 established the THP-Plus which provides affordable housing and supportive services for youth ages 18 to 24 years for up to 24 months as they transition out of foster care. Between 2001 and 2012 there have been numerous State laws allowing for funding of THP that support youth in identifying and preventing homelessness. Most recently, in 2022, Senate Bill (SB) 154 extended transitional housing services up to age 25 and provided 36 months of support for all youth involved.

Today's actions request the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to authorize the application for and acceptance of funding for the THP, Housing Navigation Maintenance Program (HNMP), and Transitional Housing Program-Plus Housing Supplement Program (THPSUP), adopt a resolution authorizing application and acceptance of allocation awards, and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to apply for future funding for transitional age youth housing.

Today's item supports the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically for those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically disadvantaged and demonstrates an ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by enhancing the coordination of upstream prevention strategies and services between community resources and the child welfare system to ensure transitional age youth receive services and supports to secure and maintain a safe environment. In addition, this item supports the Framework for Ending Homelessness by increasing equitable access to safe and affordable housing for current and former foster youth preventing youth homelessness.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**  
**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Authorize the application for and acceptance of \$1,575,090 in Transitional Housing Program funds from the California Department of Housing and Community Development for the anticipated funding period of Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 through FY 2025-26 to reduce youth homelessness and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to execute all required allocation award documents, including all amendments thereto.
2. Authorize the application for and acceptance of \$476,568 in Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program funds from the California Department of Housing and Community Development, for the anticipated funding period of FY 2023-24 through FY 2025-26 to help youth secure and maintain housing, and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to execute all required allocation award documents, including all amendments thereto.
3. Authorize the application for and acceptance of \$1,032,773 in Transitional Housing Program-Plus Housing Supplement Program funds from the California Department of Housing and Community Development, for the anticipated funding period of FY 2023-24 through FY 2025-26 to help meet increasing housing needs and cost of rent demands, and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to execute all required allocation award documents, including all amendments thereto.

4. Adopt a resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TO AUTHORIZE AN APPLICATION FOR, AND ACCEPTANCE OF, THE COUNTY ALLOCATION AWARD UNDER ROUND 5 OF THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM, ROUND 2 OF THE HOUSING NAVIGATION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, AND ROUND 3 OF THE THP – PLUS HOUSING SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM.
5. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency or designee, to apply for future funding, including grants, supplemental funding and other funding to support transitional housing for youth and support youth secure and maintain housing and avoid homelessness.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Child and Family Well-Being (CFWB) Transitional Housing Program (THP), inclusive of Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus) and Transitional Housing Placement Program for Non-Minor Dependent's (THPP NMD), provides up to 36 cumulative months of subsidized housing for current and former foster youth ages 18-25 years (up to age 24 in prior fiscal years). In Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23, 342 youth were served under the THP and 88% maintained and exited to safe and sustainable housing. In any given month there are approximately 329 unduplicated youth participating in the THP. The goal of the THP is for participants and subgroups within, to include Black, Indigenous, People of Color, native Spanish speakers, and LGBTQ+ youth, to secure safe and stable housing by program graduation and make progress towards life goals, including educational attainment or employment achievement, physical and mental well-being, and connections to community. The ethnicity breakdown for the 342 youth served under the THP in FY 2022-23 includes: 28.5% African American; 1% Asian; 36.5% Caucasian; 17% Hispanic; 1% Native American; 9% Other Ethnicities/Unknown; and 7% Bi or Multi-Racial.

CFWB partners with nonprofit entities to provide housing opportunities and services in the six County service regions to ensure youth in underserved communities have greater opportunities and access to safe and affordable housing. CFWB engages with program participants and providers to collect data and evaluate service outcomes to ensure positive outcomes for youth transitioning to adulthood and help them maintain safe and stable housing. Participating youth complete surveys quarterly, which identify areas within the program that are both beneficial and need improvement. The surveys provide information on the effectiveness and satisfaction of the program service delivery to ensure equitable service delivery and programming. Recent data show that in FY 2022-23, approximately 88% of youth surveyed within all available THP programs reported being satisfied with the program services.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's actions support the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal #2 of providing just and equitable access by expanding the availability of affordable housing to transitional age youth. Investments in concrete supports, such as housing, reduces economic and personal hardships on youth and provides the supports needed for youth to build resilience, independence, and long-term skills which will lead to a reduction in youth homelessness and recurrence of generational maltreatment, and associated costs.

**FISCAL IMPACT****Recommendation 1: Authorization to apply for and accept Transitional Housing Program funds**

Funds for this request are partially included in the Fiscal Years (FY) 2023-25 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in no costs and revenue in FY 2023-24 and anticipated costs and revenue of \$1,575,090 in FY 2024-25 for the Transitional Housing Program. The funding source is Transitional Housing Program allocation of State General Funds. Funds for subsequent years will be incorporated into future Operational Plans. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**Recommendation 2: Authorization to apply for and accept Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program funds**

Funds for this request are partially included in the Fiscal Years (FY) 2023-25 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in no costs and revenue in FY 2023-24 and anticipated costs and revenue of \$476,568 in FY 2024-25 for the Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program. The funding source is Housing Navigation Maintenance Program allocation of State General Funds. Funds for subsequent years will be incorporated into future Operational Plans. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**Recommendation 3: Authorization to apply for and accept Transitional Housing Program-Plus Housing Supplement Funds**

Funds for this request are partially included in the Fiscal Years (FY) 2023-25 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in no costs and revenue in FY 2023-24 and anticipated costs and revenue of \$1,032,773 in FY 2024-25. The funding source is the Transitional Housing Program-Plus Housing Supplement Program allocation of State General Funds. Funds for subsequent years will be incorporated into future Operational Plans. 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 Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, and adopted Resolution No. 24-001, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TO AUTHORIZE AN APPLICATION FOR, AND ACCEPTANCE OF, THE COUNTY ALLOCATION AWARD UNDER ROUND 5 OF THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM, ROUND 2 OF THE HOUSING NAVIGATION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, AND ROUND 3 OF THE THP - PLUS HOUSING SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM.

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

4. **SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF TOBACCO GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING, ADOPT A RESOLUTION, AND AUTHORIZE APPLICATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, smoking is the leading cause of preventable death in the United States. The California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016 (Proposition 56) provides local public agencies with funding through the California Department of Justice Tobacco Grant Program to promote a healthier California by reducing illegal sales and marketing of cigarettes and tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, to minors and youth. The Office of the Attorney General makes these funds available annually to local agencies through the California Department of Justice Tobacco Grant Program.

With a long-standing commitment to ensuring the health and well-being of San Diegans, on December 8, 2020 (8), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) approved a Tobacco Retail Licensing Ordinance (Ordinance Number 10699) which authorized the establishment of a tobacco retail licensing program within the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency. Funds from the California Department of Justice Tobacco Grant Program have supported the County in educating retailers on Ordinance Number 10699 and helped create a robust tobacco retail licensing program since 2021. Most recently, on April 4, 2023 (6), the Board approved acceptance of additional Tobacco Grant Program funding to enhance enforcement efforts as well as improve data collection for tobacco retail licensing. The County consistently seeks funding opportunities to bolster these activities and efforts. Today's actions request the Board authorize acceptance of \$1,279,771 in Tobacco Grant Program funds from the California Department of Justice for the term of January 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027, and to adopt a resolution. Additionally, today's actions request the Board authorize applications for additional funding opportunities to raise awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco use and reduce access to tobacco products for San Diego County residents.

This action supports the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by reducing youth access to tobacco products and overall exposure to tobacco products.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery.
2. Authorize the acceptance of \$1,279,771 in grant funds from the California Department of Justice for the period of January 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027, for the Tobacco Grant Program and authorize the Clerk of the Board to execute all required grant documents, upon receipt, including any annual extensions, amendments, or revisions that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.

3. Adopt a Resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TOBACCO GRANT PROGRAM UNDER PROPOSITION 56, THE HEALTHCARE, RESEARCH, AND PREVENTION TOBACCO TAX ACT OF 2016.
4. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to apply for additional funding opportunity announcements, if available, to fund efforts to raise awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco/nicotine use and reduce access to tobacco/nicotine products and exposure to secondhand smoke.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

According to data from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, there has been a substantial decline in adult smoking in California over the last 30 years since the inception of the California Tobacco Control Program. Additional results from the 2021 California Health Interview Survey showed an adult smoking prevalence of 6.2% in the State; however, disparities in cigarette smoking continue to persist by age, gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, income level, education, and those who experience psychological distress, or reside in rural areas. These disparities are the most pronounced among racial groups. According to the 2022 California Health Interview Survey (CHIS), though the percentage of African Americans in California who smoke has fallen from 12.0% in 2017 to 10.2% in 2022, rate of smoking in this population exceeds that of the White (6.1%) and Latino (5.6%) populations. The percentage of smokers in the Asian American population is lower than that of the White and Latino populations at 4.1%, most likely due to reinforcement of strong social norms against smoking in these communities. The higher smoking rates among African Americans reflect disparities in other social determinants of health in this population. CHIS data show that African Americans are less likely to own their own home (48.0% vs. 70.5%), and more likely to be below 200% Federal Poverty Level (36.2% vs 16.2%) when compared to Whites. African Americans are also more likely to have served in the military (11.1% vs. 8.9%), a key area of programmatic focus in the upcoming years.

The goal of the County of San Diego (County) Tobacco Retail License Ordinance and Tobacco Control Resource Program is to ultimately eliminate tobacco-related health disparities and significantly reduce health inequities. This will be accomplished by working with other local agencies, leaders, and coalition members to reduce tobacco use initiation, foster health equity, and reduce access to nicotine and tobacco through improved compliance with current laws and regulations. In 2021, community partners participated in a county-wide needs assessment to determine the extent of tobacco-related concerns and the availability of necessary resources to address them. The findings of the assessment were used as the foundation of the 2022-2025 Comprehensive Tobacco Control Plan for San Diego County. The County Tobacco Control Resource program will implement all required evaluation activities and strategies to monitor the plan's progress in reducing tobacco usage, eliminating tobacco access for minors and youth, and expanding community engagement. Key program successes will be disseminated through presentations to coalition members, task force members and other stakeholders, as well as posted on County webpages.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's actions support the County of San Diego's (County) Sustainability Goal #4 to protect the health and well-being of everyone in the region, with a focus on collaborating with community partners and stakeholders and advocating for environmental justice for communities that have been disproportionately impacted by tobacco use. Approval of today's actions will further enhance the County's activities including license enforcement, compliance checks, license inspections, public education outreach, community engagement and education, and preventing and reducing the use of tobacco products by minors and youth.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-25 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in costs of \$220,608 and revenue of \$176,122 in FY 2023-24 and costs of \$533,534 and revenue of \$482,472 in FY 2024-25 for a total of \$1,443,883 in costs and \$1,279,771 in revenue through FY 2026-27. The funding source is the California Department of Justice Tobacco Grant Program. A waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested because the funding does not offset all costs. These costs which will not be recovered are estimated at \$44,486 for FY 2023-24 and \$51,062 for FY 2024-25, for a total unrecovered costs of \$164,112 through FY 2026-27. The funding source for these unrecovered costs is Health Realignment. The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency certifies the public benefit for providing these services far outweighs these costs. 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 Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, and adopted Resolution No. 24-002, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TOBACCO GRANT PROGRAM UNDER PROPOSITION 56, THE HEALTHCARE, RESEARCH AND PREVENTION TOBACCO TAX ACT OF 2016.

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

5. **SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACTS AND AMENDMENTS TO EXTEND EXISTING CONTRACTS FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

## **OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Laboratory (PHL) provides high-quality laboratory services to protect the health of the community and prevent the spread of disease. PHL has been a leader in infectious disease control locally, in California, and across the nation by analyzing clinical and environmental samples through surveillance, assessment, and assurance activities. In addition, PHL supports regional preparedness and response to communicable disease events, outbreaks, and emerging infectious disease threats.



On October 25, 2022 (11), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the establishment of appropriations for design and pre-construction services for a new PHL. The new facility will be a Biosafety Level 2 and 3 reference laboratory as the County serves as an approved Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Select Agent Laboratory for San Diego and Imperial Counties. PHL is also the designated location for the federal BioWatch program for the detection of bioterrorism agents in San Diego County.

Today's actions request the Board authorize single source contracts and amendments to existing contracts to sustain critical services and enhance PHL. In addition, today's actions request the Board authorize procurement of new instrumentation, testing materials, maintenance, and services to allow PHL to continue providing extensive analytical testing and monitoring to ensure the health and well-being for all San Diego County residents.

Today's actions support the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by re-enforcing PHL's ability to safeguard and improve the health and well-being of San Diego County residents through enhanced and increased testing, prevention, and intervention to interrupt transmission of disease while maintaining good fiscal management.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, approve and authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to enter into negotiations for public health laboratory products and/or services from the vendors itemized below, including but not limited to the manufacturer-specific instrumentation, consumables and ongoing maintenance and repairs for the life of the equipment, and subject to successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award and amend contracts as required in order to reflect changes to services and funding allocations for an Initial Term of up to one year, with four one-year Options, and up to an additional six months, if needed, subject to the availability of funds and the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.
  - a. Abbott Laboratories - Alinity Series Maintenance and Consumables
  - b. Beckman Coulter - Biomek Automated Liquid Handling Workstations, consumables and maintenance
  - c. bioMérieux - BioFire - BioFire Maintenance and Consumables
  - d. Bio-Rad Laboratories Inc. - QX Instrumentation, Maintenance, and Consumables
  - e. Illumina Inc. - Sequencing Maintenance and Consumables
  - f. Oxford Nanopore Technologies Inc - Instrumentation, Maintenance, and Consumables
  - g. Qiagen Inc. - Instrumentation, Maintenance, and Consumables
  - h. ThermoFisher Scientific Company LLC - KingFisher Instrumentation, Maintenance, and Consumables

2. In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, and Administrative Code Section 401, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, subject to successful negotiations and a determination of a fair and reasonable price, to amend the contracts itemized below to extend the contract term and/or expand services for up to five years, including but not limited to the manufacturer-specific consumables and ongoing maintenance and repairs for the life of the equipment, subject to the availability of funds; and amend the contracts as required in order to reflect changes to services and funding allocations, subject to the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.
  - a. Abbott Laboratories (Contract #565404)
  - b. Becton Dickinson (Contract #549283)
  - c. bioMérieux - BioFire (Contract #566858)
  - d. Bio-Rad Laboratories (Contract #565402)
  - e. Cepheid (Contract #553964)
  - f. Hologic Inc. (Contract #53672)
  - g. Idexx Laboratories (Contract #517912)
  - h. Qiagen Inc. (Contract #549246)
3. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to apply for additional funding opportunity announcements, if available, that would support the Public Health Laboratory efforts.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

San Diego County has one of the busiest border crossings in the United States and is home to a diverse population including military and tribal communities. Reports from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have highlighted disparities among populations impacted by diseases such as HIV, viral Hepatitis, Sexually Transmitted Infection, Tuberculosis, and COVID-19. According to data from the State of California's Vital Records Business Intelligence System, COVID-19 was the leading cause of death among Hispanic San Diego County residents in 2021, and the fourth leading cause of death among this population in 2022. Such disparities have shown to be linked to behavioral risk factors, environmental exposures, social determinants of health, and access to accurate and timely testing. To protect the health and well-being of all residents, the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Laboratory (PHL) provides diagnostic testing that helps to diagnose diseases among the general public. In addition, insights from testing results and patient demographics available through the laboratory information management system enable PHL to record and monitor health disparities and inequities across a wide range of diseases. PHL works in conjunction with public health clinics, local hospitals and healthcare providers, and the County Department of Environmental Health and Quality to analyze clinical and environmental samples to detect and identify bacteria, viruses, and other pathogens, perform rapid diagnostic testing, and characterize pathogens.

A fully functioning PHL that provides the core activities of surveillance, assessment, and assurance, is essential to ensuring the best health outcomes for our communities. Thus, PHL consistently monitors advancements in laboratory and testing equipment and processes to improve testing capabilities, reduce response times, and provide efficient and effective services to interrupt transmission of disease and protect all San Diego County residents, especially the most vulnerable.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's actions support the County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goal #3 to transition to a green, carbon-free economy, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and Sustainability Goal #4 - to protect the health and well-being of everyone in the region, with a focus on collaborating with community partners and advocating for environmental justice for communities that have been disproportionately impacted. The County Public Health Laboratory continually works to increase capacity and testing services aimed at detecting and preventing illnesses by using the most effective and efficient equipment available. Testing and identification will improve the overall health of communities, reduce the demand for associated care services, while increasing the effectiveness of care providers and lowering operating costs of facilities, thus reducing greenhouse gas emissions and waste generated within the care sector. Since climate change and air pollution are direct threats to human health, the reduction of pollution is also considered a preventative healthcare measure.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-25 Operational Plan of the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$1,310,000 in FY 2023-24 and \$6,120,000 in FY 2024-25. Funds for subsequent years will be incorporated into future operational plans. The funding sources are Enhancing Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Enhancing Detection grant funds and existing Health Realignment. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

### ***Recommendation #1: Authorize Single Source Contracts***

Funds for this request are included in the FY 2023-25 Operational Plan of the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of \$150,000 in FY 2023-24 and cost and revenue of \$3,660,000 in FY 2024-25. Funds for subsequent years will be incorporated into future operational plans. The funding sources are ELC Enhancing Detection grant funds and existing Health Realignment. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

### ***Recommendation #2: Authorize Amendments and Extend Contracts***

Funds for this request are included in the FY 2023-25 Operational Plan of the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of \$1,160,000 in FY 2023-24 and cost and revenue of \$2,460,000 in FY 2024-25. Funds for subsequent years will be incorporated into future operational plans. The funding sources are ELC Enhancing Detection grant funds and existing Health 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 Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

**6. SUBJECT: PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY FROM SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

San Diegans should not live in fear of knowing a Sexually Violent Predator could be placed in their neighborhood. There are currently six Sexually Violent Predators who have been placed in San Diego County and five awaiting placement.

A Sexually Violent Predator is an individual who has been convicted of a sexually violent offense against one or more victims and who has a diagnosed mental disorder that makes the person a danger to the health and safety of others. The Sexually Violent Predators placed or proposed to be placed in the San Diego region have committed crimes that include lewd acts upon children under 14 (as young as four years old), child molestation, forcible rape, and forcible sodomy, among others.

The Stop Sexually Violent Predators Act (H.R.6382), introduced by Rep. Darrell Issa, would:

1. End taxpayer funding for Sexually Violent Predators outside of correction or secure medical facilities; and
2. Require states to report all convicted Sexually Violent Predators to the federal Department of Justice for review of potential federal charges.

Traditionally, these individuals serve long prison sentences followed by care at high-security medical facilities because they are deemed too dangerous to reintegrate into our neighborhoods, schools, and businesses. Currently, the federal government provides medical care and behavioral health care for Sexually Violent Predators through Medicare, Medicaid, and related federal taxpayer-funded programs.

According to California State Law, any Sexually Violent Predator who appeals to be released must be enrolled in treatment programs. Therefore, eliminating federal health care funding would prohibit Sexually Violent Predators from being released because they would not meet the criteria needed.

Today's action recommends the Board of Supervisors adopt a position of support for H.R.6382 (Issa) which would prevent Sexually Violent Predators from being placed in our communities.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND**

Direct the interim Chief Administrative Officer to express the County's support for H.R. 6382, consistent with Board Policy M-2, which allows for legislative advocacy consistent with the Board's annually adopted Legislative Program.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The action proposed supports San Diegans' right to live in communities where they feel safe. The placement of a Sexually Violent Predator creates a sense of fear and will have a detrimental impact on our residents and the safety of our communities. This action is necessary to protect our most vulnerable populations.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action to support H.R. 6382 would contribute to the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal of protecting health and wellbeing.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **ACTION:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, for the Board of Supervisors to take action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Anderson, Desmond

NOES: Vargas, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

*(Motion failed due to lack of a majority vote.)*

## **7. SUBJECT: ONLINE PUBLIC AUCTION TAX SALE OF TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

When a property owner fails to pay property taxes by the end of the fiscal year, the property becomes tax defaulted. If the property remains tax defaulted for five years, the property then becomes subject to the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Power to Sell. Statutory requirements are met pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code § 3691, et seq. prior to the property being offered at sale. The purpose of offering tax-defaulted property at a tax sale is to collect the unpaid taxes (redemption) and to return the property to a revenue-generating status. This is a request to approve the proposed sale of 493 parcels of tax-defaulted real property at Online Public Auction Tax Sale No. 7091, beginning on March 22, 2024, with final groups closing on March 27, 2024.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR**

1. Adopt the Resolution entitled:  
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO APPROVING AN ONLINE PUBLIC AUCTION TAX SALE OF TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY (Attachment A, on file with the Clerk of the Board).
2. Should a parcel not sell at the initial minimum bid as defined in Revenue and Taxation Code § 3698.5, approve the Treasurer-Tax Collector's discretion under the Revenue and Taxation Code § 3698.5(c), to offer the same property at the same sale or next scheduled sale, at a minimum price that the Treasurer-Tax Collector deems appropriate in light of the most current assessed valuation of that property or property interests, or any unique

circumstance with respect to that property or those interests. Any parcel remaining unsold may be re-offered within a 90-day period in accordance with Revenue and Taxation Code § 3692(e) and any new parties of interest shall be notified in accordance with Revenue and Taxation Code § 3701.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Treasurer-Tax Collector recognizes the systemic impacts that inequitable policies may create for residents of the County of San Diego. Impacts have historically included outcomes related to racial justice and issues of belonging that are reflected in the programs, services and resources allocated to communities. The Treasurer-Tax Collector will conduct an online auction that is widely accessible to all bidders who follow the process to register and submit deposits required to participate in the auction. A bidder may only be banned from participating in the online auction if they have previously forfeited property by way of non-completion of the sale of property for which they have previously won the bid. It is anticipated that these actions will have a positive impact on all people to include Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), women, people with disabilities, immigrants, youth, and the LGBTQ community.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed actions to conduct an online public auction, collect unpaid property taxes and return the properties to a revenue generating status are appropriate as they support the County of San Diego's Strategic Initiative of Sustainability to align the County's available resources with services to maintain fiscal stability and ensure long-term solvency. The proposed actions to conduct an online auction that is widely accessible to all bidders who follow the process to register align with the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal of providing just and equitable access.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds received from sales of tax-defaulted property will be used to redeem defaulted and current year taxes and to reimburse the County for all Board approved cost recovery and statutorily required fees and costs of sale imposed under San Diego County Administrative Code § 364.4.

Any excess proceeds remaining will be retained in the defaulted tax sale trust fund for a period of one year following the date of the recordation of the tax deed to the purchaser of the property. During that period, the excess proceeds may be claimed by any party of interest having a recorded interest in the property at the time of the sale. If no valid claims are received, State law provides the excess proceeds would be transferred to the General Fund. 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 Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, and adopted Resolution No. 24-003, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO APPROVING AN ONLINE PUBLIC AUCTION TAX SALE OF TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY.

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

**8. SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS: VARIOUS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

These appointments are in accordance with applicable Board Policy A-74, "Citizen Participation in County Boards, Commissions and Committees,".

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

Re-appoint Susan Tostado-Pope to the Past Grand Jurors Association Implementation Review Committee, Seat No. 2, for a term to expire December 31, 2025.

Re-appoint Richard Stanford to the Past Grand Jurors Association Implementation Review Committee, Seat No. 7, for a term to expire December 31, 2025.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

County government includes standing and special citizen boards, commissions, committees, and task forces formed to advise the Board of Supervisors and County staff on issues and policy and to serve as links to the community. Boards, commissions, and committees provide an inter-relationship between the residents and the government of the County. The nominations in this Board Letter enable the County of San Diego to provide individual residents the opportunity to impart valuable insight and input into the operation of the government.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego has over one hundred boards, commissions, committees, and task forces that serve as voice in the County government. Advisory bodies are an essential role in resident engagement that allow citizens to participate on issues relating to the welfare and quality of life in the County. They are fundamental to the County of San Diego's ability to navigate complex and dynamic policy challenges, are a conduit to the County Bureaucracy, and a broker to community voice. This board letter supports the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal No.1 by "encourage[ing] people and diverse stakeholders to partner and participate in decisions that impact their lives and communities."

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

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

**9. SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Board Policy A-72, Board of Supervisors Agenda and Related Process, authorizes the Clerk of the Board to prepare a Communications Received for Board of Supervisors' Official Records. Routine informational reports, which need to be brought to the attention of the Board of Supervisors yet not requiring action, are listed on this document. Communications Received documents are on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Note and file.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT**

This board letter is a list of documents received by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and/or Board of Supervisors from other entities, other county departments, the public, and internal documents presented to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or the Board of Supervisors. This contributes to the overall sustainability of the county by engaging the community in meaningful ways and promote an environment that provides equitable access opportunities for public engagement.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

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

**10. SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:  
GENERAL SERVICES - APPROVAL OF A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR  
A BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM IN THE SOUTH BAY  
REGIONAL CENTER AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION  
(DISTRICT: 1)**

**OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego (County) has been aggressively cutting greenhouse gas emission and reducing utility costs for many years. Recently, nearly 11 megawatts of photovoltaics (PV) have been installed at County facilities using Power Purchase Agreements, which are agreements with a third party to install solar with zero upfront cost, while providing clean, renewable power at a



guaranteed price. At the County Operations Center (COC), a large PV system and a battery energy storage system (BESS) were installed in 2020 by a company called Sun Power (now called TotalEnergies Distributed Generation USA, LLC (TotalEnergies)). To date the COC BESS has saved the County more than \$1,300,000 in avoided demand charges.

The Department of General Services has been coordinating with SolarStorage Fund D, LLC (SolarStorage) an affiliate of TotalEnergies to install a proposed 530 kilowatt BESS at the South Bay Regional Center (SBRC BESS), which is designed to offset expensive demand charges from San Diego Gas and Electric (SDGE). Demand charges are extra fees applied by SDGE during high-use times, typically from 4-9 P.M. each day (Demand Charges). The SBRC BESS will utilize the existing onsite PV and the electric grid to store energy to reduce Demand Charges. The SBRC BESS will be installed, operated and maintained by SolarStorage at no cost to the County and is expected to save approximately \$75,000 annually. SolarStorage is able to install and operate the SBRC BESS at no cost to the County due to a nearly \$1.8 million dollar incentive expected from the California Public Utility Commission's Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) and pursuant to additional federal tax incentives that SolarStorage anticipates receiving.

To execute the proposed SBRC BESS project, the Department of General Services has negotiated a ground lease and service agreement (Lease) to construct, operate, and maintain the SBRC BESS in an approximately 620 square foot area of an existing parking lot at the SBRC with SolarStorage at no cost to County. The Lease is proposed with a term of 12 years. Since the proposed Lease has a term longer than 10 years, approval by the Board of Supervisors is required. Additionally, the Board is requested to make several statutory findings required by State law. These include Government Code sections 4217.10 through 4217.18, which authorize the County to develop energy conservation, cogeneration and alternative energy supply at County facilities.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find in accordance with Sections 15301, 15303 and 15304 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), that the proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA, as it involves existing facilities, new electrical utility extensions and construction of a small battery storage facility to store excess energy to have available when there is high demand on the grid and related and minor alterations to land.
2. Find, pursuant to Government Code § 4217.12(a)(1), that the anticipated cost for electrical energy provided by the SBRC BESS under the Lease with SolarStorage will be less than the anticipated marginal cost of electrical energy that would have been consumed in the absence of the proposed energy conservation facility.
3. Find, pursuant to Government Code § 4217.12(a)(2), that the difference between the fair rental value for the real property subject to the Lease and the agreed-upon rent is anticipated to be offset by below-market energy cost and environmental benefits provided under the Lease.

4. In accordance with Government Code sections 4217.10 through 4217.18, authorize the Director, Department of General Services, to execute the Lease with SolarStorage for the BESS at the SBRC and to take any other actions necessary to administer the lease.
5. In accordance with Government Code sections 4217.10 through 4217.18, authorize the Director, Department of General Services to negotiate and execute amendments to the Lease and to negotiate and execute any other agreements necessary to effectuate the Lease.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County continues to pursue energy saving projects supporting all communities within the county, in order to reduce costs and implement plans for energy conservation and greenhouse gas emissions reductions. The proposed Lease will result in a BESS being installed to reduce power Demand Charges, resulting in approximately \$75,000 in annual savings on utility bills at the SBRC. Further, this system will be installed using 3rd party funding, resulting in no costs to the County to install, maintain, or operate the SBRC BESS. These ongoing savings and lack of development, maintenance, and operation costs support all communities in the region, by allowing limited County funds to be allocated in communities where they are most needed. Additionally, using State and other funding sources, allows this BESS to be provided at the SBRC at no cost to the County where critical county services are being provided on a daily basis.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed action paves the way for the installation of an energy load shaving battery, at no direct cost to the County. As such, the proposed action supports the continued development of sustainable infrastructure and a streamlined and cost-efficient government. Additionally, the proposed action will help ensure critical county operations and services continue when needed, even during potentially high demand fee times.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. All costs associated with the design, permitting, installation, operation, and maintenance of the SBRC BESS through the term of the proposed Lease will be paid by SolarStorage. Savings in utility costs at the SBRC of \$75,000 annually are anticipated based on reduced utility costs and SDGE Demand Charges, and/or "savings guarantee" payments from SolarStorage. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

This will create private sector jobs and economic opportunity in San Diego County.

#### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors closed the Hearing and took action as recommended.

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

**11. SUBJECT: REMOVE BARRIERS TO HEALTH FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS BY CREATING A REGIONWIDE STREET HEALTH INITIATIVE (DISTRICT: 1)**

**OVERVIEW**

Over the last few years, the County of San Diego has taken unprecedented steps to partner with cities and communities across the region to address the urgent homeless crisis. Under this Board of Supervisors' leadership, we have not settled for the status quo but instead made bold and innovative investments rooted in evidence and built on the strength of our regional partnerships.

People who are unhoused have a life expectancy that is around 30 years shorter than housed individuals. According to the Public Policy Institute of California, 38% of unhoused individuals who visit Emergency Departments are diagnosed with having two or more medical illnesses, 25% have a severe mental illness and 30% have a substance abuse disorder. Accessing health care for these conditions can be difficult for people who are unhoused. Among those who disclose they need mental health services, only about a quarter receive care.

"Street medicine" refers to a set of health and social services developed specifically to address the unique needs and circumstances of individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness, delivered directly to them in their own environment. The fundamental approach of street medicine is to engage people experiencing unsheltered homelessness exactly where they are and on their own terms to maximally reduce or eliminate barriers to care access and follow-through. Services provided by a street medicine team can help address health and social care needs by generating trust, delivering care, and ultimately ensuring individuals who are unhoused are connected to an accessible, community provider to support ongoing health needs. Similarly, Mobile Crisis Response Teams (MCRT) can provide behavioral health support as an alternative to law enforcement respond and help stabilize a person experiencing a behavioral health crisis, connect a community member to resources and treatment and avoid hospitalization or incarceration. Street medicine teams are uniquely positioned to provide coordinated and collaborative case management.

To remove barriers to health for people experiencing homelessness the County of San Diego along with stakeholders, street medicine providers and managed care Medi-Cal plans can collaboratively deploy health and community services to the unhoused populations. Services provided, such a but not limited to, wound care, behavioral health support, vaccine distribution, connection to self-sufficiency programs access and the continuation of care can significantly support the health and well-being of the unhoused population.

Today's actions will support a sustainable plan to expand street medicine services in San Diego County utilizing a collaborative approach to deploy health and community services to unhoused individuals.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHAIRWOMAN NORA VARGAS**

1. Direct the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to add to the County of San Diego's 2024 Legislative Program, a proposal to the California Department of Health Care Services, to ensure Medi-Cal reimbursement is available for street medicine services, in order to support the expansion and fiscal sustainability of these programs.

2. Direct the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to work with the Interim Director, Health and Human Services Agency and Chairwoman Vargas, convene street medicine providers, and those interested in creating this model, consumers, and managed care Medi-Cal plans to identify opportunities to leverage existing resources, reduce barriers and/or provide in-kind support for a region-wide coordinate street medicine initiative and report back to the board within 90 days after the convening with next steps for the creation of region wide collaborative.
3. Direct the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to report back in 90 days on progress with the convening and its proposed opportunities to sustain and expand street medicine services in San Diego County.
4. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to apply for future funding opportunity announcements, if available, to support community street medicine programs.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

In 2022, the Regional Task Force on Homelessness conducted the We All Count Point-in-Time Count, which identified 10,264 individuals as living on the streets or in shelters throughout San Diego County in one night. This is a 22% increase from the 2020 count and only represents a minimum value of our unhoused population count. People of color are also disproportionately impacted among those experiencing homelessness. Despite making up 5% of the San Diego County population, Black residents make up 19% of the unhoused population. Similarly, American Indian or Alaskan Native residents make up 3% of the unhoused population despite making up 1% of the total county population.

San Diego's growing homelessness reflects a need for services addressing the health and well-being of San Diego's homeless population. The San Diego Coroner Report identified 536 homeless deaths in 2021, many of which were due to chronic disease and substance abuse. This reflects an urgent need for preventative care and accessible medical services in order to address the needs of homeless residents. By partnering with local services to implement a proactive approach to in providing access to healthcare, we aim to reduce the risk of premature death among homeless individuals and improve overall health outcomes for vulnerable populations.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed actions support the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal #1 to engage the community; Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access; and Sustainability Goal #3 to protect health and well-being.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's recommended actions though they may result in future fiscal impacts. Staff will return to the Board of Supervisors for consideration and approval of any such impacts. At this time, 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 Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended.

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

**12. SUBJECT: INFRASTRUCTURE AND WORKFORCE INVESTMENTS TO COMBAT THE CHILDCARE CRISIS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

San Diego County is facing an urgent childcare crisis. Childcare options are often unaffordable, scarce, and inconvenient, leaving many families to struggle finding a reliable provider. Many working parents are forced to leave their job, not enter the workforce, or struggle to balance their career and raising their children. These challenges are especially pertinent for single-parent families, lower income households, and women- in particular women of color.

Childcare is a critical component of the region's economic fabric, supports working parents and provides entrepreneurial opportunities for childcare business operators. In addition, it helps ensure children have a safe place to learn and grow up. It is essential that significant and meaningful investments are made within our early care and education system so that every family in San Diego has access to quality childcare providers, and children's developmental needs are supported.

The County adopted the Child Care Blueprint in August of 2023, which is a guiding vision to ensure that childcare needs of our local families and children are met. The Blueprint prioritizes workforce investments, safe and quality facilities, especially in areas where childcare availability is sparse, and that all families have access to childcare that meets their needs and preferences. Millions of dollars have been dedicated to our childcare workforce over the last couple of years, but the need is far greater. Additionally, in late 2023, two pilot programs were approved to add licensing and infrastructure capacity for childcare providers and provide emergency family care days for County workers who may need flexibility to care for their children in unforeseen circumstances.

Today's action requests to continue to move forward with the priorities of the Child Care Blueprint by providing childcare start-up costs to new childcare providers locally, enhancing the childcare database of providers and coordinating communication needs, and helping with peer-based needs such as mentorship and workforce opportunities.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)****VICE-CHAIR TERRA LAWSON-REMER AND CHAIRWOMAN NORA VARGAS**

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to utilize \$1,250,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars to provide Childcare startup costs for new Childcare providers locally. These funds would be focused on infrastructure needs within identified childcare deserts.

2. Direct CAO to utilize \$500,000 in ARPA dollars to create a County-based and expanded Childcare database of providers or enhance existing databases through partner organizations to track new providers locally, identifying providers leaving the space, and coordinate communications needs.
3. Direct CAO to utilize \$250,000 in ARPA dollars for Childcare peer-based needs such as mentorship and workforce opportunities.
4. Revise the ARPA Framework to use the remaining \$1,000,000 unallocated balance in the Childcare Facility Development and Improvement element of the Framework and \$1,000,000 of the Assistance for Homeworkers and Childcare Workers element of the Framework to fund recommendations 1, 2, and 3.
5. Transfer appropriations of \$2,000,000 from Finance Other, Other Charges, to the Health and Human Services Agency, Services & Supplies, to fund recommendations 1-3 based on ARPA funds described in recommendation 4.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

San Diego County is facing a massive childcare crisis. Many families live in childcare deserts without access to providers, creating a complex equity issue. This item will help to bolster infrastructure, workforce, and communications needs for programming locally so that new providers in childcare deserts are able to more easily provide services to their respective communities.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action to bring additional childcare infrastructure and workforce opportunities to the region, has the potential to reduce overall greenhouse gases in San Diego County by reducing the need for families to drive as far to access viable childcare providers.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan in Finance Other. If approved, this request will result in cost and revenue of \$2.0 million dollars in the Health and Human Services Agency for childcare startup costs for new childcare providers, a childcare database, and mentorship and workforce opportunities. The funding source for this request is American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding allocated directly to the County of San Diego. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed actions will help provide additional resources for childcare providers and the Childcare workforce in San Diego County through adding imperative supports such as startup costs for infrastructure needs, creating a database of providers with communications tools, and working to bolster childcare peer-based needs such as mentorship and workforce opportunities.

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Lawson-Remer, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions:

1. Directed the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to utilize \$1,250,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars to provide Childcare startup costs for new Childcare providers or expand existing Childcare providers locally. These funds would be focused on infrastructure needs within identified childcare deserts.
2. Directed CAO to utilize \$500,000 in ARPA dollars to create a County-based and expanded Childcare database of providers or enhance existing databases through partner organizations to track new providers locally, identifying providers leaving the space, and coordinate communications needs.
3. Directed CAO to utilize \$250,000 in ARPA dollars for Childcare peer-based needs such as mentorship and workforce opportunities.
4. Revised the ARPA Framework to use the remaining \$1,000,000 unallocated balance in the Childcare Facility Development and Improvement element of the Framework and \$1,000,000 of the Assistance for Homeworkers and Childcare Workers element of the Framework to fund recommendations 1, 2, and 3.
5. Transferred appropriations of \$2,000,000 from Finance Other, Other Charges, to the Health and Human Services Agency, Services & Supplies, to fund recommendations 1-3 based on ARPA funds described in recommendation 4.

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

13. **SUBJECT: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM'S RIGHT TO SAFETY AMENDMENT & CALL FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

In the past, San Diego County leaders did not do enough to tackle the issue of gun violence in our communities. The Board of Supervisors (Board) actively defended the 2nd Amendment and did not use their authority to its fullest potential to better protect residents from people who recklessly aim to harm others.

Over the last three years, the new Board and passionate gun violence prevention advocates here in San Diego County have made ghost guns illegal, secured training for County social workers to know the signs of potential gun violence in a home, required firearms in unincorporated areas to be safely stored, and fought for the county to investigate and bring back recommendations to the Board to initiate or join litigation against manufacturers.

On September 29, 2023, the office of Supervisor Lawson-Remer hosted a Gun Violence Reduction Summit that was attended in person and virtually by nearly two hundred community members, experts, and federal, state, county, and city elected leaders. This served as a launching pad for new ideas as it relates to gun violence prevention. Many of the individuals who attended the summit indicated we need more commonsense solutions that will keep San Diegans as safe as possible. Governor Gavin Newsom's Right to Safety Amendment is a great next step in this direction.

California is leading the way as the first state in the nation to call for a Constitutional Convention for gun safety. The item today, requests the adoption of a resolution by the County of San Diego in support of Governor Newsom's Right to Safety Amendment and call for a Constitutional Convention on gun safety. This action would leave the 2nd Amendment unchanged, but the addition of the 28th Amendment would permanently prioritize a federal minimum age to purchase a firearm from age 18 to 21. An exception for law enforcement would be recommended. The Governor's Amendment to the United States Constitution also will mandate universal background checks, institute a reasonable waiting period, and bar civilian purchase of assault weapons.

#### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

##### **VICE-CHAIR TERRA LAWSON-REMER**

Adopt the resolution titled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO IN SUPPORT OF THE RIGHT TO SAFETY AMENDMENT & CALL FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR GUN SAFETY.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Communities of color and those living in poverty are disproportionately impacted by gun violence, and for every gun homicide, there are more than two nonfatal gun shootings. Those that are exposed to gun violence are much more likely to experience stress, depression, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress disorders (PTSD). The long-term repercussions of this are immeasurable. It is imperative that all of our communities are provided with the right to safety through commonsense gun regulations and interventions.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed item contributes to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals by prioritizing the long-term health, safety, and well-being of San Diego residents through support for actions that will reduce gun violence.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this recommendation. There will be no change to net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A



**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Lawson-Remer, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, and adopted Resolution No. 24-004, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM'S RIGHT TO SAFETY AMENDMENT & CALL FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

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

**14. SUBJECT: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 1, REBUILDING CALIFORNIA'S MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Mental illness affects 1 in 5 people in the United States. Without treatment, individuals with severe mental illness and co-occurring substance abuse are more susceptible to becoming unemployed, homeless, inappropriately incarcerated, and experiencing poor quality of life. Some of the most severe cases of mental illness can result in suicide or death.

Locally, in San Diego County, overdose deaths rose and nearly doubled over a four-year stretch between 2018 and 2022. These statistics reflect a system that doesn't respond to the needs of our residents, until they are in crisis. Over the last three years, the County has taken unprecedented action to invest in behavioral health staffing, prevention, diversion, and long-term community support for our most vulnerable, but we need more resources to help unwind the decades of poor decision-making regarding mental health, substance abuse, and homelessness.

In decades past, California shut down many state hospitals for people with severe mental health challenges without adequately funding community-based services to serve these individuals. For the first time in decades, with Proposition 1 "Treatment not Tents," Californians will have a direct line to transform and rebuild our mental health system and modernize programs to meet the needs of our communities.

If passed, Proposition 1 "Treatment not Tents," will refocus billions of dollars in existing funds to prioritize individuals that have the greatest mental health needs, are living in encampments, or suffering from substance abuse issues. It will help to build 11,150 new treatment beds and supportive housing, create 26,700 outpatient treatment slots, and set aside \$1 billion for veteran housing along with recruiting and training of 65,000 mental health workers.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**VICE-CHAIR TERRA LAWSON-REMER**

Adopt the Resolution titled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 1, REBUILDING CALIFORNIA'S MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Since 2021 County of San Diego has taken a proactive approach to address the behavioral health needs of our communities, especially our most vulnerable populations including youth, seniors and people experiencing homelessness. We have launched Countywide Clinician-led Mobile Crisis Response Teams and doubled our County Crisis Stabilization Units. On October 1, 2023, San Diego County became one of seven Cohort One counties to implement the CARE Act, which provides community-based behavioral health services and supports to Californians living with untreated schizophrenia spectrum or other psychotic disorders through a new civil court process. By January 1st, 2025, we must launch SB43 reforms to conservatorship. All these efforts aim to serve and protect our most vulnerable communities. The passage of Prop 1 will help ensure we have the resources and infrastructure to implement these programs effectively and care for our communities.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed item contributes to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals by prioritizing the long-term health, safety, and well-being of San Diego residents through support for actions that will help get mental health services to those that need them.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There are no fiscal impacts associated with today's recommendations. There will be no change in General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Lawson-Remer, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, and adopted Resolution No. 24-005, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 1, REBUILDING CALIFORNIA'S MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM.

AYES: Vargas, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

NOES: Anderson, Desmond

15. **SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

## **OVERVIEW**

On January 9, 2023 (15), the Board of Supervisors considered this item. The motion to adopt the recommendations failed due to a tie vote, and the Board did not continue the item. Pursuant to Rule 2(g) of the Board of Supervisors Rules of Procedure, the item was placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting.

Public discourse, dissent, and critical debate are vital components of a healthy democratic institution. Disruptive activity obstructs the right of the public to debate and exchange ideas in the public square, hear diverse points of view, and air and advocate for competing viewpoints. The “marketplace of ideas” allows people to form opinions and make decisions based on healthy debates and a level playing field to share different points of view.

Since Justice Holmes first invoked the “marketplace of ideas” in his landmark dissent in 1919, this theory of free expression has become a powerful idea, underpinning the majority of First Amendment jurisprudence. Central to the “marketplace of ideas” is the protection of a level playing field for different viewpoints to be both expressed by speakers and heard.

A well-functioning marketplace of ideas requires that people are safe to express their opinions and participate in a public dialogue, and that meetings be conducted in an orderly fashion to create equal opportunity for all members of the public to participate.

Disruptive conduct in the Board Chamber compromises the ability of all members of the public to engage with the Board through the public comment process. To minimize disruptions to the meeting, the following changes to the Rules of Procedure are proposed.

Today’s action recommends that the Board approve amendments to the Rules of Procedure that protect the Board’s ability to conduct business in an orderly manner while ensuring all have an equal opportunity to observe and participate.

#### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

##### **SUPERVISOR TERRA LAWSON-REMER**

1. Approve amendments to the Board of Supervisors Rules of Procedure and adopt a Resolution entitled: RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
2. Approve amendments to the 2024 Board of Supervisors Meeting Calendar and adopt a Resolution entitled: RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CALENDAR 2024
3. Direct County Counsel to work with Board Offices to explore options for reducing the threat to free speech posed by those who engage in a pattern and practice of disruptive behavior, and report to the Board in 90 days.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

As publicly elected officials, our number one duty is to serve the people of San Diego County. We prioritize transparency and accessibility to improve public understanding of how the County of San Diego (County) operates and participation in shaping future priorities. These efforts towards accessibility are particularly important to reach those communities that have been previously disconnected from the County civic process. It is anticipated that through these changes to the Rules of Procedure we will ensure that the diverse voices of our community can be heard in an equitable and civilized manner, and as such, can provide input that is vital to a healthy democratic institution.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The changes to the Rules of Procedure allow stakeholders to plan for community engagement and identify meaningful ways to continually seek input to foster inclusive and sustainable communities.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **ACTION:**

This item was withdrawn at the request of Vice-Chair Terra Lawson -Remer.

## **16. SUBJECT: CLOSED SESSION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
Estate of Michael Wilson v. County of San Diego, et al.; United States District Court, Southern District of California, Case No.: 20-cv-0457-RBM-DEB
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
Ronald Gadsden v. Michael McGrath; United States District Court, Southern District of California, Case No.: 20-CV-02258-WQH-DEB
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
Whitney Antrim v. County of San Diego, et al.; San Diego Superior Court, Case No.: 37-2023-00016017-CU-WT-CTL
- D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
Kenan Gultekin v. County of San Diego; San Diego Superior Court, Case No.: 37-2023-00048768-CU-OE-CTL
- E. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph 4 of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9: (Number of Cases - 1)
- F. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph 4 of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9: (Number of Cases - 1)

- G. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
In re LIBOR-Based Financial Instruments Antitrust Litigation; United States  
District Court, Southern District of New York, Case No.: 11-md-02262-NRB
- H. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
(Government Code section 54957.6)  
Designated Representatives: Susan Brazeau, Clint Obrigewitch  
Employee Organizations and Unrepresented Employees: Teamsters 911, Deputy  
District Attorney Association, Deputy Sheriff's Association of San Diego County,  
San Diego Deputy County Counsels Association, District Attorney Investigators'  
Association, San Diego County Probation Officers' Association, Public Defender  
Association of San Diego County, San Diego County Supervising Probation  
Officers' Association, Service Employees International Union, Local 221 and all  
unrepresented employees

**ACTION:**

County Counsel reported that for Closed Session on January 23, 2024, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions:

Item 16E was withdrawn from the closed session agenda.

On Item 16A, by a vote of 4-1, with Supervisor Montgomery Steppe voting "NAY," the Board ratified County Counsel's decision to file an interlocutory appeal of the district court's summary judgment ruling.

On Item 16B, by a vote of 4-1, with Supervisor Montgomery Steppe voting "NAY," the Board ratified County Counsel's decision to file an interlocutory appeal of the district court's summary judgment ruling.

On Item 16F, by a vote of 3-2, with Supervisors Anderson and Desmond voting "NAY," the Board authorized County Counsel to initiate litigation. Particulars about the litigation will be disclosed to any person upon inquiry, after litigation has formally commenced.

**17. SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Bryant Rumbaugh spoke to the Board regarding public engagement.

Truth spoke to the Board regarding media coverage of Board meetings.

Robert Germann spoke to the Board regarding concerns of lead from airplanes.

Mike Borrello spoke to the Board regarding negative health impacts of the COVID vaccines.

Michael Brando spoke to the Board regarding COVID vaccines.

Peggy Walker spoke to the Board regarding negative impacts of vaping marijuana.

Kathleen Lippitt spoke to the Board regarding the negative impacts of marijuana use.

Dan Smiechowski spoke to the Board regarding the San Diego mayoral election.

Jim Ellis spoke to the Board regarding Board of Supervisors actions and integrity.

Terri-Ann Skelly spoke to the Board regarding negative impacts of marijuana use.

Paul the Bold spoke to the Board regarding public involvement in government.

Mark spoke to the Board regarding censorship.

Consuelo spoke to the Board regarding concerns of 5G radiation.

Angela Assoulin spoke to the Board regarding concerns regarding the health and safety of Palestinians in Gaza.

Audra spoke to the Board regarding emergency declarations and storms.

**ACTION:**

Heard, Referred to the Chief Administrative Officer.


There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of San Diego, State of California


Consent: Vizcarra  
Discussion: Zurita

NOTE: This Statement of Proceedings sets forth all actions taken by the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors on the matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.

Approved by the Board of Supervisors, on Tuesday, February 6, 2024.

  
NORA VARGAS  
Chair

Attest:

  
ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board

01/23/2024