



**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS

***THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS***

January 27, 2026

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COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026, 3:00 PM AND WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026, 9:00 AM
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER,
BOARD CHAMBER, ROOM 310
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

BUDGET WORKSHOP AND
COMMUNITY INPUT ON BUDGET PRIORITIES
3:00 P.M.

Order Of Business

- A. REGULAR SESSION: Meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisors Terra Lawson-Remer, Chair; Monica Montgomery Steppe, Vice-Chair; Paloma Aguirre, Chair Pro Tem; Jim Desmond; also, Andrew Potter, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

ABSENT: Supervisor Joel Anderson
- B. Invocation was led by Fr. Joseph Tabigue.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chris Pierce.
- D. Non-Agenda Public Communication: Individuals can address the Board on topics within its jurisdiction that are not on the agenda. According to the Board's Rules of Procedure, each person may speak at only one Non-Agenda Public Communication session per meeting. Speakers can choose to speak during either the General Legislative or Land Use Legislative Session.
- E. Recess to Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 9:00 AM for the Land Use Legislative Session

Board of Supervisors' Agenda Items

Category	#	Subject
Financial and General Government	1.	BUDGET WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS PROCESS AND RECEIVE COMMUNITY INPUT ON BUDGET PRIORITIES
	2.	NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

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1. **SUBJECT: BUDGET WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS PROCESS AND RECEIVE COMMUNITY INPUT ON BUDGET PRIORITIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

The County of San Diego's (County) Operational Plan, which includes the County's budget, is prepared annually according to the California County Budget Act and the San Diego County Code of Administrative Ordinances. This plan provides an overview of resource allocation for programs and services that support the County's goals over the next two years. The first year of the Operational Plan is considered for formal adoption by the County's Board of Supervisors as the operating budget and the second year of the Operational Plan is approved in principle for planning purposes and is subject to revision in the next budget cycle.

This letter presents the County of San Diego budget process at a budget workshop on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at the County Administration Center. An evening meeting for community input on budget priorities will be held the same day at 5:00 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Receive the County of San Diego Budget process presentation at a budget workshop on January 27, 2026.
2. Hold a meeting for community input on budget priorities on January 27, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The County of San Diego (County) is committed to advancing equity and addressing longstanding disparities that have impacted our communities. A critical part of this work is understanding how financial resources are allocated and how budgetary decisions affect community outcomes. In 2021, the County introduced the Budget Equity Assessment Tool to help departments assess the benefits and potential negative unintended consequences of budget requests and allocations. This tool strengthens equity considerations within the broader budget development process.

This presentation on the County's budget process supports that effort by highlighting how thoughtful planning, transparency, and efficiency in budgeting can help ensure resources are used effectively and aligned with community needs, while keeping equity, accountability, and community engagement at the center of decision-making.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The County of San Diego (County) is working towards a sustainable future for everyone. Our strategic plan guides our activities to ensure sustainability in the region's economy, climate, environment, and communities. We aim to strengthen communities by pursuing legislative policies and collaborating with stakeholders to enhance services that help residents become self-sufficient, increase economic sustainability, and reduce poverty.

The information presented in today's presentation at the budget workshop and the community input on budget priorities contribute to the County's efforts to engage the community in meaningful ways and promote an environment that provides equitable access to opportunities for

public engagement and representation. These efforts will contribute to the County Sustainability Goal No.1 by “encourag[ing] people and diverse stakeholders to partner and participate in decisions that impact their lives and communities.”

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommendations to receive the presentation and the community input on budget priorities. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years as a result of these recommendations.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

Received the County of San Diego Budget process presentation at a budget workshop on January 27, 2026 and held a meeting for community input on budget priorities on January 27, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

ABSENT: Anderson

2. SUBJECT: NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

Jock Rodriguez spoke to the Board regarding the in-custody death of his son, alleged misconduct by law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies, and demanded criminal accountability and contact from investigative authorities.

Marco Espinosa spoke to the Board regarding his past service as an elections poll worker, submitted memorabilia, and raised issues regarding the accuracy of minutes and roll call for a prior June 9, 2025 closed session, as well as concerns and observations regarding one-time bonuses and fiscal responsibility.

Peggy Walker spoke to the Board regarding opposition to the social equity cannabis program, asserting it disregards scientific evidence and community opposition, and raises public health, safety, land use, and youth impacts.

Madison Rapp spoke to the Board regarding comparative harms of marijuana and alcohol, citing scientific and clinical evidence and raising concerns about cannabis hyperemesis syndrome, addiction risk, and impacts on youth and public health.

Terri-Ann Skelly spoke to the Board regarding concerns that the January 14, 2026 staff report on the social equity cannabis program omitted an alternative to retain current regulations and failed to fairly present community planning group opposition to additional cannabis businesses.

Becky Rapp spoke to the Board regarding the January 14, 2026 item on the social equity cannabis program, asserting that rural community planning group testimony and environmental and public health concerns were disregarded and urging an evidence-based, health-focused approach.

Gambler Hermes spoke to the Board regarding perceived political and regulatory patterns related to voter information, federal law, and prior interactions with the Chair, alleging cover-up of election-related issues.

ACTION:

Heard, Referred to the Chief Administrative Officer

The Board recessed at 6:48 p.m., in memory of Dan McAllister, Robert Vasquez Sr., and Alex Pretti, until Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for the Land Use Legislative Session.

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.


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Approved by the Board of Supervisors, on Tuesday, February 10, 2026.



TERRA LAWSON- REMER
Chair

Attest:



ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board