

January 24, 2023

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS

The Minutes of the

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

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023, 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 9:03 a.m.

PRESENT: Supervisors Nora Vargas, Chair; Terra Lawson-Remer, Vice-Chair; Joel Anderson; Nathan Fletcher; 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.

- C. Invocation was led by Rabbi Yael Ridberg of Congregation Dor Hadash, Pres: San Diego Rabbinic Association.

- D. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Connie Marquez's sixth grade class from Silver Wing Elementary School.

- E. Presentations or Announcement of Proclamations and Awards:

Chair Nora Vargas presented a proclamation declaring January 2023, to be National Blood Donor Month throughout the County of San Diego.

Chair Nora Vargas and Vice-Chair Terra Lawson-Remer presented a proclamation declaring January 24, 2023, to be Maternal Health Awareness Day throughout the County of San Diego.

Vice-Chair Terra Lawson-Remer and Supervisor Nathan Fletcher presented a proclamation declaring January 24, 2023, to be Holocaust Day of Remembrance throughout the County of San Diego.

Supervisor Nathan Fletcher presented a proclamation declaring January 24, 2023, to be Karla Peterson 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 meeting of January 10, 2023.

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors approved the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the Regular Board of Supervisors meeting of January 10, 2023.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, 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

Category	#	Subject
Financial and General Government	1.	INSTALLATION OF A HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE EXHIBIT ON A COUNTY PROPERTY [FUNDING SOURCE: GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE]
Public Safety	2.	PUBLIC DEFENDER - RATIFY THE SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS TO ESTABLISH A PRE-TRIAL ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER [FUNDING SOURCE: JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS]
Health and Human Services	3.	RECEIVE UPDATE ON EXPLORING THE FEASIBILITY AND BENEFIT OF USING A BY-NAME-LIST TO SUPPORT HOMELESSNESS SERVICES IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY [FUNDING SOURCE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT, HOMELESS SERVICES COMPONENT]
	4.	AUTHORIZATION AND RATIFICATION OF PROCUREMENTS RELATED TO REDUCING HOMELESSNESS

5. AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FOR THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM, HOUSING NAVIGATION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM-PLUS HOUSING SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM AND ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF ALLOCATION AWARDS
[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 ALLOCATION OF STATE GENERAL FUNDS]
6. AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FOR HOSPITAL AND SKILLED NURSING FACILITY COVID-19 WORKER RETENTION PAYMENT PROGRAM FUNDING, AND ISSUE PAYMENTS TO ELIGIBLE COUNTY EMPLOYEES
[FUNDING SOURCE: REVENUE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR THE HOSPITAL AND SKILLED FACILITY COVID-19 WORKER RETENTION PAYMENT PROGRAM]
7. AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FROM CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION FOR STRENGTHENING U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE AND WORKFORCE
[FUNDING RESOURCE: CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION'S STRENGTHENING U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE, WORKFORCE, AND DATA
[FUNDING SOURCE: CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION'S STRENGTHENING U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE, WORKFORCE, AND DATA SYSTEMS GRANT]
8. AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF STATE GENERAL FUND EXPANSION FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR THE BLACK INFANT HEALTH PROGRAM AND CALIFORNIA HOME VISITING PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZE RELATED PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACT AMENDMENT
[FUNDING SOURCE: BLACK INFANT HEALTH STATE GENERAL FUND EXPANSION FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH; CALIFORNIA HOME VISITING PROGRAM STATE GENERAL FUND EXPANSION FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH]

	9.	AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT COMMUNITY CARE EXPANSION PRESERVATION PROGRAM OPERATING SUBSIDY PAYMENT FUNDS, AND AUTHORIZE NOTICES OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY AND COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENTS [FUNDING SOURCE: STATE GENERAL FUND AND STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS ESTABLISHED BY THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT, WHICH HAVE SINCE BEEN REPLACED, IN FULL, BY STATE GENERAL FUNDS AND REALIGNMENT]
Financial and General Government	10.	COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANTS (DISTRICT: 1) [FUNDING SOURCE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT; TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUE; GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE]
	11.	COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM, NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANTS AND CEQA EXEMPTIONS (DISTRICT: 2) [FUNDING SOURCES: TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX, AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT GRANTS, AND GENERAL-PURPOSE REVENUE]
Appointments	12.	APPOINTMENTS: VARIOUS
Communications Received	13.	COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED
Public Safety	14.	ANNUAL REPORT ON GUN VIOLENCE AND UPDATE ON REGIONAL GUN VIOLENCE COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT
Health and Human Services	15.	RECEIVE UPDATE REGARDING THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE [FUNDING SOURCE: CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT, AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA), FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA), COUNTY GENERAL FUND BALANCE, REALIGNMENT, AND PROGRAM REVENUES AVAILABLE FOR RESPONSE EFFORTS]
Financial and General Government	16.	CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO SET RATES FOR THE VOTER APPROVED CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX (1/24/2023 - First Reading; 2/28/2023 - Second Reading, unless ordinance is modified on Second Reading)
Closed Session	17.	CLOSED SESSION
Public Communication	18.	PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

1. SUBJECT: INSTALLATION OF A HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE EXHIBIT ON A COUNTY PROPERTY (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

Hate crimes against the Jewish community in San Diego have been on the rise in the past two years. This troubling local and national trend has been linked to an alarming lack of public knowledge about the history of racism and bigotry against the Jewish people and the Holocaust. At the same time, there has been a well-documented rise in online hate and the proliferation of Holocaust denial conspiracy theories, coinciding with rising hate crimes.

Today's board action would support greater education and public understanding of the atrocities of the Holocaust and highlight the stories of San Diego survivors. Specifically, today's action directs the Chief Administrative Officer to work with the curator of Chula Vista's Holocaust Remembrance Exhibit to identify and provide space for a public Holocaust exhibit on County property within 60 days. This exhibit would then be on display for twelve months, and free for the public to experience.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

SUPERVISOR NATHAN FLETCHER

1. Allocate \$25,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (NRP) budget (Org 15665) to the Jewish Federation of San Diego for materials, equipment, services, and expenses related to development of the exhibit.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to work with the Jewish Federation of San Diego to identify a location and provide space for a Holocaust exhibit on County property that would be conducive to public engagement within 60 days.
3. Host the Holocaust exhibit on the identified County property for a duration of twelve months starting with an expected opening date on April 17, 2023, Yom Hashoah.
4. Find that the proposed NRP grant has a public purpose.
5. Authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Chief Financial Officer to execute a grant agreement or amendments to agreements with the Jewish Federation of San Diego County establishing terms for receipt of the funds described above and to make minor amendments to the agreement that are consistent with the general purpose of the grant but do not increase the grant.
6. Find that the allocation to the Jewish Federation of San Diego County is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that they may have significant effects on the environment.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

In 2021, the Jewish community in San Diego experienced 38 recorded incidents of antisemitism, including 14 cases of vandalism, 23 incidents of harassment, and one assault. These antisemitic incidents represented an all-time high, but anti-Black and anti-Asian hate crimes also reached

new highs in San Diego in 2021. The exhibit proposed in this board action aims to combat bigotry and hate by investing in greater education and understanding of the history of hate and racism towards the Jewish community and other victims of the Holocaust. The United States Institute of Peace emphasizes the role that memorialization plays in reconstructing social fabric and relations following conflict . It is important that the initiative is led by those with personal connections to the Holocaust, as well as with the San Diego community, to encourage authentic representation and meaningful engagement.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

A Holocaust Remembrance Exhibit will serve to promote a greater public appreciation for the Jewish American experience and serve as a reminder of the dangers of hate and bigotry in our community. This exhibit will support sustainability goals through an equity lens by cultivating an environment of empathy, inclusiveness, and understanding.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operational Plan in Finance Other, District 4 Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (NRP). If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of \$25,000 in Fiscal Year 2022-23. The funding source is General Purpose Revenue (GPR). 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 Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

2. **SUBJECT: PUBLIC DEFENDER - RATIFY THE SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS TO ESTABLISH A PRE-TRIAL ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) provides grant funds to advance established Program Purpose Areas (PPA) such as Prosecution, Courts, Defense, and Indigent Defense Innovation. To that end, the San Diego County Public Defender's Office is seeking BSCC grant funds to create a Pre-Trial Advocacy and Community Connections Program (PACC) and will use the funding to provide legal representation and supportive services to indigent individuals immediately from the time of police contact.

Today's request is to ratify the submission of grant application and adopt a resolution accepting grant funds from BSCC JAG in an amount up to \$3,136,875 for the grant period of June 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026. If approved, the Public Defender's Office will use the grant funds to increase early representation and services for indigent individuals in the period between arrest and arraignment. This is also a request to designate the Public Defender's Office to serve as the Lead Agency to review and execute all required or related grant documents for the BSCC Program, including agreements for the distribution of grant funds where necessary to carry out the purposes of the grant, and any extensions, amendments and/or revisions thereof.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Ratify the submission of the grant application for the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) by the Public Defender's Office in the amount of \$3,136,875 for the period beginning June 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026, for increased early legal representation and availability of services to indigent individuals.
2. Authorize the Public Defender's Office to accept \$3,136,875 in grant funds for the period of June 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026, from Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for increased early legal representation and availability of services to indigent individuals.
3. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery that requires docketing request to apply for grant funding at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the date on which the grant request must be received by granting agency.
4. Adopt a Resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO THE BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT REQUEST FOR APPLICATION.
5. Authorize the Public Defender to execute all grant related documents, including any annual extensions, amendments and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Public Defender's Office represents individuals charged with a crime in state court who are financially unable to retain private counsel. Individuals experiencing pretrial incarceration are more likely to receive custodial sanctions and longer sentences because they tend to receive and accept less favorable plea agreements, which correlates to negative outcomes for defendants and public safety. This funding will allow the department to intervene earlier in the criminal justice process and begin advocating for clients before the detrimental effects of pre-trial incarceration are realized.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed action to accept grant funding to provide increased early representation to indigent individuals accused of a crime pre-arraignment contributes to two of the County of San Diego Sustainability Goals: engage the community and provide just and equitable access. The Public Defender would be part of a Pre-Trial Advocacy and Community Connections Program (PACC) comprised of traditional and non-traditional partners from the community with lived experience in the criminal justice system. Furthermore, early access to legal representation and community resources will directly benefit socio-economic groups historically overrepresented in the criminal justice system resulting in safer and healthier communities.

FISCAL IMPACT

If approved, today's request will authorize the Public Defender to include costs and revenue of up to \$3,136,875 in the Fiscal Years 2023-25 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the Public Defender's Office. The funding source will be a Justice Assistance Grant from the State of California, Board of State and Community Corrections. There will be no change in net General Fund.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, adopting Resolution No. 23-006, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO THE BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT REQUEST FOR APPLICATION.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

3. **SUBJECT: RECEIVE UPDATE ON EXPLORING THE FEASIBILITY AND BENEFIT OF USING A BY-NAME-LIST TO SUPPORT HOMELESSNESS SERVICES IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

On August 16, 2022 (2), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Chief Administrative Officer to work with staff, community organizations, service providers, local governments, people with lived experience, and the Regional Task Force on Homelessness (RTFH) to explore the feasibility of creating a countywide By-Name-List (BNL) and determine the benefits and costs associated with its implementation. Staff were to consider a phased-in approach focusing on subregions, and/or additional subpopulations, and to return to the Board within 90 days with a recommendation that includes potential costs and staffing requirements to support this type of program.

Following this direction, the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities, Office of Homeless Solutions held community information gathering sessions with local city jurisdictions and homeless service providers regarding the feasibility of a BNL and met with RTFH to explore potential implementation strategies.

Today's item provides an update to the Board on the feasibility of a countywide BNL and requests the Board approve the recommended approach for a focused BNL process. Additionally, in accordance with Board Policy A-87, today's item requests the Board authorize a single source contract with the RTFH for implementation of a BNL.

This item 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 improving the lives of our most vulnerable residents, specifically unsheltered people experiencing homelessness. Today's actions also align with the County's Framework for Ending Homelessness across all domains as it seeks to connect individuals experiencing homelessness to available services.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Receive an update on the feasibility of a countywide By-Name-List.
2. Approve the recommended approach for a focused and intentional By-Name-List process.
3. In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, approve and authorize the Director of the Department of Purchasing and Contracting to enter into negotiations with the Regional Task Force on Homelessness and, subject to successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award a contract for the By-Name-List technical support for an initial term of up to one year, and up to three option years with an additional six months if needed, and to amend the contract as needed to reflect changes to requirements and funding, subject to the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities' mission is to ensure equity among all San Diegans, foster a community that is welcoming to new residents, and reduce homelessness in the region. The Office of Homeless Solutions within this department is dedicated to addressing the root causes of homelessness and providing equitable access to preventative and supportive services for vulnerable residents.

In 2022, the We All Count Point-in-Time Count identified 8,427 individuals as living on the streets or in shelters throughout San Diego County. Of the 4,106 who were unsheltered, 25% were 55 years of age or older, 8% were youth, and 15% reported chronic homelessness. People of color are disproportionately impacted among those experiencing homelessness, with 24% identifying as Black or African American, which is five times the proportion of African Americans in the region; 3% identifying as American Indian or Alaskan Native, which is three times the proportion in the region.

People at-risk of or experiencing homelessness, impacted community members, community partners, and other key stakeholders are engaged during the development of County plans to address homelessness, and their feedback is valued and incorporated in the development of programs. Ensuring racial and social equity in all aspects of homelessness prevention and response is one of the key principles that guides the Framework for Ending Homelessness and all items that fall under its strategic domains. It is anticipated that the By-Name-List will support the provision of housing and support for those who are disproportionately represented in the homeless system including, people who are justice-involved or have a range of health and social needs, Black, Indigenous, People of Color, and young adults. The increase in homelessness is an issue of concern to our entire County and continuing to explore ways to create equity by decreasing homelessness for individuals and families is a benefit to the entire region. By creating a By-Name-List and managing a comprehensive list of data, the County can streamline the process for providing housing and services to some of the most vulnerable individuals.

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 wellbeing. By engaging the community through a comprehensive outreach strategy that includes working collaboratively with our community partners, the Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities, with assistance from Regional Task Force on Homelessness, will be able to create a By-Name-List and utilize it to match people experiencing homelessness with housing and other resources. The creation of a By-Name-List will also support just and equitable access to housing and services targeted to a person's specific situation and needs. Additionally, it will help to protect the health and well-being of the unsheltered population by providing information about them to those that can help to coordinate access to services and housing that may not have been available otherwise.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-24 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of approximately \$50,000 in FY 2022-23 and \$50,000 in FY 2023-24. Funds for this program will use existing appropriations and will be included in future Operational Plans as needed. The funding source is American Rescue Plan Act, Homeless Services Component. 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 Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

**4. SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION AND RATIFICATION OF PROCUREMENTS
RELATED TO REDUCING HOMELESSNESS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

Over the last several years, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) has demonstrated its commitment to addressing the needs of people experiencing and at-risk of homelessness. On April 6, 2021 (6), the Board established the Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities within the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, which launched on July 1, 2021. Subsequently, to maximize existing and future regional work on homelessness, the Board adopted the Framework for Ending Homelessness on November 2, 2021 (4), which created a unified strategic approach to support the coordination of homeless services and funding. If approved, today's actions will help advance work toward ending homelessness by expanding the population served by the Community Care Coordination for Veterans (C3V) Program and continuing operation of the overnight Safe Parking Program.

Today's action requests the Board authorize a modification to the C3V contract to allow veterans with current or recent justice-involvement who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness to be enrolled in the C3V Program, which is administered through a contract with PATH. In addition, today's actions request the Board authorize an amendment to this contract, as required, to reflect the changes to services and funding allocations. Lastly, this item requests the Board ratify the contract with Dreams for Change to continue the overnight Safe Parking Program as it was determined that such action was necessary to control an immediate threat to public health and safety. Following Administrative Code 401, the Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities has initiated a Request for Proposal for a long-term contract to provide this service on an ongoing basis.

Today's actions support the County of San Diego'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. Allowing the continuation of the overnight Safe Parking Program will help improve the lives of persons experiencing homelessness. Additionally, the expansion of the C3V Program helps increase self-sufficiency, reduce recidivism, and improve the lives of veterans through comprehensive care coordination and access to safe and affordable housing. Today's actions are also aligned with the County's Framework for Ending Homelessness, specifically the Emergency/Interim Housing and Resources strategic domain.

RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, and Administrative Code Section 401, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to enter into negotiations with PATH, and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, amend Contract #563491 to allow veterans with current or recent justice-involvement, and who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, to be enrolled in the Community Care Coordination for Veterans Program; and to amend the contract as required to reflect changes to services and funding allocations subject to the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.
2. Ratify that the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting acted within the Director's authority under San Diego County Administrative Code section 402 when the Director, upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, executed contract #567357 with Dreams for Change to administer an overnight Safe Parking Program; and authorize the Director to amend the contract as required to reflect changes to services and funding allocations subject to the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

In 2022, the Regional Task Force on Homelessness (RTFH) conducted the We All Count Point-in-Time Count, which identified 8,427 individuals as living on the streets or in shelters throughout San Diego County on one night. Of the 4,106 who were unsheltered, 25% were 55 years of age or older, 8% were youth and 15% reported chronic homelessness. Data indicated that people of color are disproportionately impacted among those experiencing homelessness, with 24% identifying as Black or African American, which is nearly five times the proportion of African Americans in the region; 3% identifying as American Indian or Alaska Native, which is nearly three times the proportion in the region. In addition to the We All Count Point-in-Time Count, the RTFH Community Snapshot Dashboard, shows that approximately 30% of people experiencing homelessness identified as Hispanic in 2021.

RTFH also facilitated a survey of the jail population in 2020 and found that approximately 25% of the population surveyed while in custody were experiencing homelessness at the time of their arrest, and 27% of the jail population experiencing homelessness identified as being Black/African American. This racial group represents a disproportionately higher percentage of people accessing homeless services as compared to the general population. Per the U.S. Census Bureau, Black/African Americans represent 5.6% of the County's general population, however, they comprise 24% of people who are experiencing homelessness.

The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency demonstrates a commitment to equity by using data and assessments to guide the implementation of programs such as the Community Care Coordination for Veterans (C3V) and Compassionate Emergency Solutions and Pathways to Housing Programs. To address issues of disproportionality, both program designs included input and collaboration from incarcerated and justice-involved individuals as well as persons currently experiencing homelessness through focus groups. This lived experience helped identify needs and shape each programs design. In addition to including a metric to identify racial inequities to address disparities, the evaluation of the programs includes feedback from the participants.

It is anticipated that the expansion of the C3V Program will have a positive impact and equitable outcomes for justice-involved individuals including those identifying as Black/African American by removing barriers to services, increasing engagement and participation in community services, and reducing time spent in custodial settings. In addition, the continuation of the overnight Safe Parking Program will help improve the lives of persons at-risk of and experiencing homelessness by offering them alternative safe sleeping solutions.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's proposed actions support the County of San Diego's (County) 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.

By expanding the Community Care Coordination (C3V) Program to include veterans from additional County department referral sources, County's Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities, Office of Homeless Solutions (HSEC-OHS) will be able to further engage with the community and reach a broader population. This action will also provide veterans with just and equitable access to services they need to help prevent recidivism after incarceration.

The continuation of the overnight Safe Parking Program will allow HSEC-OHS to continue to provide just and equitable access to alternative safe sleeping solutions for people experiencing homelessness and sleeping in their vehicles. The continuation of the Safe Parking Program will also help protect the health and well-being of people who might not otherwise have a safe place to sleep at night.

Overall today's actions help protect health and well-being by expanding the reach to participants, providing pathways to housing, and providing continued access to services and emergency housing solutions.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

Investing in initiatives that prevent and reduce homelessness will have multiple benefits for those directly impacted and for local communities and businesses, with clear benefits for our economy as a whole and our regional economy long term.

ACTION:

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

5. 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 RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF ALLOCATION AWARDS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Child Welfare Services (CWS) Transitional Housing Program (THP) is comprised of both the THP-Plus and the THP-Plus for non-minor dependents (NMD) programs to 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 youth involved in both the child welfare and probation systems including:

- In 2001, Assembly Bill (AB) 427 established the Transitional Housing Program-Plus (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 care.
- In January 2012, AB 12 created the THP-Plus for NMD to serve youth ages 18 to 21 years participating in Extended Foster Care which allows eligible youth in the child welfare and probation systems to remain in foster care until age 21.
- In 2018, the Housing Navigators Program, now known as Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program (HNMP) was created to provide housing navigator supports to help young adults ages 18 through 24 secure housing, with priority given to foster youth.
- In 2021, AB 153 and AB 164 implemented the THP-Plus Housing Supplement Allocation (THP-Plus Housing Supplement) which significantly increases the housing assistance rate to meet increasing housing needs and cost of rent demands.
- In 2022, Senate Bill 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, HNMP, and THP-Plus Housing Supplement, adopt resolutions authorizing application and acceptance of allocation awards, and authorize the Agency Director, HHSA, 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 while maximizing racially equitable community outcomes and preventing youth homelessness.

RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Authorize the application for and acceptance of \$1,285,230 in Transitional Housing Program funds from the California Department of Housing and Community Development for the anticipated funding period of Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 through FY 2024-25 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 \$463,457 in Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program funds from the California Department of Housing and Community Development, for the anticipated funding period of FY 2022-23 through FY 2024-25 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 2022-23 through FY 2024-25 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.
4. Adopt resolutions listed below:
 - a. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TO AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE COUNTY ALLOCATION AWARD UNDER ROUND 4 OF THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM AND ROUND 1 OF THE HOUSING NAVIGATION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM.
 - b. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE COUNTY ALLOCATION AWARD UNDER THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM-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 Welfare Services (CWS) Transitional Housing Program (THP), inclusive of THP-Plus and THP-Plus Non-Minor Dependents, 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) 2021-22, 459 youth were served under the THP and 93% maintained and exited to safe and sustainable housing over the course of the fiscal year. Due to the high rate of stability in these programs, in

any given month there are approximately 300 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 wellbeing, and connections to community. The ethnicity breakdown for the 459-youth served under the THP in FY 2021-22 includes:

- 30.5% African American
- 3% Asian
- 18% Caucasian
- 39% Hispanic
- 1% Native American
- 5% Other Ethnicities/Unknown
- 3.5% Bi or Multi-Racial

To maximize racially equitable community outcomes, CWS partners with nonprofit entities to provide housing opportunities and services in the six County service regions to ensure youth in underserved communities, communities of color, and communities with increased barriers to housing have greater opportunities and access to safe and affordable housing. Participating youth complete surveys quarterly, which identify areas within the program that are both beneficial and need improvement to all youth in the program. The surveys provide information on the effectiveness of the program service delivery to ensure that the priority population and subgroup of youth most disadvantaged are involved in evaluations measuring satisfaction with equitable service delivery and programming. In FY 2021-22, approximately 90% of youth surveyed within all available THP programs reported being satisfied with the program services.

CWS continues to engage with program participants and providers to collect data and evaluate service outcomes to ensure the array of THP services and resources promote positive outcomes for youth transitioning to adulthood and help youth maintain safe and stable housing.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed action to renew funding to serve youth in foster care and former foster youth will further 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 hardships on youth and contributes to efforts to support foster youth until they can safely and stably transition to independence. This action will provide 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. When youth have assistance in meeting their basic needs, they are able to focus on self-healing and growth towards goals that support themselves and improve and sustain the health and well-being of youth (formerly) in foster care.

FISCAL IMPACT

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

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-24 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in no costs and revenue in FY 2022-23 and anticipated costs and revenue of \$1,285,230 in FY 2023-24 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 not included in the FY 2022-24 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in no costs and revenue in FY 2022-23, and anticipated costs and revenue of \$463,457 in FY 2023-24 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 not included in the FY 2022-24 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in no costs and revenue in FY 2022-23, and anticipated costs and revenue of \$641,551 in FY 2023-24 and \$391,222 in FY 2024-25, for a total of \$1,032,773. The funding source is the Transitional Housing Program-Plus Housing Supplement 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 Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, adopting Resolution No. 23-007, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TO AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE COUNTY ALLOCATION AWARD UNDER ROUND 4 OF THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM AND ROUND 1 OF THE HOUSING NAVIGATION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM; and, Resolution No. 23-008, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE COUNTY ALLOCATION AWARD UNDER THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM-PLUS HOUSING SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

6. SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FOR HOSPITAL AND SKILLED NURSING FACILITY COVID-19 WORKER RETENTION PAYMENT PROGRAM FUNDING, AND ISSUE PAYMENTS TO ELIGIBLE COUNTY EMPLOYEES (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors and the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) remain committed to investing in services, workforce, and the critical infrastructure necessary to meet the needs of vulnerable individuals with behavioral health conditions. In alignment with this commitment, County HHSA, Behavioral Health Services is pursuing opportunities to recruit and retain a skilled behavioral health workforce, which has been an ongoing challenge and notably difficult in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been adversely impactful within settings that provide 24-hour health care, including the San Diego County Psychiatric Hospital (SDCPH) and Edgemoor Distinct Part Skilled Nursing Facility (DPSNF). The SDCPH provides 24/7 acute inpatient psychiatric care and emergency psychiatric services, including psychiatric evaluation and crisis intervention treatment, to adults experiencing a mental health crisis to stabilize them and connect them to ongoing care. Edgemoor DPSNF provides 24/7 long-term skilled nursing care for individuals with complex medical needs. Both health care facilities are staffed and operated by highly skilled County employees who support clinical, medical, and administrative activities, and are essential in ensuring the delivery of quality behavioral health care to adults.

In an effort to stabilize and retain the existing health care workforce, the Department of Health Care Services is providing one-time Hospital and Skilled Nursing Facility COVID-19 Worker Retention Payments as a result of *Senate Bill-184 Health. Chapter 47*, signed by Governor Newsom on June 30, 2022, available to eligible staff and physicians that worked within qualifying 24-hour health care facilities, including acute psychiatric hospitals and skilled nursing facilities.

Today's recommended action will authorize the acceptance of the Hospital and Skilled Nursing Facility COVID-19 Worker Retention Payments funding on behalf of County eligible employees within SDCPH and Edgemoor DPSNF who were employed at least part-time during the qualifying work period of July 30, 2022, through October 28, 2022, and disburse the funds to eligible employees within 60 days of receipt of the funding from the State. Today's recommended action will also direct the Chief Administrative Officer to engage the appropriate employee organizations to complete the applicable meet and confer process. As the retention payments are fully funded by the State, no amendment to the Compensation Ordinance is necessary.

This item supports the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, by supporting critical health care workforce that provides essential behavioral health care to individuals 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 done by retaining the critical behavioral health workforce that supports the provision of quality care for underrepresented communities.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Authorize the County of San Diego (County) to accept approximately \$0.8 million of one-time Hospital and Skilled Nursing Facility COVID-19 Worker Retention Payment Program funding and authorize the administration of the disbursement of funding by issuance of one-time payments to County employees within the San Diego County Psychiatric Hospital and Edgemoor Distinct Part Skilled Nursing Facility who meet specified criteria, as outlined in the legislation.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to engage the appropriate employee organizations to complete the applicable meet and confer process.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The vision of the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Services (BHS) is to build a system in which mental health and substance use services are equitably and regionally distributed, and accessible to all individuals and families within the region who are in need, particularly those vulnerable and traditionally underserved populations. To accomplish this, the County needs a robust and skilled behavioral health workforce, however, there is currently a regional behavioral health worker shortage. According to the San Diego Workforce Partnership workforce report, there are currently 17,000 behavioral health professionals working in San Diego County - 8,000 less than are required to meet current needs. To meet the current and unmet behavioral health needs of the region it is crucial that the County prioritize actions which will retain and support the existing behavioral health workforce.

Today's actions will allow BHS to accept Hospital and Skilled Nursing Facility COVID-19 Worker Retention Payment Program funding from the State to support the preservation of existing workforce within critical facilities, including the San Diego County Psychiatric Hospital and Edgemoor Distinct Part Skilled Nursing Facility. These facilities provide critical behavioral health care to the most vulnerable adults across the region, including individuals who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, to reduce local health disparities.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's actions support the County of San Diego's (County) Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to County services and appropriate resource allocation with investments focused on chronically underserved communities and Sustainability Goal #4 to protect the health and wellbeing of everyone in the region. The one-time Hospital and Skilled Nursing Facility COVID-19 Worker Retention Payments will provide support to ensure that San Diego County retains a diverse and qualified behavioral health workforce in crucial facilities, including the San Diego County Psychiatric Hospital and Edgemoor Distinct Part Skilled Nursing Facility. These facilities serve individuals with chronic behavioral health conditions, who are historically underserved, and ensure the psychological health and well-being of their clients.

FISCAL IMPACT

Pursuant to the legislation, the County of San Diego is carrying out a State program by serving as a conduit between the State and eligible employees in the administration of the retention payments. Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-24 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs

and restricted, one-time revenues of approximately \$0.8 million in FY 2022-23, which will be covered by existing appropriations, to be directly distributed to employees who are eligible for the retention payments. The funding source is revenue from the Department of Health Care Services for the Hospital and Skilled Nursing Facility COVID-19 Worker Retention Payment Program. 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 Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

7. **SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FROM CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION FOR STRENGTHENING U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE AND WORKFORCE (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

The Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Systems grant is a groundbreaking investment that supports critical public health infrastructure needs of jurisdictions across the United States. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is awarding a total of \$33,336,020 of this funding to the County of San Diego (County), for the term of December 1, 2022, through November 30, 2027. This funding is intended to modernize public health jurisdictions to expand, improve, and strengthen public health services to better prepare and respond to future emergencies.

Today's request seeks the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to approve acceptance of the Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Systems grant funding and would authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to apply for additional funding opportunities to further develop and strengthen the public health workforce.

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 ensuring the local health department can continue to proficiently improve the health and well-being of San Diego County residents.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Authorize the acceptance of \$27,007,405 in grant funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the period of December 1, 2022, through November 30, 2027, for Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure and Workforce Strategy A1, and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to execute all required grant documents, upon receipt, including any annual extensions, amendments and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.
2. Authorize the acceptance of \$1,265,723 in grant funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, for the period of December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2023, and anticipated subsequent annual allocations of \$1,265,723 through November 30, 2027, for Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure and Workforce Strategy A2, and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to execute all required grant documents, upon receipt, including any annual extensions, amendments and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.
3. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency to apply for any additional funding opportunity announcements, if available, to further develop and strengthen the public health workforce and infrastructure.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the importance of a robust public health workforce to address historical and current health inequities and disparities. In 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated the 10 Essential Public Health Services framework, with 'equity' as the center. In 2021 the Council on Linkages updated the Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals to include a health equity skills domain. Additionally, in 2022 the Foundational Capabilities of Public Health were updated by the Public Health National Center for Innovations, and equity was underscored as a key component and foundational element of the capabilities. As such, County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services (PHS) intends to strengthen foundational capabilities through training, technical assistance, working group meetings, sharing of tools and resources as well as program and project-based efforts.

The health equity goal of the grant funding will support local equity advancements in the community, improve data and health literacy, and will provide access to participate in a national health equity working group to share best practices. PHS will host bi-monthly meetings of the Health Equity Working Group to provide technical assistance at operationalizing equity within the branches of PHS and undertake the Community Health Assessment and the Community Health Improvement Plans. In addition, PHS will expand the provision of forums and opportunities for direct access, conversation, and engagement with communities to identify and understand key health needs, gaps, and opportunities. Through the Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Systems grant PHS will have the opportunity to be part of a national consortium of experts on health equity with other local health departments and the CDC.

Acceptance of this grant funding allows for a more robust public health workforce to advance health equity, diversity, and inclusion in San Diego County. Grant funds will also assist the County's public health workforce to receive training in the ten essential services, foundational capabilities, and core competencies, including equity skills such as data literacy, health literacy, cultural responsiveness, and racial equity.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's actions support the County of San Diego's (County) Sustainability Goal #1 to collaborate with community partners and advocate for environmental justice for communities that have been disproportionately impacted by pandemics, such as COVID-19, by expanding the provision of forums and opportunities for direct access, conversation, and engagement with communities and populations to identify and understand key health needs, gaps, and opportunities. Additionally, today's actions support Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to services and Sustainability Goal #4 to protect health and wellbeing of everyone in the region by sustaining the capacity of County Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services to support the region during public health emergencies or infectious disease outbreaks.

FISCAL IMPACT

Recommendation 1: Authorize the Acceptance of U.S. Public Health Infrastructure and Workforce Strategy A1

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-24 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, today's actions will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$345,667 for Fiscal Year 2022-23, and estimated one-time costs and revenue of \$2,816,143 for Fiscal Year 2023-24. The total amount available through the grant agreement is \$27,007,405 through November 30, 2027. Fiscal Year 2022-23 will be covered by existing appropriations, and funds for subsequent years will be incorporated into future operational plans. The funding source is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Systems grant. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

Recommendation 2: Authorize the Acceptance of U.S. Public Health Infrastructure and Workforce Strategy A2

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-24 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, today's actions will result in ongoing costs and revenue of \$1,265,723 for Fiscal Year 2022-23, and costs and revenue of \$1,265,723 for Fiscal Year 2023-24. The total amount available through the grant agreement is \$6,328,615 through November 30, 2027. Fiscal Year 2022-23 will be covered by existing appropriations, and funds for subsequent years will be incorporated into future operational plans. The funding source is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Systems grant. 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 Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

8. **SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF STATE GENERAL FUND EXPANSION FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR THE BLACK INFANT HEALTH PROGRAM AND CALIFORNIA HOME VISITING PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZE RELATED PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACT AMENDMENT (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

Since 1998, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) has authorized agreements with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to accept a Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant allocations, including the Black Infant Health (BIH) Program. BIH funding supports State-mandated BIH activities designed to address disparities and promote the health and well-being of African-American mothers, infants, and families.

Additionally, since 2012, the Board has authorized agreements with CDPH to accept Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting funding for the California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) to implement the Nurse-Family Partnership home visiting model in the North Coastal and North Inland regions of San Diego County. CHVP funding supports home visiting services that promote maternal health and well-being and improve infant and child development. CHVP funds must be used to enhance established home visiting programs, implement new home visiting models, and/or develop special projects to shore up existing home visiting programs through hazard pay, adoption of supportive technology, or provider training. On October 25, 2022 (7), the Board approved contract and procurement activities to support an evidence-based public health nursing home visiting program. The 2022 Budget Act provides additional State General Fund expansion funding for the BIH Program and CHVP.

Today's action requests the Board to authorize acceptance of State General Fund Expansion allocations for the BIH Program and CHVP from CDPH. The BIH expansion allocation is through June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$856,350, and an anticipated subsequent annual expansion allocation of \$856,350 through June 30, 2026, for a cumulative total of \$3,425,400. Additionally, CHVP expansion is through June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$1,056,281, and an anticipated minimum subsequent annual allocation of State General Fund funding of \$2,185,366 through June 30, 2028 for a cumulative total of \$11,983,111. In addition, today's request, if approved, would authorize the Director of the Department of Purchasing and Contracting to amend contract 557159 with the Neighborhood House Association and approve a competitive solicitation for an initial term of one-year, with four option years, for BIH Program services. Lastly, authorization is requested to apply for any additional funds that might be used to provide preventive health care and early intervention and treatment programs for at-risk women, children, and families in San Diego County.

Today's actions support the County of San Diego'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 improving access to quality health care for mothers, infants, children, adolescents, and families.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Authorize the acceptance of \$3,425,400 from the California Department of Public Health, Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Division for Black Infant Health State General Fund Expansion from the date of agreement execution through June 30, 2026 and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency to execute all required agreement documents, upon receipt, including any annual extensions, amendments, or revisions that do not materially impact or alter the services 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 to amend contract No. 557159 with Neighborhood House Association for expanded Black Infant Health Program services through June 30, 2023, subject to the availability of funds; and to amend the contract as required to reflect changes to services and funding allocations, subject to the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.
3. In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to issue a competitive solicitation, for Black Infant Health Program services, and upon successful negotiation and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award contracts for an initial term of one year, with four option years and up to an additional six months if needed, and to amend the contracts as needed to reflect changes to services and funding.
4. Authorize the acceptance of \$11,983,111 from the California Department of Public Health, Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Division for California Home Visiting Program State General Fund Expansion from the date of agreement execution through June 30, 2028 and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency to execute all required agreement documents, upon receipt, including any annual extensions, amendments, or revisions that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.
5. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency to apply for any additional funding opportunity announcements, if available, to address preventive health care and early intervention and treatment programs for at-risk women, children, and families in San Diego County.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

An important indicator of overall population health is infant mortality, as it is a product of social well-being, rates of disease, access to healthcare, economic development, and general living conditions. Prematurity and low birthweight are among the leading causes of infant death and are also associated with illness and disability in survivors. National data for 2019 show that the African-American infant mortality rate was higher than that of other race/ethnic groups and has been about 1.5 to 2.5-fold higher than White rates since the 1950s even though the rates for both groups have considerably improved. Similarly, since 2000, San Diego County's African-American infant mortality rates have been about two to three times higher than White rates. Many factors are responsible for this gap, including upstream issues like institutional racism, class oppression, and gender discrimination, which have trickle down effects that influence social determinants of health such as job security, availability of healthy food, transportation, and quality education.

Achieving health equity requires addressing societal inequalities, historical and contemporary injustices, and healthcare disparities. In an effort to reduce perinatal morbidity and mortality among disadvantaged populations, the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services agency, Public Health Services' Maternal, Child, and Family Health Services Branch administers the Black Infant Health (BIH) Program and the California Home Visiting Program (CHVP). These programs work to address inequities in maternal and infant health outcomes and ensure access to quality prenatal and postpartum health care and community resources through individual, family, and group-based support. Both programs also host community advisory board meetings attended by stakeholders, providers, and community members with lived experience who offer guidance and insight into the needs of families served by the programs.

BIH provides culturally appropriate support services and resources to African-American women and their families in an effort to address health disparities and improve the birth outcomes noted above. BIH services include group sessions, client-centered support, and case management for BIH participants. BIH serves women throughout the county but targets 20 zip codes for outreach and recruitment, 11 of which are Health Equity Zip Codes.

CHVP provides evidence-based, in-home support to underserved families in the region with young children to improve access to critical health and social services. CHVP enrollment efforts are targeted towards communities experiencing the greatest need for support, including low-income families, military parents, immigrants and refugees, teen parents, and those with medical risk factors that might impede a healthy pregnancy.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's proposed actions support the County of San Diego's (County) Sustainability Goal #1 to engage the community; Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access; and Sustainability Goal #4 to protect the health and wellbeing of everyone in the region. This will be done by ensuring vulnerable populations in underserved communities are given access to resources provided by the Black Infant Health Program and California Home Visiting Program which promote the overall health and well-being of those disproportionately impacted. The County Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services will seek community input through the BIH Community Advisory Board and the Family Support Connection collaborative.

FISCAL IMPACT

Recommendations 1, 2, and 3: Authorize the acceptance of \$3,425,400 from the California Department of Public Health, Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Division for Black Infant Health State General Fund Expansion; Authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to amend contract No. 557159 with Neighborhood House Association; and Authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to issue a competitive solicitation, for Black Infant Health Program services

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-24 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). If approved, this request will result in estimated annual costs and revenue of \$856,350 in Fiscal Year 2022-23 through Fiscal Year 2025-26 for a total of \$3,425,400. HHSA will use existing appropriations for the \$856,350 in Fiscal Year 2022-23. Funds for subsequent years will be included in future Operational Plans. The funding source is the Black Infant Health State General Fund Expansion from the California Department of Public Health. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

Recommendation 4: Authorize the acceptance of \$11,983,111 from the California Department of Public Health, Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Division for California Home Visiting Program State General Fund Expansion

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-24 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of \$1,056,281 in Fiscal Year 2022-23 and estimated annual costs and revenue of \$2,185,366 in Fiscal Year 2023-24 through Fiscal Year 2027-28 for a total of \$11,983,111. HHSA will use existing appropriations for the \$1,056,281 in Fiscal Year 2022-23. Funds for subsequent years will be included in future Operational Plans. The funding source is the California Home Visiting Program State General Fund Expansion from the California Department of Public Health. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

Recommendation 5: Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency to apply for any additional funding opportunity announcements

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. 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 Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

9. SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT COMMUNITY CARE EXPANSION PRESERVATION PROGRAM OPERATING SUBSIDY PAYMENT FUNDS, AND AUTHORIZE NOTICES OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY AND COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENTS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

In an effort to support the well-being of those with behavioral health conditions, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) and the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) remain committed to investing in services to meet the needs of this vulnerable population. In alignment with this commitment, County HHS, Behavioral Health Services continues to pursue funding opportunities to enhance and expand access to critical mental health and substance use disorder prevention, engagement, and treatment services.

In 2021, State legislation authorized the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to establish the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) and award approximately \$2.1 billion to construct, acquire, and expand properties and invest in mobile crisis infrastructure related to behavioral health. Subsequently, the Community Care Expansion (CCE) program was established allocating \$805 million of the BHCIP funding for the acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation to preserve and expand adult and senior care facilities that serve Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) and Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) applicants, including those who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

On June 28, 2022 (4) the Board authorized the acceptance of \$12,456,386 of one-time CCE Preservation Program funding to support the preservation of licensed residential adult and senior care facilities. Additionally, the Board authorized the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee to develop and submit the Implementation Plans for the CCE Preservation Program for the Operating Subsidies Payment and Capital Projects funds to California Department of Social Services. The allocation included \$3,346,842 in Operating Subsidy Payment (OSP) funding to subsidize existing licensed residential adult and senior care facilities to avoid closure due to potential or projected operating deficits. It also allocated \$9,109,544 for Capital Projects to make physical repairs or upgrades that support facility compliance with licensing standards to avoid closure. A 10 percent local match, equivalent to \$910,954, was required to utilize CP funds.

On December 14, 2022, the DHCS notified counties that an additional one-time funding totaling \$55 million was available through noncompetitive allocations for OSP funding within the CCE Preservation Funds, with an additional \$3,382,447 allocated to San Diego County. If awarded, this will bring the total allocation of CCE OSP funds to \$6,729,289 and the total allocation of CCE Preservation Program funds to \$15,838,833.

Approval of today's recommended actions will authorize the acceptance of additional one-time CCE Preservation Program OSP funding. Additionally, today's actions will also authorize Notices of Funding Availability and competitive procurements for CCE Preservation Program funding for licensed residential adult and senior care facilities facing possible closure, to subsidize operating costs and projected operating deficits, as well as for physical repairs or upgrades that support facility compliance with licensing standards.

This item 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 providing inclusive services that yield better outcomes and opportunities for underrepresented communities. Additionally, CCE Preservation Program funding supports the sustainability component of the County's Framework for Ending Homelessness by maintaining housing stability through financial investments to preserve existing adult and senior care SSI/SSP and CAPI applicants, including those who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Authorize the acceptance of \$3,382,447 of one-time Community Care Expansion (CCE) Preservation Program Operational Subsidy Payment funding and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee to execute all required documents, upon receipt, including any annual extensions, amendments, or revisions that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.
2. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) or designee, to issue Notices of Funding Availability to existing licensed adult and senior care facilities that meet the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) CCE Preservation Program funding criteria and County of San Diego HHSA, Behavioral Health Services prioritization criteria, for operating subsidies and projected operating deficits and for physical repairs and upgrades, publish notices, determine eligibility, execute agreements, and amend agreements as needed, to reflect changes to services and funding, execute certification forms, prepare and execute all necessary documents for the submittal, regulatory processing, and implementation, and take any other actions necessary as required by CDSS for CCE Preservation Program funding, as applicable.
3. In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to issue competitive solicitations for licensed adult and senior care facilities that meet the CDSS CCE Preservation Program funding criteria and the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Services prioritization criteria, for operating subsidies and projected operating deficits and for physical repairs and upgrades, and upon successful negotiations, and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award contracts, and, if needed, to amend contracts as required to reflect changes to services and funding or services requirements, subject to the availability of funds and the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The vision of the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Services (BHS) is to build a system in which mental health and substance use services are equitably and regionally distributed, and accessible to all individuals and families within the region who are in need. In pursuit of this goal BHS is committed to pursuing funding sources which will support the provision of services to vulnerable and underserved populations.

Today's actions will allow BHS to accept new funding to support the preservation of existing services and infrastructure, including licensed residential adult and senior care facilities that serve low-income individuals who receive Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payments and Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants, and support individuals who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Additionally, today's actions will also authorize Notices of Funding Availability and competitive procurements for Community Care Expansion (CCE) Preservation Program funding.

The CCE Preservation funding will bolster support to address the statewide shortfall of adult and senior care facilities that meet the unique needs of low-income seniors and individuals experiencing homelessness with behavioral health needs, ensuring that an already vulnerable population receives the care and support they need, further contributing to reductions in local health disparities.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Community Care Expansion (CCE) Preservation Program funding supports the County of San Diego's (County) Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to County services with investments focused on chronically underserved communities, by supporting programs including licensed residential adult and senior care facilities that serve low-income individuals who receive Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payments and Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants, and supporting individuals who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Additionally, this item supports Sustainability Goal #4 to protect the health and well-being of everyone in the San Diego County region. The CCE Preservation Program funding will address the shortfall of adult and senior care facilities that meet the unique health needs of low-income seniors and individuals experiencing homelessness with behavioral health needs, contributing to the overall health and well-being of San Diego County residents.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-24 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will have no change in costs and revenues in FY 2022-23 and will result in estimated total costs and revenues of approximately \$16.7 million in FY 2023-24 through FY 2026-27, which includes funding for Operational Subsidy Payments and Capital Projects. The new estimated total of \$16.7 million includes \$3.4 million based on Recommendation 1, \$12.5 million previously authorized in June 28, 2022 (4), and \$0.9 million required for the 10 percent local match for the \$9.1 million CCE Capital Project funding. Today's recommendations address the new total project cost as detailed above and the related contractual actions necessary to fully implement. The funding sources are State General Fund and State Fiscal Recovery Funds established by the American Rescue Plan Act, which have since been replaced, in full, by State General Funds (\$15.8 million) and Realignment (\$0.9 million). Funding for this request will be included in future Operational Plans upon approval by the California Department of Social Services of the Community Care Expansion Preservation Implementation plan, and the receipt of the final award. 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 Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

10. SUBJECT: COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANTS (DISTRICT: 1)

OVERVIEW

The County of San Diego is fortunate to have an opportunity to reinvest taxpayer money into our communities for the benefit of the public. This action will assist the County in meeting the needs of the community.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHAIR NORA VARGAS

1. Allocate \$30,600 from the Community Enhancement American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) budget (Org 12905) to A Reason to Survive to provide funds towards salary support for staff, honorariums to contracted artists and performers, rental of lights, audio-video equipment for the main stage, marketing materials and outreach efforts, and purchasing art supplies and materials to conduct community workshops, and construction costs for Dia de los Muertos festival elements. These funds will help serve youth and families from low-income and minority communities in National City and throughout South Bay San Diego who have historically faced challenges. The funds are needed to help address work that has been deferred or left unfunded because of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the organization when events were cancelled and public gatherings limited.
2. Allocate \$20,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to The Bonita Historical Society to help fund salary support for a director position to oversee organization and activities for the museum and basic maintenance of the Public Safety Center.
3. Allocate \$25,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Metropolitan Area Advisory Committee on Anti-Poverty of San Diego County, Inc. d.b.a. MAAC Project to help fund the production costs of a documentary about the book "We Made San Diego" by Maria Garcia, to fund the marketing costs and provide community presentations and discussions about the documentary, and to fund presentations of the documentary at various high schools throughout San Diego County.
4. Allocate \$75,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to The Neighborhood House Association to fund salary for personnel and food costs for nutrition services and meals for children and seniors in need.
5. Allocate \$50,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15650) to The Neighborhood House Association to purchase furniture for their training programs including small wares, cooking equipment, and IT equipment.

6. Allocate \$50,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15650) to San Diego Blood Bank towards the purchase of a Bloodmobile to benefit patients in need.
7. Find that all the grants serve a public purpose and that the grant awarded using ARPA funds is necessary to address an impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the funded organization.
8. Authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Chief Financial Officer to enter into agreements and make minor amendments to agreements that do not change the purpose or amount of the grant to organizations awarded funds.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

We recognize the systemic impacts that inequitable policies may create for residents in San Diego County. Find that these proposed allocations of funds are intended to improve the quality of life throughout the County by providing funds for non-profits and local agencies whose work addresses inequities, promotes quality of life and improves outcomes that align with the vision of our county. Organizations and agencies were chosen based on their location or the demographics they serve with a focus on organizations and agencies that focus on vulnerable community members, youth and seniors, and other inclusive community events. The organizations that were chosen work to promote a sense of belonging and utilize equity in their operations, outreach, and programs. Their supporting documents were reviewed as well as impact reports and community testimony.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for these grant requests are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operational Plan for the Community Enhancement American Rescue Plan Act budget (Org 12905), Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) and Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15650). The fiscal impact of these recommendations is \$30,600 from the Community Enhancement American Rescue Plan Act budget (Org 12905), \$120,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) and \$100,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15650) totaling \$250,600. The funding sources are American Rescue Plan Act, Transient Occupancy Tax Revenue, and General-Purpose Revenue. 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 Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

11. SUBJECT: COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM, NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANTS AND CEQA EXEMPTIONS (DISTRICT: 2)

OVERVIEW

The County of San Diego is fortunate to have an opportunity to reinvest taxpayer money into our communities for the benefit of the public. This action will assist the County in meeting the needs of the community.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON

1. Allocate \$11,850 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Backcountry Communities Thriving to fund the operation and programs at the Backcountry Resource Center, a service center open to all residents of San Diego's backcountry, including rent, utilities, food distribution to backcountry residents and seniors with mobility issues, and the implementation of a computer workstation to give underserved residents access to online forms and services.
2. Allocate \$10,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) for preliminary planning and conceptual design of the San Diego Regional Firefighter Memorial.
3. Allocate \$7,505 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the East County Performing Arts Association for the promotion and production of performing arts productions in Julian, CA that are open to the public.
4. Allocate \$3,950 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Enthral, Inc. to cover the expenses associated with the Julian Farmers Market, including advertising, permit fees, equipment, and payroll.
5. Allocate \$2,500 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the Foundation for Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges for the purchase of a state-of-the-art fryer to align the Grossmont College Culinary Arts Laboratory with industry standards.
6. Allocate \$7,031 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the Julian Arts Guild for the public art shows and workshops, as well as operating expenses for the Julian Arts Guild Art Gallery located in Julian, CA.
7. Allocate \$15,800 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the Julian Community Heritage Foundation to fund Phase 1 of the development of the Julian Town Square on Main Street in Julian, CA, including installation of conduit and piping for electricity and water to the site.
8. Allocate \$15,800 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the Julian Historical Society for historic preservation, restoration, and archiving projects, including museum interior rehabilitation (plumbing maintenance, security systems enhancement, interior lighting improvements, repairing ventilation system, reinforcing

garage door, and creating interior Historical Tool and Vehicle Maintenance display), Washington Mine stabilization (vegetation management as required by County Fire Authority, addition of security fencing and gates around property and exhibits, improving pedestrian access with compacted gravel, and the purchase of a bench seating area for program presentations), enhanced speaker and docent programs, website redevelopment, historic vehicle modification and restoration, completion of historical vehicle and tool display area, enhanced QR Code tour program, JHS Town KIOSK and content rehabilitation, and costs to comply with COVID-19 reopening/ operating requirements.

9. Allocate \$29,230 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the Julian Merchants Association for the promotion and production of Julian community events, including the purchase of a new artificial Christmas tree for the Annual Julian Christmas Tree Lighting in Pioneer Park.
10. Allocate \$9,480 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the Julian Pioneer Museum Charitable Trust for restoration of Foos engine, gold stamp mill and ball mill in Julian, CA, as well as costs associated with archiving, educational programs, and the development of a public research station for viewing historic photographs and documents.
11. Allocate \$25,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the Ramona Valley Vineyard Association, Inc. to fund agritourism marketing, education, and events as well as the installation of wayfinding signage that promotes economic growth and tourism in the community of Ramona.
12. Allocate \$13,193 from the Community Enhancement ARPA budget (Org 12905) to San Diego Folk Heritage for the annual Julian Fiddle Camp, which promotes tourism and economic growth for the community of Julian, while providing a safe, outdoors event to foster community and connection. In recent years, the JFFC was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which damaged fundraising efforts to support the ongoing production of the event. Funding is aimed at addressing this impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the organization.
13. Allocate \$2,500 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15655) to Upcountry, Inc. for the replacement of equipment used by underserved youth in after-school snorkeling and mountain biking programs open to all regardless of religious affiliation.
14. Allocate \$73,126 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15655) to the Julian Chamber of Commerce for structural and safety renovations of the historic Julian Town Hall located at 2129 Main Street, Julian, California, 92036. These renovations include replacing rotted wood supports under the front porch, replacing wood siding and insulation, water damage remediation, and replacement of inside flooring, upgrading lighting to increase energy efficiency, and installation of steel doors, steel frames on the public restrooms.

15. Allocate \$100,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15655) to Junior Achievement of San Diego County, Inc. for the replacement and modernization of their facility's elevator system, which will serve mobility-impaired students, staff, and volunteers, at 4756 Mission Gorge Place, San Diego, CA 92120.
16. Allocate \$20,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15655) to Noah Homes Inc. to fund the material costs of Phase 5 of the Noah Homes Enchanted Village located at 12526 Campo Road, Spring Valley, CA 91978. Funds will be used to replace and update inventory of holiday lights and electrical display, build larger decorations that will create more photo opportunities for the community and increase safety protocols for guests including the installation of walkway lights, security cameras, and security equipment.
17. Allocate \$50,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15655) to the Ramona Unified School District to replace bleachers and the scoreboard at Ramona High School's football field.
18. Allocate \$5,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15655) to San Diego Mountain Biking Association for trail improvements in Mount Laguna and Sycamore Canyon/Goodan Ranch, including fill soil, lumber, and tools to be used in tread work to control trail erosion and improve user experience.
19. Allocate \$5,135 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15655) to the Volcan Mountain Foundation to conduct concrete repairs to the driveway entrance to the Volcan Mountain Nature Center and Education Center.
20. Find that the grants have a public purpose and that the grant made using American Rescue Plan Act funds are necessary to address an adverse impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the organization receiving funds.
21. Authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Chief Financial Officer to execute grant agreements or amendments to agreements with the organizations awarded grants establishing terms for receipt of the funds described above and to make minor amendments to the agreements that are consistent with the general purpose of the grants but do not increase the grants.
22. Find that the allocations to Julian Community Heritage Foundation, Julian Historical Society, Ramona Valley Vineyard Association, Inc., the Julian Pioneer Museum Charitable Trust, the Julian Chamber of Commerce, Junior Achievement San Diego, Noah Homes Inc., the Ramona Unified School District, the San Diego Mountain Biking Association, and the Volcan Mountain Foundation are exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

We recognize that the systemic impacts that inequitable policies may create for residents in San Diego County. Find that these proposed allocations of funds are intended to improve the quality of life throughout the County by providing funds for nonprofits whose work addresses inequities, promotes a better quality of life and improves outcomes that align with the vision of our county. Organizations were chosen based on their location or the demographics they serve with a focus on organizations that serve vulnerable community members, youth events and inclusive community events. The organizations that were chosen work to promote a sense of belonging and utilize equity in their operations, outreach and programs. Their supporting documents were reviewed as well as impact reports and community testimony

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The investment of these grant funds into the specified community organizations and non-profits will promote the financial sustainability and economic viability of San Diego County communities for generations to come.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for the grant allocations are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operational Plan for the Community Enhancement budget (Org 12900), Community Enhancement American Rescue Plan Act budget (Org 12905), and Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (Org 15655). The fiscal impact of these recommendations is \$138,146 from the Community Enhancement budget (Org 12900), \$13,193 from the Community Enhancement American Rescue Plan Act budget (Org 12905), and \$255,761 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15655) totaling \$422,500. The funding sources are Transient Occupancy Tax, American Rescue Plan Act grants, and General-Purpose Revenue. 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 Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

12. 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)

SUPERVISOR NATHAN FLETCHER

Appoint Felicia Shaw to the ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION, Seat No. 7 for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

Appoint Bob Lehman to the ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION, Seat No. 8 for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

Re-appoint Marcia Nordstrom as a regular member to the ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD 1, Seat No. 4 for a term to expire September 2, 2024.

Waive Board Policy A-74, "Citizen Participation in County Boards, Commissions and Committees", and re-appoint Timothy J. Cassidy as a regular member to the ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD 2, Seat No. 4 for a term to expire September 2, 2024.

Reappoint Jack Harkins to the SAN DIEGO MILITARY AND VETERANS COUNCIL, Seat No. 4 for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

Re-appoint Jan Spencley to the SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD, Seat No. 7 for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

Appoint Daniela Solano Murphy to the SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD, Seat No. 8 for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

Waive Board Policy A-74, "Citizen Participation in County Boards, Commissions and Committees", and re-appoint Michel Anderson to the SAN DIEGO COUNTY CAPITAL ASSET LEASING CORP (SANCAL), Seat No. 4 for a term to expire January 4, 2027

SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND

Waive Board Policy A-74, "Citizen Participation in County Boards, Commissions and Committees," and re-appoint David Duffer to the FALLBROOK AIRPARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Seat No. 1 for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

Waive Board Policy A-74, "Citizen Participation in County Boards, Commissions and Committees," and re-appoint Thomas S. Wilson to the FALLBROOK AIRPARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Seat No. 2 for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

Waive Board Policy A-74, "Citizen Participation in County Boards, Commissions and Committees," and re-appoint Robert Hume to the FALLBROOK AIRPARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Seat No. 3 for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

Waive Board Policy A-74, "Citizen Participation in County Boards, Commissions and Committees", and re-appoint Ken Kalbfell to the FALLBROOK AIRPARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Seat No. 4 for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

Re-appoint Philip Delaney to the FALLBROOK AIRPARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Seat No. 5 for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

Appoint James Gilliam to the ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION, Seat No. 10 for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

Waive Board Policy A-74, "Citizen Participation in County Boards, Commissions and Committees," and re-appoint Buck Martin to the SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD, Seat No. 9 for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

Re-appoint Philip Thalheimer to the SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD, Seat No. 10 for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

Waive Board Policy A-74, "Citizen Participation in County Boards, Commissions and Committees," and re-appoint John Todd to the SAN DIEGO COUNTY CAPITAL ASSET LEASING CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS (SANCAL), Seat No. 5 for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Appoint Cheryl Converse-Rath to the COUNTY'S PAST GRAND JURORS ASSOCIATION IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE, Seat No. 6 for a term to expire December 31, 2024.

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:

Noting for the record that an Errata was submitted removing the recommendation to re-appoint Jacqueline Simon to the ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR AGING AND INDEPENDENCE SERVICES; ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

13. 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 Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

14. SUBJECT: ANNUAL REPORT ON GUN VIOLENCE AND UPDATE ON REGIONAL GUN VIOLENCE COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

On January 11, 2022 (13), the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the introduction of an ordinance related to non-serialized firearms, non-serialized unfinished firearm frames and receivers and safe storage of firearms and directed the Chief Administrative Officer to present an annual report on gun violence in San Diego County, with a section pertaining to ghost guns. On January 25, 2022 (4), the ordinance was adopted by the Board officially prohibiting possessing,

purchasing, selling, offering to sell, transferring, offering to transfer, receiving and transporting non-serialized unfinished frames and receivers and non-serialized firearms, including those created by 3D printing, within San Diego County. The ordinance also requires safe storage of firearms within a residence or accessory structure, unless those firearms are within the immediate control of an authorized person.

The annual gun violence report provided today includes information on the number of privately made, non-serialized firearms, commonly referred to as ghost guns, recovered by the San Diego Sheriff's Department as well as information on firearm deaths, including homicides and suicides, from the San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office. Additional information on gun violence will be provided as part of a report at the conclusion of the regional gun violence community needs assessment project, which was approved by the Board of Supervisors on April 5, 2022 (16). This report, detailing the scope, complexity, and impact of gun violence in our communities, will be available in late spring/early summer 2023.

Today's requested actions are for the Board to receive an annual report on gun violence in San Diego County and to receive an update on the regional gun violence community needs assessment project.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Receive annual report on gun violence in San Diego County.
2. Receive an update on the regional gun violence community needs assessment project.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Each year, there are more than 45,000 firearm-related deaths in the United States and over one hundred thousand non-fatal firearm-related injuries. Nationally, firearm homicide rates are highest among male Black/African American and Hispanic/Latino young adults ages 15-34. And national suicide data shows firearm suicide rates are highest among non-Hispanic white adults 75 years of age and older. The purpose of the gun violence community needs assessment is to facilitate a better understanding of the impact gun violence is having on our local communities and to work in partnership with our communities to identify programs, services and resources that are most needed to reduce gun violence. By focusing programs, services and practices on the places and people experiencing the greatest burden of violence and underlying conditions that contribute to risk, the strategy is to have both an immediate impact on preventing violence and establish long-term solutions.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The gun violence needs assessment project seeks to meaningfully engage residents, including those experiencing the greatest burden of violence and underlying conditions that contribute to risk, to identify community-centered approaches to reduce gun violence in our region. Extensive community engagement through listening sessions, surveys, forums, and the integration of an Advisory Group comprised of individuals who actively work on gun violence related issues, is a major component of the project. By partnering with community members to identify challenges and opportunities to reduce gun violence, we hope to improve the health and well-being of neighborhoods and residents.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with the requested actions. There is no change to the 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, Fletcher, Desmond

15. SUBJECT: RECEIVE UPDATE REGARDING THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

As seen nationwide, community transmission of the COVID-19 virus is occurring locally. As a leader in infectious disease control within California and across the United States, the preparation for and response to communicable disease events, outbreaks, and emerging infectious disease threats remain high priorities for the County of San Diego (County). The County continues to make significant, ongoing efforts to address the COVID-19 pandemic. Today's action recommends the Board receive an update on the County's local COVID-19 response.

This item 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 protecting the health of residents against the COVID-19 pandemic.

RECOMMENDATION(S)**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Receive update regarding the COVID-19 emergency response.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

In order to support the most vulnerable, an equity lens and risk-based approach was used to prioritize, when appropriate, the distribution of COVID-19 response and recovery-related federal, State, and local funding and resources. This was based on a data-driven approach, identifying communities that have the highest need for support in relation to the number of positive COVID-19 cases.

Through press conferences and presentations at the San Diego County Board of Supervisors meetings, the County of San Diego (County) has been able to disseminate critical information about the efforts being done to address and combat the COVID-19 pandemic to a wide audience, as well as providing a forum to receive public comment. Helping people make the best-informed decisions to protect their health and the health of their community requires providing key health promotion and harm reduction and prevention information to the public and working with partners and trusted messengers to ensure information reaches affected communities. In order to continue the County's commitment to transparency and open government and to remove traditional barriers to access and participation in government affairs, today's actions provide the mechanism to present updates on the current COVID-19 response efforts that have an impact on the lives of Black, Indigenous, people of color, women, people with disabilities, immigrants, youth, the LGBTQ+ community, and the economically disadvantaged.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed actions align with the County of San Diego Sustainability Goals, including engaging the community and protecting health and wellbeing. Implementation of the proposed actions will provide an opportunity to engage the community by transparently sharing any results of the pandemic and outbreak responses and/or outcomes and to protect the health and wellbeing of the residents of San Diego County.

FISCAL IMPACT

It is estimated that through the end of Fiscal Year (FY) ending June 30, 2022, the County of San Diego (County) has spent over one billion dollars on overall COVID-19 response costs, excluding federally dedicated program funds for programs such as rental assistance and nutrition services. Funding sources include Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), County General Fund Balance, Realignment, and program revenues available for response efforts. In FY 2022-23, the County will rely on ARPA funding, as well as FEMA, other stimulus funds, program revenues, Realignment, and County General Fund Balance to cover response costs as needed. The County will continue to pursue other federal and State stimulus revenue and funding sources as made available.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

This action will help support individuals, families, and small businesses impacted by COVID-19 by ensuring the most up to date information as well as critical testing and treatment services are provided.

ACTION:

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

16. **SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO SET RATES FOR THE VOTER APPROVED CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX (1/24/2023 - FIRST READING; 2/28/2023 - SECOND READING, UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

On January 27, 2021 (4), the Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to explore the implementation of a commercial cannabis ordinance, regulations, and programs with a social equity component for the unincorporated area, including the development and implementation of a commercial cannabis taxation program. Relating to the commercial cannabis taxation program, County of San Diego (County) staff returned to the Board on May 10, 2022 (20), with a draft cannabis business tax ordinance and fiscal revenue analysis developed in conjunction with HdL Companies (HdL), the County's cannabis taxation program consultant.

Then, on June 14, 2022 (21), and June 28, 2022 (27), the Board took various actions necessary to place the cannabis business tax measure on the ballot for voter consideration during the consolidated general election on November 8, 2022. In addition to taking these actions, the Board directed the CAO to return to the Board to establish the actual tax rates should the measure be approved by the voters.

The Registrar of Voters certified the November 8, 2022, consolidated general election on December 8, 2022. The County's Cannabis Business Tax (Measure A) required a majority vote (50% plus one) to pass. Measure A passed with a final result of 57.45% of voters voting in favor of the measure.

Today's recommendation is for the Board to approve the introduction of an ordinance (first reading) setting the initial tax rates for the Cannabis Business Tax. If the Board takes action as recommended, then on February 28, 2023, staff recommends the Board adopt the Ordinance (second reading). If the proposed ordinance is altered on February 28, 2023, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance's adoption.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

On January 24, 2023:

1. Consider and determine the methodology that should be used for taxation of cultivation businesses, as reflected in two alternative draft ordinances (Attachments A and B).
 - a. Percentage of Gross Receipts (Attachment A, on file with the Clerk of the Board)
- OR
- b. Square Footage (Attachment B, on file with the Clerk of the Board)
2. Approve the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading), read title, and waive further reading of the Ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF
REGULATORY ORDINANCES, TITLE 2, DIVISION 2, CHAPTER 4, RELATING
TO SETTING INITIAL RATES FOR THE CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX.**

If, on January 24, 2023, the Board takes the action recommended in Item 2 above, then, on February 28, 2023:

Consider and adopt the Ordinance (second reading) entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF
REGULATORY ORDINANCES, TITLE 2, DIVISION 2, CHAPTER 4, RELATING TO
SETTING INITIAL RATES FOR THE CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX.**

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

A disproportionate number of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) individuals remain incarcerated for the past criminalization of cannabis. As cannabis is legalized and permitted in the unincorporated area of San Diego County, the Board saw the need to create a Socially Equitable Cannabis Program to help guide the County's approach to this new potential revenue. On January 27, 2021 (4), the Board directed the CAO to develop a Socially Equitable Cannabis Program (Program) to include Zoning Ordinance and Regulatory Code amendments that allow for a variety of commercial cannabis uses, and a Social Equity Program to prioritize equity, access, and business opportunities to help rectify the injustices caused by the War on Drugs.

Specific to a cannabis taxation program, County staff and consultants engaged in three community outreach sessions where information was made available about cannabis history, market demand for cannabis, revenue generating strategies, future trends in cannabis, general tax ordinance structure and rates, and cannabis tax issues. Participants were given the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments about the topics discussed. Social equity considerations were a common theme in the feedback received, with comments including concerns that too high or too many taxes could be cost prohibitive for social equity businesses, suggestions to invest future tax revenues into social equity businesses or communities most impacted by the past criminalization of cannabis, and a sentiment that addressing historic and current inequities, not generating revenue, should guide the development of the tax ordinance.

The Office of Equity and Racial Justice (OERJ) will bring forward additional items to the Board relating to the Socially Equitable Cannabis Program at a later date.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Cannabis Business Tax was approved by the voters on November 8, 2022. Elections are the cornerstone of public participation in governmental decision making, which aligns with Goals #1 and #2 of the County of San Diego Sustainability Goals. Goal #1 is to engage the community in meaningful ways - today's action is the culmination of many months of community engagement and public hearings related to the Cannabis Business Tax and is itself another opportunity for the community to participate in the decision-making process. Goal #2 is to provide just and equitable access to County services, policy decision-making, and resource allocation in support of sustainable communities. Sustainability includes four lenses (Social, Economic, Environmental, and Health & Wellbeing). The Cannabis Business Tax, being a general tax for the purpose of funding general governmental activities, can directly impact each of these areas of sustainability as funding is generated and allocated through the regular Operational Plan process.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are partially included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operational Plan in the Treasurer - Tax Collector and Auditor & Controller departments. Additional costs will be incurred to administer the cannabis tax, including a net General Fund cost of \$323,311 and 2.50 additional staff years. In addition, the Chief Administrative Officer, Land Use and Environment Group and the Office of Equity and Racial Justice are working to identify staff resources needed for the establishment of an office that provides management and administration of activities leading towards the development and implementation of the County's Socially Equitable Cannabis Program. It is anticipated that specific recommendations and fiscal impacts will be presented to the Board during the budget process.

If these actions are approved, according to HdL, the future annual estimate of the cannabis taxation program revenue at the rates that are proposed within this ordinance is \$2,930,000. This revenue projection depends on a variety of factors, including an increased concentration of retailers, market influences on the price of cannabis products as well as future policy and land use decisions by the Board, and it should not be assumed that these revenues will materialize within the first several years of the effective date of the tax rates. Using the current market as a basis, the initial revenue that may be generated through this action in Fiscal Year 2023-24 is approximately \$375,000. As the Cannabis Business Tax is a general tax, all tax proceeds will be placed into the General Fund for use at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors during the annual Operational Plan process.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

As of October 2021, the Board adopted ordinance amendments to allow the five existing cannabis dispensaries that were in operation in the unincorporated area prior to the County's 2017 prohibition on new medical facilities to continue operations and sell commercial medicinal and adult-use cannabis. Currently, no new dispensaries or other cannabis operations are permitted under the existing ordinances. The Land Use and Environment Group (LUEG) will bring forward additional items to the Board that would allow additional cannabis operations in the unincorporated area at a later date.

Cannabis businesses support a wide variety of other businesses that are not a part of the cannabis supply chain. Cultivators support garden supply stores, greenhouse manufacturers, irrigation suppliers, soil manufacturers, and a wide variety of contractors, including building and construction, lighting and electrical, HVAC, permitting, and engineering. Manufacturers support many of these same businesses, plus specialized tooling and equipment manufacturers, and product suppliers for hardware, packaging, and labeling. All these businesses support, and are supported by, a host of ancillary businesses, such as bookkeepers, accountants, tax preparers, parcel services, marketing and advertising agencies, personnel services, attorneys, mechanics, facilities maintenance, security services, and others. The cannabis business entrepreneur profits and the salaries paid to employees will move into the local economy, support stores, restaurants, car dealerships, contractors, home sales, and other businesses.

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Fletcher, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions:

1. Considered and determined the methodology to be used for taxation of cultivation businesses will be based on Square Footage (Attachment B, on file with the Clerk of the Board), amending the tax rates under Section 22.405.1, 3. Retail, to be 2% instead of 4%, in the proposed ordinance.
2. Approved the introduction of the amended Ordinance (first reading), read title, and waive further reading of the Ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES, TITLE 2, DIVISION 2, CHAPTER 4, RELATING TO SETTING INITIAL RATES FOR THE CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX; and, took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on February 28, 2023.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher

NOES: Desmond

17. SUBJECT: CLOSED SESSION (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
Veterinary Medical Board Complaint re: Cassie Hamilton, DVM;
Case No. 4602020000047
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
Zachary A. Davina v. County of San Diego; San Diego Superior Court,
Case No. 37-2021-00011690-CU-WT-CTL
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
Michelle L. Reynoso v. County of San Diego; San Diego Superior Court,

Case No. 37-2021-00016995-CU-WT-CTL
- D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
William Carr v. County of San Diego; United States District Court,
Southern District No. 3:19-cv-1139-JLS-MDD
- E. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
D.W., a minor, et al. v. County of San Diego, et al.; San Diego Superior Court,
Case No. 37-2019-00029602-CU-PO-NC

- F. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
Frankie Greer v. County of San Diego, et al.; United States District Court,
Southern District No. 3:19-CV-378-GPC-AGS
- G. 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)
- H. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
Live Oak Holding LLC v. County of San Diego; San Diego Superior Court,
Case No. 37-2012-00069568-CU-NP-EC
- I. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code section 54957.6)
Designated Representatives: Susan Brazeau, Brad Rankin
Employee Organizations: Deputy Sheriffs Association, Supervising Probation
Officers Association, Probation Officers Association, District Attorney
Investigators Association,
- J. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
(Government Code section 54957)
Title: Chief Administrative Officer

ACTION:

County Counsel reported that for Closed Session on January 24, 2023, the Board of Supervisors took the following action:

On Item 17F, Frankie Greer v. County of San Diego, with all five Board members voting "AYE," the Board ratified County Counsel's decision to file an interlocutory appeal of the district court's summary judgment ruling.

18. SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

Luis Marquez spoke to the Board regarding the janitorial strike at the County Administration Center.

Irma Torres spoke to the Board regarding the janitorial strike at the County Administration Center.

Sofia Martinez spoke to the Board regarding the janitorial strike at the County Administration Center.

Yolanda Rodriguez spoke to the Board regarding the janitorial strike at the County Administration Center.

Alejandra Hidalgo spoke to the Board regarding the janitorial strike at the County Administration Center.

Kevin Stevenson spoke to the Board regarding SANDAG and the need for improved public transportation.

Terri-Ann Skelly spoke to the Board regarding the negative impacts of tobacco products and secondhand smoke.

Alan Curry spoke to the Board regarding transportation taxes.

Peggy Walker spoke to the Board regarding the negative impacts of marijuana edible products on elderly individuals.

Mark Wilcox spoke to the Board regarding the negative health impacts of vaping.

Esthela Garza spoke to the Board regarding salaries for In-Home Supportive Services workers.

Oliver Twist requested to have a split screen of Supervisors and public speakers, requested keeping an attendance record for Supervisors, spoke about not supporting transportation taxes.

Mike Borrello spoke to the Board regarding the recent SANDAG meeting and Brown Act violations by the City of Carlsbad.

Editha Adams spoke to the Board regarding salaries for In-Home Supportive Services workers.

Brigitte Browning spoke to the Board regarding salaries for In-Home Supportive Services workers.

Consuelo spoke to the Board regarding leadership, the government, and freedom.

Paul Henkin spoke to the Board regarding SANDAG's priorities.

Audra spoke to the Board regarding the Holocaust and safety for young girls and women.

Kelly McCormick spoke to the Board regarding the negative impacts of marijuana advertising.

Truth spoke to the Board regarding the World Economic Forum.

Becky Rapp spoke to the Board regarding gun violence and mental health.

ACTION:

Heard, Referred to the Chief Administrative Officer.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 5:27 p.m. in memory of Maurice Edward Lawyer, Jack Dorsee, and Paula Casillas.

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 7, 2023.



NORA VARGAS
Chair

Attest:



ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board

01/24/2023