

**February 6, 2024**

**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS**

*The Minutes of the*

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

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

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COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024, 9:00 AM**  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, ROOM 310  
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Order Of Business

- A. REGULAR SESSION: Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

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

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

- C. Invocation was led by Reverend Madison Shockley of the Pilgrim United Church of Christ.

- D. Pledge of Allegiance was led by George Chi Ioi Lo, University of California, San Diego Associated Students President.

- E. Presentations or Announcement of Proclamations and Awards:

Chairwoman Nora Vargas presented a proclamation declaring the week of February 6, to be 2024 Asian Business Association Year of the Dragon Lunar New Year Celebration Week throughout the County of San Diego.

Chairwoman Nora Vargas and Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe presented a proclamation declaring the Month of February 2024, to be Black History Month throughout the County of San Diego.

Supervisor Joel Anderson presented a proclamation declaring February 6, 2024, to be Alessandra Lezama Day throughout the County of San Diego.

Supervisor Jim Desmond presented a proclamation declaring the Month of February 2024, to be "Love Esco" Month 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 23, 2024.

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors approved the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the Regular meeting of January 23, 2024.

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

- H. Consent Calendar

- I. Discussion Items

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

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

**Board of Supervisors' Agenda Items**

Category	#	Subject
Public Safety	1.	AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTE BY THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO TREAT OPIOID USE DISORDER; ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS; EXECUTE CONTRACTS RELATED TO THE GRANT, AND AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENTS FOR GRANT IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES [FUNDING SOURCE: GRANT FUNDS FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTE] (4 VOTES)
Financial and General Government	2.	GENERAL SERVICES - AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION AND AWARD A CONTRACT FOR SECURITY GUARD SERVICES AT VARIOUS COUNTY FACILITIES [FUNDING SOURCE: CHARGES TO CLIENT DEPARTMENT OF SERVICES]

3. GENERAL SERVICES - APPROVAL OF LEASE FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, BOUCHER HILL COMMUNICATION SITE AND NOTICE OF EXEMPTION  
[FUNDING SOURCE: REVENUE FROM NETWORK OPERATING COST FEES COLLECTED FROM PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES PARTICIPATING IN THE REGIONAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM]
4. GENERAL SERVICES - REPORT OF ACTION PURSUANT TO PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE SECTION 22050 OF EMERGENCY REPAIRS AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER AND ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS  
(4 VOTES)
5. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE SAN DIEGO FLOODS 2024 EMPLOYEE LEAVE TO TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY & AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE (2/6/24 - First Reading; 2/27/24 - Second Reading, unless the ordinance is modified on second reading)  
(4 VOTES)
6. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION (2/6/24 - First Reading; 2/27/24 - Second Reading, unless the ordinance is modified on second reading)
7. APPROVAL OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES FOR ALTUS SCHOOLS SAN DIEGO, NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT AND 18 COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUPS
- Appointments 8. APPOINTMENTS: VARIOUS
- Communications Received 9. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED
- Land Use and Environment 10. AUTHORIZE EXPLORATION OF OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE RECREATIONAL SPACES FOR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES: ENVISIONING A GATEWAY TO THE CALIFORNIAS
- Health and Human Services 11. SUSTAINABLE PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE LONG-TERM, STATE AND FEDERALLY FUNDED MIGRANT TRANSFER SITE AND RESPITE SHELTERS FOR THE SAN DIEGO REGION TO ADDRESS STREET RELEASES
- Public Safety 12. EXPLORING THE FEASIBILITY OF CHILDCARE SERVICES FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL  
[FUNDING SOURCE: GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE]

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| Health and<br>Human Services | 13. | MAKING COUNTY LAND AVAILABLE FOR EMERGENCY<br>HOMELESS SHELTER SOLUTIONS<br>[FUNDING SOURCE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)<br>AMOUNTS UNDER THE HOMELESS SERVICES COMPONENT OF<br>THE ARPA FRAMEWORK] |
| Public Safety                | 14. | GUN VIOLENCE REDUCTION COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT<br>FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS<br>[FUNDING SOURCE: PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT]  |
|                              | 15. | ANNUAL REPORT ON GUN VIOLENCE   |
| Closed Session               | 16. | CLOSED SESSION  |
| Public<br>Communication      | 17. | PUBLIC COMMUNICATION  |

1. **SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTE BY THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO TREAT OPIOID USE DISORDER; ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS; EXECUTE CONTRACTS RELATED TO THE GRANT, AND AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENTS FOR GRANT IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

On October 10, 2023 (13), the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the updated priorities of the Opioid Settlement Framework (Framework) that details how the County of San Diego (County) will utilize settlement funds to stem and reverse the trend of overdoses and deaths caused by the opioid crisis. The County's Framework includes allocating funding for healthcare integration initiatives designed to improve access to care, minimize stigma, lower costs, and improve overall health outcomes for people with an Opioid Use Disorder (OUD).

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Office, a division of San Diego County Fire, has created the Buprenorphine Induction Initiative, a pilot program that provides buprenorphine medication to patients by EMS professionals in a prehospital setting, and is designed to treat symptoms of opioid withdrawal, thus allowing the patient to focus on treatment and break their cycle of addiction. The Buprenorphine Induction Initiative aligns with the County's approved Framework goal of Harm Reduction, an approach that emphasizes working directly with OUD patients to prevent overdose and infectious disease transmission, along with improving the physical, mental, and social wellbeing of those served.

The EMS Office has been awarded a grant by the Public Health Institute (PHI) to support the Buprenorphine Induction Initiative. The PHI funding provides an opportunity for EMS to regionally expand the Buprenorphine Induction Initiative and allow greater access to buprenorphine medication for persons with an OUD. Today's action requests the acceptance of \$ 375,000 in grant funds from the PHI, along with authorization by the Director of San Diego County Fire, or designee, to execute grant agreement documents with PHI and distribute grant funds to participating fire and EMS agencies in accordance with the County's Department of Purchasing and Contracting established guidelines, and PHI grant guidelines. Funds will be primarily used to train EMS professionals on the administration of buprenorphine medication, purchase of the medication, and patient costs associated with navigation to services. All grant funds must be expended by April 15, 2024.

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

##### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Authorize the acceptance of \$375,000 in grant funds from the Public Health Institute's CA Bridge Program for the performance period of March 1, 2023, to April 15, 2024, to support local buprenorphine pilot programs and authorize the Director of San Diego County Fire, or designee, to execute all required grant documents and agreements, including any annual extensions, amendments, and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.

2. Establish appropriations of \$375,000 in County Fire, Services & Supplies, for the Buprenorphine Induction Initiative based on Public Health Institute's CA Bridge Program grant. (4 VOTES)
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 Opioid Use Disorder services, and upon successful negotiation and determination of fair and reasonable price, award contracts for an initial term of one (1) year with up to four (4) one-year options and an additional six months if needed, subject to the availability of funds and a need for the services, and to amend the contracts and other current contracts as needed to reflect the changes to services and funding, subject to approval of the Director of San Diego County Fire.
4. Authorize the Director of San Diego County Fire, or their designee, to distribute grant funds to participating fire and EMS agencies, and amend current contracts with them, as needed, to reflect changes to services and funding.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County EMS Office's Buprenorphine Induction Initiative provides medication-assisted treatment to patients in the community with an Opioid Use Disorder in a tailored but time critical manner, along with access to social and medical services to overcome opioid addiction. Acceptance of this funding will allow Emergency Medical Services professionals to equitably deliver new and innovative services to vulnerable individuals, along with advancing the Board of Supervisors efforts to combat the opioid crisis. De-identified buprenorphine patient data will be collected from all EMS agencies participating in the initiative and analyzed for quality assurance and equity purposes.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Acceptance of Public Health Institute grant funds will allow the County EMS Office to further support local agency implementation of the Buprenorphine Induction Initiative. This action contributes to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals to protect the health and well-being of residents and visitors alike by providing access to tailored healthcare resources and improving the Emergency Medical Services delivery system. Furthermore, it provides just and equitable access to County services with investments focused on vulnerable individuals and underserved communities.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan for San Diego County Fire. If approved, this request will result in current year estimated one-time costs and revenue of \$375,000. The funding source is grant funds from the Public Health Institute. There are no match requirements for this grant. 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 Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

2. **SUBJECT: GENERAL SERVICES - AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION AND AWARD A CONTRACT FOR SECURITY GUARD SERVICES AT VARIOUS COUNTY FACILITIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego provides security guard services at over 70 various County facilities. These services provide protection for the public, employees, and County assets. The current security guard services contract expires on June 30, 2024, and the Department of General Services (DGS) must ensure that these critical services continue uninterrupted.

Over the last four years, the number of contracted security guards have grown from approximately 150 to 600 due to changes in business operations. For example, assignments at County sites with financial transactions, providing justice services, serving as COVID storage, vaccination or isolation during the pandemic, offering bridge shelter and safe parking for people experiencing homelessness, during migrant assistance to prevent human trafficking, as well as providing security at vacant facilities before being repurposed (e.g. for affordable housing) or transferred to other agencies as surplus property.

Security guard qualifications and job responsibilities have also changed to meet mandatory training, new technology and enhanced reporting requirements. Security guard certifications match the level of expertise needed at the site to which they are assigned. The security guard orientation includes reviewing the rules of engagement, site walks of the critical check points at assigned facilities, shift transition briefings, report writing and proper incident notifications. This competitive solicitation completes a phased consolidation of the County's multiple security guard contracts by adding the Sheriff's Department and related Board Policy B-74 contracting standards into a single contract managed by DGS. The expiring contract already included the Health and Human Services Agency security needs. One contract for security guard services provides consistency, quality and agility countywide: consistency in the certifications, training and oversight of security guards hired for the County; enhanced quality in site protection, security interactions, as well as incident reporting and notification by the guards; and the agility to move guards to different assignments as needed or change protocols to adapt to new operations.

Today's action requests the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to authorize the Director of the Department of Purchasing and Contracting to issue a competitive solicitation for security guard services.



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

In accordance with Section 401, Article XXII of the County Administrative Code, authorize the Director of the Department of Purchasing and Contracting to issue a competitive solicitation for security guard services, and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award a contract for an initial term of one year, with four one-year option periods, and up to an additional six months if needed; and to amend the contracts to reflect changes to services and funding subject to the approval of the Director of the Department of General Services.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The authorization to procure and award a new security guard services contract will have a positive effect on the public visiting and/or County staff working at these locations including Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities who may be disproportionately represented by providing security services at these sites. Compliance with Board Policy B-74 will ensure security, janitorial and landscaping contracted employees receive competitive pay rates, health and welfare contributions, and a wage theft retention fund. The Request for Proposal will include local hiring in the evaluation criteria to advance opportunities for economic growth in the community.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The authorization to procure and award a new security guard services contract will contribute to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals of promoting economic sustainability and the resiliency to respond to immediate needs of individuals and families visiting County facilities.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

If approved, this request will result in the establishment of a contract with an estimated annual expenditure of up to \$34.7 million, which includes the addition of the Sheriff's Department's security guard services. The funding source is charges to client departments for services. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

Expenditures resulting from this action create private sector jobs and economic opportunities in San Diego County.

**ACTION:**

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

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

3. **SUBJECT: GENERAL SERVICES - APPROVAL OF LEASE FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, BOUCHER HILL COMMUNICATION SITE AND NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (DISTRICT: 5)**

**OVERVIEW**

The San Diego - Imperial County Regional Communications System (RCS), managed and operated by the San Diego County Sheriff's Department's (Sheriff) Wireless Services Division, provides numerous public safety agencies with day-to-day public safety and emergency responder communication support.

Boucher Hill is an RCS communication site that has been operated by the Sheriff since 1997 pursuant to a lease agreement between the County of San Diego ("County") and the State of California. The lease expired March 31, 2017, and is currently on holdover, which has allowed the County to continue occupancy on a month-to-month basis while the new lease was negotiated.

Staff from the Department of General Services have negotiated a new lease agreement for the Boucher Hill communication site. Today's request is for Board approval of the lease.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find the proposed lease for the Boucher Hill RCS site is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.
2. Approve and authorize the Director, Department of General Services, to execute the proposed lease with the State of California for premises located at Boucher Hill Lookout, Pauma Valley, California.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Wireless Services Division operates and maintains all public safety wireless communications systems used by the County of San Diego, including mobile and portable radios. The division also manages the San Diego County-Imperial County Regional Communications System (RCS) radio network that serves the majority of law enforcement, fire and public service including transportation and school users in this region. It is anticipated that the proposed lease for the RCS site will have a positive impact on the community by ensuring continuation of community access to public safety services.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Implementing effective sustainability objectives is crucial to ensuring safe and healthy communities and contributing to the overall success of the region. The approval of this lease is appropriate as it supports the County's Strategic Initiative of Sustainability to ensure the capability to respond to the immediate needs for individuals, families, and the region.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan for the Sheriff's Department. If approved, this request will result in current year costs of approximately \$6,195 based on a commencement date of March 1, 2024. Fiscal Year 2024-25 costs are estimated at \$18,772 which includes a 3% rent adjustment to go into effect March 2025. Funds for the remaining contract term and each option year, if exercised, will be included in future years' operational plans for the Sheriff's Department. The funding source is revenue from Network Operating Cost fees collected from public safety agencies participating in the Regional Communication System. 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 Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

4. **SUBJECT: GENERAL SERVICES - REPORT OF ACTION PURSUANT TO PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE SECTION 22050 OF EMERGENCY REPAIRS AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER AND ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS (DISTRICT: 3)**

### **OVERVIEW**

Conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arose within San Diego County as a result of a severe atmospheric river on January 22, 2024, which resulted in numerous road closures and dire damage to both public and private infrastructure.

The Department of General Services responded to significant flooding and interior damage that occurred at the County Administration Center (CAC). To mitigate the risk of further damage and ensure the continued provision of essential public services, it was necessary to declare an emergency and forgo competitive solicitation of the repair and restoration work. In accordance with County Administrative Code Section 402, "Emergency Purchases," a notice to proceed was issued to BELFOR, a contractor with previous County facility experience that is contracted through the County's insurance carrier.

In accordance with County Administrative Code Section 402 and Public Contract Code Section 22050, staff requests the Board of Supervisors (Board) receive the report set forth in this Board Letter that emergency repair work at the CAC did not permit a delay resulting from competitive solicitations for bids and that the immediate award of a contract was necessary to respond to the emergency. The Board is also requested to find that there is a need to continue the emergency repair.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find the proposed project is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review pursuant to Sections 15269(b) and 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines because the proposed project is for emergency repairs to a publicly owned service facility necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety, or welfare, and because it consists of the minor alteration of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing use.
2. Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22050(b)(3)(a), receive the report set forth in this Board letter that the emergency repair and restoration of the County Administration Center did not permit a delay resulting from competitive solicitations for bids and the engagement of BELFOR was necessary to respond to the emergency.
3. Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22050(c)(2)(a), find that there is a need to continue the emergency repair and restoration of the County Administration Center without giving notice for bids to let a contract. **(4 VOTES)**

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

As a public building, most daily activities that take place at the County Administration Center (CAC) have an impact upon the San Diego County community. Regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors, County Special Districts and various Commission meetings are held here. The Department of General Services is responsible for managing the CAC, including maintenance and repairs. Approval of the emergency repairs will ensure a safe environment for employees and visitors to the CAC. These proposed emergency repairs will provide public benefit to members of the public and County employees through the continued provision of essential public services at this facility.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The emergency repairs will ensure the health and wellbeing of County employees and visitors to the County Administration Center advancing the County of San Diego's Sustainability goal of Resiliency which ensures the capability to respond and recover to immediate needs for individuals, families and the region.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan for the Department of General Services Facilities Management Internal Service Fund. If approved, this request will authorize the County Administration Center emergency repair and restoration work. Staff will return to the Board with requests to continue the emergency repair and restoration as needed and incorporate the total estimated cost when available. 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 Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

5. **SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE SAN DIEGO FLOODS 2024 EMPLOYEE LEAVE TO TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY & AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE (2/6/24 - First Reading; 2/27/24 - Second Reading, unless the ordinance is modified on second reading) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

This is a request to adopt an urgency ordinance and a regular ordinance regarding San Diego Floods 2024 Employee Leave. On January 22, 2024, San Diego County experienced a rainstorm that caused widespread damage to residential properties, and further storms are predicted for the region. This most recent storm impacted many employees of the County of San Diego it is anticipated that significant rainstorms in the weeks to come may also result in further flooding within the County. The urgency and regular ordinances will provide a paid leave provision to the Compensation Ordinance allowing up to 80 hours of paid leave to employees to deal with the after-effects of the storms that result in damage or destruction to their personal residences.

Today's recommendations are for the Board to adopt the urgency ordinance to amend the Compensation Ordinance that will take effect immediately and approve the introduction of a regular ordinance (first reading) to amend the Compensation Ordinance. If the Board takes action as recommended, then on February 27, 2024, staff recommends the Board adopt the regular ordinance (second reading). If the proposed regular ordinance is altered on February 27, 2024, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the regular ordinance's adoption.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**On February 6, 2024:**

1. Adopt the urgency ordinance, to be effective immediately entitled **(4 VOTES):**  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE  
RELATING TO THE SAN DIEGO FLOODS 2024 EMPLOYEE LEAVE TO TAKE  
EFFECT IMMEDIATELY
2. Approve the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading):  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND  
ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION

**If, on February 6, 2024, the Board takes action as recommended in item 2 above, then, on February 27, 2024:**

3. Approve the adoption of the Ordinance (second reading) entitled:  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND  
ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Department of Human Resources is committed to assisting its employees during this difficult time by providing additional paid leave to address employees' needs to deal with the after-effects of the storms that result in damage to, or destroy, their personal residences. Today's recommendation provides amendments to the compensation ordinance providing up to 80 hours of paid leave to assist those County of San Diego employees impacted.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The amendments to the Compensation Ordinance will implement the San Diego Floods 2024 Employee Leave which provides up to 80 hours of paid leave to County employees, who suffer significant damage because of major flooding that result in damage and/or destruction to their personal residences, and who need time off from work to address those needs. This ordinance will take effect immediately so those employees can address health and safety issues associated with the impacts of the floods.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for these recommendations are included in the 2023-24 Adopted Operational Plan. The estimated fiscal impact of the San Diego Floods 2024 Employee Leave is approximately \$500,000. 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 Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, adopting Ordinance No. 10888 (N.S.), entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE SAN DIEGO FLOODS 2024 EMPLOYEE LEAVE TO TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY; and, to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on February 27, 2024.

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

6. **SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION (2/6/24 - First Reading; 2/27/24 - Second Reading, unless the ordinance is modified on second reading) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

The Compensation Ordinance enacted by the Board of Supervisors establishes procedures for compensating County of San Diego employees. The Department of Human Resources provides recommendations for changes to the Compensation Ordinance based on legislative changes, environmental factors, and organizational changes with the goal of providing and retaining a skilled, adaptable, and diverse workforce. Today's actions reflect the compensation ordinance changes to accomplish this goal.

Today's recommendations are for the Board to approve the introduction of the ordinance (first reading) to amend the Compensation Ordinance. If the Board takes action as recommended, then on February 27, 2024, staff recommends the Board adopt the ordinances (second reading). If the proposed ordinance is altered on February 27, 2024, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance's adoption.

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

##### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**On February 6, 2024:**

1. Approve the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading):  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND  
ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION

**If, on February 6, 2024, the Board takes action as recommended in item 1 above, then, on February 27, 2024:**

2. Approve the adoption of the Ordinance (second reading):  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND  
ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION

If the proposed ordinance is altered on February 27, 2024, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance's adoption.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Department of Human Resources is committed to assuring that equity is considered in classification and compensation. Today's recommendations provide amendments to the compensation ordinance that will assist the County of San Diego to provide and retain a skilled, adaptable, and diverse workforce for County departments and enables the County to deliver superior services to the residents and visitors of the County of San Diego.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed actions amending the compensation ordinance aligns with the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals by promoting sustainable economic growth for our community. The proposed actions included in this letter provide just and equitable wages and benefits.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on February 27, 2024, on Consent.

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

7. **SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES FOR ALTUS SCHOOLS SAN DIEGO, NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT, AND 18 COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUPS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

The Board of Supervisors serves as the Code Reviewing Body for any local agency, other than cities, with jurisdiction wholly within the County, pursuant to Government Code Section 82011. The recommended action would approve the proposed amendments to the Conflict of Interest codes for Altus Schools San Diego, North County Transit District, and approve the adoption of codes for the County's 18 Community Planning Groups.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Approve the Conflict of Interest codes of the following agencies:

1. Altus Schools San Diego
2. North County Transit District Grossmont Union High School District

#### **Community Planning Groups**

1. Alpine Community Planning Group
2. Boulevard Community Planning Group
3. Campo Community Planning Group
4. Crest/Dehesa/Harbison Canyon/Granite Hills Community Planning Group
5. Descanso Community Planning Group
6. Fallbrook Community Planning Group
7. Jamul/Dulzura Community Planning Group
8. Julian Community Planning Group
9. Lakeside Community Planning Group
10. Pine Valley Community Planning Group
11. Potrero Community Planning Group
12. Rainbow Community Planning Group
13. Ramona Community Planning Group
14. San Dieguito Community Planning Group
15. Spring Valley Community Planning Group
16. Sweetwater Community Planning Group
17. Valle De Oro Community Planning Group
18. Valley Center Community Planning Group

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

County government includes standing and special boards, commissions, committees and task forces formed to advise the Board of Supervisors and County staff on issues and policies 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 and as such must provide transparent, bias-free decision-making. The Board of Supervisors serves as the Code Reviewing Body for any local agency, other than cities, with jurisdiction wholly within the County, pursuant to Government Code Section 82011. Under the California Political Reform Act, a public official has a disqualifying conflict of interest in a governmental decision if it is foreseeable that the decision will have a financial impact on their personal finances or other financial interests. In such cases, there is a risk of biased decision-making that could sacrifice the



public's interest in favor of the official's private financial interests. To avoid actual bias or the appearance of possible improprieties, the public official is prohibited from participating in the decision.

The recommended action would approve the amended Conflict of Interest codes submitted by Altus Schools San Diego, North County Transit District, and approve the adoption of codes for 18 Community Planning Groups. The Conflict of Interest codes in this Board Letter enables the County of San Diego to provide transparency and accountability to individual residents, ensuring equitable operations of the government that are free from undue influence.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Under the Political Reform Act, all public agencies are required to adopt a Conflict of Interest code that designates positions that are required to file the Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700). Conflict of Interest codes must be maintained as updated and accurate to ensure that necessary public officials report their personal financial interests. These required filings provide public transparency about possible conflicts of interest and to ensure governmental decisions are made in the best interest of the public. This Board Letter supports the County of San Diego's sustainability goal of, "Engaging the community to partner and participate in decisions that impact their lives and communities and transparently share results of outcomes."

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The funding source for administration of this task is included in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Adopted Budget for the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

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

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

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

##### **OVERVIEW**

These appointments are in accordance with applicable Board Policy A-74, "Citizen Participation in County Boards, Commissions and Committees," Board Policy I-1, "Planning and Sponsor Group Policies and Procedures," and Board Policy A-77, "Appointments to Fill Vacancies and Cancellation of Election where Insufficient Nominations Filed Prior to Uniform District Election and Citizen Planning Group Election."

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

##### **CHAIR NORA VARGAS**

Appoint Patricia Fernandez to the CHILD AND FAMILY STRENGTHENING ADVISORY BOARD, Seat No. 4 for a term to expire January 06, 2025.

Appoint Joseph Robinson to the CHILD AND FAMILY STRENGTHENING ADVISORY BOARD, Seat No. 11 for a term to expire February 06, 2028.

Appoint Gloria Ciriza to the CHILD AND FAMILY STRENGTHENING ADVISORY BOARD, Seat No. 18 for a term to expire February 06, 2028.

Re-Appoint Melissa Villagomez to the CHILD AND FAMILY STRENGTHENING ADVISORY BOARD, Seat No. 23 for a term to expire February 06, 2028.

Re-Appoint Simone Hidds-Monroe to the CHILD AND FAMILY STRENGTHENING ADVISORY BOARD, Seat No. 24 for a term to expire February 06, 2028.

Re-appoint Rick Richardson to the FIRST 5 COMMISSION OF SAN DIEGO, Seat No. 3, to complete the current term and begin a new term to expire February 06, 2026.

**VICE CHAIR TERRA LAWSON-REMER**

Waive Board Policy A-74 and appoint David Faulkner to the FLY ABATEMENT AND APPEALS BOARD, Seat No. 3, for a term to expire February 06, 2027.

Waive Board Policy A-74 and appoint Rob Hutsel to the SAN DIEGO COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Seat No. 6, for a term to expire January 06, 2025.

**SUPERVISOR MONICA MONTGOMERY STEPPE**

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

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

Appoint Rickeena Kamei to the COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, Seat No. 8, for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

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#### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Re-appoint Jeannine Nash to the COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP ADMINISTERING BOARD, Seat No. 9, for a term to expire February 6, 2027.

#### **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

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

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

**OVERVIEW**

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

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Note and file.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT**

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

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **ACTION:**

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

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

10. **SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE EXPLORATION OF OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE RECREATIONAL SPACES FOR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES: ENVISIONING A GATEWAY TO THE CALIFORNIAS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

## **OVERVIEW**

In 2020, the widespread closure of indoor spaces due to the impact of the COVID-19 virus led to a notable shift in preferences towards outdoor activities. As a result, public parks emerged as essential hubs for recreational activities, becoming vital components for the overall public health and social well-being of communities. Despite the growing recognition of the importance of green spaces for communities, there has been little incentive for developers to invest in parks where they are needed the most, particularly in lower-income areas. This trend has led to years of underinvestment, resulting in potential equity issues in the quantity and quality of parks and recreation centers throughout San Diego County, especially in district one. The National Recreation and Parks Association estimates that as many as 100 million people, or 30% of the population of the United States lack access to the benefits parks and recreation centers provide. They also cite that high-quality parks and recreation resources do not exist near them, or, if they do, they are not safe, welcoming nor inclusive. Recognizing that contact with urban nature has been linked to an enhanced ability to cope with life stressors, addressing this disparity becomes imperative for fostering the well-being and overall quality of life for impacted communities.

Located near the United States/Mexico border, adjacent to the Otay Mesa-Nestor community in the City of San Diego and the City of Imperial Beach, the Tijuana River Valley Regional Park (TRVRP) is the gateway to the state of California. This project location has an opportunity for a regional binational landmark to bring more sports opportunities to youth and the community in South County. Addressing the underdevelopment of such valuable natural spaces becomes crucial in the broader context of promoting community well-being and creating accessible, quality outdoor environments for all. Today, we have an opportunity to invite the creation of a regional park project that recognizes the potential of our bi-national community, integrates recreational opportunities for youth and adult sports, equestrian sports, and other recreational spaces that can provide much needed regional access to these types of facilities. Furthermore, connecting this project to opportunities for active transportation to increase access and utilization of the facilities can be done by linking to the established Regional SANDAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans, as well as municipal-specific bicycle and pedestrian plans which will promote pedestrian safety and enable residents to better access and enjoy the facilities.

Today's action is requesting the Board authorize staff to explore partnerships for realizing the vision of a regional initiative for a world class sport complex and active recreation amenities within the Tijuana River Valley Regional Park to be named "Gateway to the Californias." Additionally, to evaluate the request provided in Chairwoman Vargas' memorandum to the Interim Chief Administrative Officer in response to the Board's direction on January 9th, 2024 (Item 12) requesting prioritization of allocation of ARPA funds for this regional park vision to achieve economic prosperity and equality of recreational services for this region. This project will serve as gateway to engage families, bring community together and preserve and celebrate the unique beauty of this region.

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

##### **CHAIRWOMAN NORA VARGAS**

1. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to explore partnerships for realizing the vision of enhancing recreating spaces for underserved communities creating a gateway to the Californias.
2. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to evaluate the request provided in Chairwoman Vargas' memorandum in response to the Board's direction on January 9th, 2024 (Item 12) for prioritization of the allocation of ARPA funds for this regional park vision to achieve economic prosperity and equality of recreational services.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed efforts to explore grant funding through the ARPA funds to enhance the natural habitat in the TRVRP and develop a sport complex and active recreation amenities is anticipated to result in a positive impact on all residents and visitors by providing opportunities to engage in passive and active recreational activities and experiences in the County of San Diego's Park and preserve lands. The proposed efforts will serve communities that have been historically neglected, creating accessible green spaces for all.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action to explore grant funding for the TRVRP supports two County of San Diego Sustainability Goals including County Sustainability Goal No. 4 by expanding opportunities for community members to access outdoor recreation and green spaces and Goal No. 6 by protecting native ecosystems and habitats. This action will contribute to the health and well-being of South County, an underserved community, that has limited access to recreational activities and green spaces.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's request. There may be future fiscal impacts based on recommendations from today's action and any such recommendations would return back for consideration and approval by the Board. Upon return by staff, funding for future costs will need to be identified by the department and will proceed once identified. At this time, there will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

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

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

11. **SUBJECT: SUSTAINABLE PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE LONG-TERM, STATE AND FEDERALLY FUNDED MIGRANT TRANSFER SITE AND RESPITE SHELTERS FOR THE SAN DIEGO REGION TO ADDRESS STREET RELEASES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

San Diego County has continuously welcomed asylum-seeking migrants and refugees fleeing persecution in their home countries. Over the past seven years, the U.S.-Mexico border has seen an increase in asylum seeking migrants from humanitarian crises around the globe. Federal law allows people from other countries to seek asylum in the United States if they fear persecution at home.

Over the years, San Diego has become a home to diverse communities, including significant populations of Somali, Iraqi, and Vietnamese refugees. Oftentimes, San Diego is simply a waypoint for migrants on a longer journey into the U.S. Recently, our region has been impacted by the humanitarian migrant crisis at our international border. As a County we have been at the forefront addressing the increase in street releases by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), as well working together with local NGOs to ensure asylum seekers reach their final destination.



Our local community-based organizations have long been at the forefront of the critical work. Specifically, Catholic Charities Diocese of San Diego has acted for several years as the fiscal agent for the region's federal Shelter and Services Program (SSP) which comes from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) standing up critical shelter services for the most vulnerable migrants in partnership with Jewish Family Services (JFS). In the past, the numbers of migrants crossing the border has ebbed and flowed, but now the numbers remain constant and are forecasted to increase. In addition to the people served by Catholic Charities and JFS, since September, the necessity to stand up additional services to avoid street releases in our communities has been urgent. This led to the Board of Supervisors funding a migrant transfer center currently run by SBCS in partnership with local NGOs. With the support of our Congressional Delegation, we have been in search for additional funding streams to support the work of the transfer site, including seeking federal funds. The funds approved by the Board on October 10, 2023, and December 5, 2023, will be exhausted by March.

To ensure a sustainable long-term strategy to address the humanitarian crisis that keeps deepening, and to secure the health and safety of our southern border, we recommend a two-part approach. The first is to address the immediate need to continue operations at the transfer site operated by SBCS in partnership with local NGOs. The second is a long-term approach to advocate for a federally and state funded permanent solution in San Diego that includes a transit site to address street releases.

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

##### **CHAIRWOMAN NORA VARGAS AND SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON**

1. Direct the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to work with the current fiscal agent of the region's federal Shelter and Services Program (SSP), as well as the federal government if needed, and return to the Board in 30 days with options to maximize the use of this funding stream to meet the needs of the region, including mitigating street releases.
2. Direct the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to develop a concept paper and advocacy plan to seek long-term, state and federally funded migrant transfer sites and respite shelters for the San Diego region to be run by our local community-based organizations. Included in this plan shall be the need for our community-based organizations to also be supplemented by philanthropic and other private sector funds and identification of viable properties to be used to support respite shelter operations. This plan should be included in the return to the Board in 30 days.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

All San Diego residents deserve the opportunity to live in a dignified manner in communities that provide them a safe and supportive environment. The County and its partner organizations can assist in this effort by supporting the organizations on the ground that are helping asylum seeking migrants arriving in our region with supportive services that will meet the humanitarian and social needs of this population.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Through these collaborative efforts between the County of San Diego and the local nonprofit organizations that have the expertise and ability to assist asylum seeking migrants, and identifying funding opportunities, we can ensure our region has the necessary resources to assist this population during a humanitarian crisis. The recommended actions would allow the County to optimize resource utilization by streamlining the effectiveness of our response efforts, ensuring the continuous availability of critical services for affected communities. This approach will enhance our ability to efficiently allocate resources and maintain the sustainability of essential programs and support services.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. There may be future fiscal impacts based on recommendations from today's action and any such recommendations would return for consideration and approval by the Board. Upon return by staff, funding for future costs will need to be identified by the department and will proceed once identified. At this time, there will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **ACTION:**

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

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

12. **SUBJECT: EXPLORING THE FEASIBILITY OF CHILDCARE SERVICES FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

## **OVERVIEW**

Despite enhanced recruiting efforts taking place with the San Diego County Sheriff's Department (Sheriff's Department), the agency is still facing personnel shortfalls for both sworn and professional positions. Many of these positions are not only sworn deputies for detention services but specialized classifications such as nurses and mental health clinicians. Mandatory overtime has had negative impacts on morale and the health and wellness of deputies and staff. Currently, the County of San Diego (County) is losing nearly 20 deputies per month.

In 2022 and 2023, the Board of Supervisors took actions to support the Sheriff's Department recruiting and retention efforts by authorizing hiring incentives and employee and family care support with the Wellness Unit and the use of an online platform to support child-care navigation.

Today's recommendation directs the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to explore the feasibility of the Sheriff's Department and public safety personnel childcare services which includes the possibility of supplementing childcare services for Sheriff's employees and other County public safety personnel. This benefit could help retain and attract both sworn and professional personnel which will benefit public safety throughout the County.

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

##### **SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON AND SHERIFF KELLY MARTINEZ**

Direct the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to work with the Sheriff's Department, and other County public safety departments to explore the feasibility of offering subsidized childcare services for the Sheriff's Department and Probation public safety personnel. This includes expected short-term and long-term costs.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Pursuing childcare services ensures equitable access and participation by members of our community who have chosen to serve their community as County public safety personnel.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action to pursue childcare services strengthens employee recruitment and retention, which contributes to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal of engaging the community in meaningful ways to foster inclusive and sustainable communities as well as providing just and equitable access.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

If approved, this recommendation will result in an estimated cost of \$250,000 for a study to provide subsidized childcare services to Sheriff's Department, Probation, and other County public safety personnel. Funds are included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan in Public Safety Group (\$100,000), the Sheriff's Department (\$75,000) and Probation (\$75,000). The funding source is existing General-Purpose Revenue. Staff will return to the Board with feasibility recommendations for consideration, including potential implementation and identify funding.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions:

1. Directed the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to work with the Sheriff's Department, and other County public safety departments to explore the feasibility of offering subsidized childcare services for the Sheriff's Department and Probation public safety personnel. This includes expected short-term and long-term costs.
2. Directed the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to evaluate a feasibility study for subsidized childcare for all County employees.

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

**13. SUBJECT: MAKING COUNTY LAND AVAILABLE FOR EMERGENCY HOMELESS SHELTER SOLUTIONS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Under this Board of Supervisors (Board), the County of San Diego (County) has been more active than ever in stepping up its response to homelessness. In the last 3 years, the County has pushed a significant increase in homeless outreach that now reaches all 18 cities and has worked collaboratively with city jurisdictions to stimulate the expansion of approximately 900 new emergency housing options including beds and safe parking spaces, funded 1,655 affordable homes with approximately another 3,180 units on the way, and led a significant increase in behavioral health services to support mental health and addiction treatment.

The County is leveraging all our tools in the fight against homelessness, including making County land available for local cities and community organizations to develop temporary and long-term homeless solutions. The County modeled this approach at the 150-bed Rosecrans Shelter, partnering with the City of San Diego and the Lucky Duck Foundation to launch the emergency shelter in the Midway District. The County contributions included the use of County land, \$1.2 million in capital for site prep costs and providing on-site behavioral health staffing support and access to self-sufficiency programs provided by Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities. Since opening in September 2022, the Rosecrans facility has sheltered 878 individuals with a 95% occupancy rate.

Given the success of this model, the County should analyze additional land assets that may be suitable for similar emergency housing programs alongside local agencies and community partners. The County stands ready and willing to take action as a strong partner. Many of these sites have long-term disposition plans that are in various stages of planning and approval to support affordable housing construction but may have a window of several years that the site could support an interim use. Today's action would not impact the County's long-term affordable housing plans for these sites in any way.

The sites identified in this Board Letter have utilities located on site, minimizing public costs, and providing a greater return on investment. Further, the County recently launched a program called Building Partnerships that aims to expand local safe sleeping cabin options via innovative partnerships with local private entities to address homelessness. The County established a sleeping cabin vendor contract for partner organizations to purchase cabins directly and to set up for use as emergency shelters through a grant program offered by the Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities (HSEC). HSEC launched this effort on November 1, 2023, which included the release of the grant opportunity.

Today's action directs staff to conduct a preliminary screening of suitability of County sites for emergency housing options, focusing on sleeping cabin villages, sprung shelters, safe parking, or repurposing existing structures for homeless services. It also authorizes staff to issue a Request for Information (RFI) on the sites that are deemed feasible for one or more of these uses, to identify potential partners interested in bringing homeless services to these sites. Potential partners include service providers, philanthropies, community-based organizations, and local government agencies.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

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

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to conduct a preliminary screening of opportunities to utilize County-owned sites for temporary emergency housing options, including safe sleeping cabin villages, safe parking, sprung shelters, or repurposing existing structures for homeless services. Report back with an analysis within 120 days.
  - a. Sites to be analyzed should include, but not be limited to:
    - i. W. Beech Street/Kettner Avenue, San Diego
    - ii. 620 E. Valley Parkway, Escondido
    - iii. 6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego
    - iv. 5001 73rd Street, San Diego
    - v. 5202 University Avenue, San Diego
2. Authorize the Department of Purchasing and Contracting to issue a Request for Information (RFI) to identify potential service providers and local jurisdictions looking to partner to stand up compassionate emergency housing solutions on these sites to be released after the preliminary screening is completed. The RFI would be applicable to the sites that are deemed feasible in the preliminary screening directed in Recommendation 1. For the purposes of the RFI, ensure potential respondents know the County may fund some or all of the site preparation, utility hookups, sleeping cabins, site assembly costs, and other development costs that are needed to create a compassionate emergency housing solution. In return, respondents will be expected to provide the funding for on-going operations. Ensure all temporary compassionate emergency housing solutions do not interfere with the County's long-term commitments and plans for the sites, including development of affordable housing. Provide preferences for responses that offer the highest level of service, best serve the unhoused needs of the County, and minimize cost exposure to the County.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The increase in homelessness is an issue of concern to our entire County, even more so in disadvantaged communities. Continuing to explore ways to create equity by decreasing homelessness in individuals and families is a benefit to the entire region.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed actions are aligned with Sustainability Goal #2, assisting in providing just and equitable access to housing. These actions will assist persons experiencing homelessness to quickly reconnect to stable homes, reducing the impacts on the justice, education, and public health systems. Addressing and ending the growing crisis of people experiencing homelessness in San Diego would lead to positive social and economic enhancements, contributing to the overall sustainability of the region.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this cost are included in the Fiscal Year 2023-25 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. Today's recommendations will result in an initial one-time cost of approximately \$90,000 for the preliminary screenings of the sites listed. There may be fiscal impacts associated with future related actions which would require a return to the Board for consideration and approval. The funding source is American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) amounts under the Homeless Services component of the ARPA Framework. 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 Lawson-Remer, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions:

1. Directed the Chief Administrative Officer to conduct a preliminary screening of opportunities to utilize County-owned sites for temporary emergency housing options, including safe sleeping cabin villages, safe parking, sprung shelters, or repurposing existing structures for homeless services. Report back with an analysis within 120 days.
  - a. Sites to be analyzed should include, but not be limited to:
    - i. W. Beech Street/Kettner Avenue, San Diego
    - ii. All possible sites in the City of Escondido and any other sites that the City of Escondido would like to partner with the County on.
    - iii. 5001 73rd Street, San Diego
    - iv. 5202 University Avenue, San Diego
2. Authorized the Department of Purchasing and Contracting to issue a Request for Information (RFI) to identify potential service providers and local jurisdictions looking to partner to stand up compassionate emergency housing solutions on these sites to be released after the preliminary screening is completed. The RFI would be applicable to the sites that are deemed feasible in the preliminary screening directed in Recommendation 1. For the purposes of the RFI, ensure potential respondents know the County may fund some or all of the site preparation, utility hookups, sleeping cabins, site assembly costs, and other development costs that are needed to create a compassionate emergency housing solution. In return, respondents will be expected to provide the funding for on-going operations. Ensure all temporary compassionate emergency housing solutions do not interfere with the County's long-term commitments and plans for the sites, including development of affordable housing. Provide preferences for responses that offer the highest level of service, best serve the unhoused needs of the County, and minimize cost exposure to the County.

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

**14. SUBJECT: GUN VIOLENCE REDUCTION COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT  
FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On July 18, 2023 (12), the Board of Supervisors considered this item. The motion to adopt the recommendations failed due to a tie vote, and the Board did not continue the item. Pursuant to Rule 2(g) of the Board of Supervisors Rules of Procedure, the item was placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting on August 29, 2023. The Chief Administrative Officer withdrew the item from the August 29, 2023 agenda and continued the item at a future date.

On October 19, 2021 (1), the Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Chief Administrative Officer to develop options for community-based gun violence reduction and disruption programs and to return to the Board within 180 days. On April 5, 2022 (16), staff returned to the Board with a recommendation to conduct a contractor-led, regional gun violence community needs assessment to better understand the scope, complexity, and impact of gun violence and to share key findings with the Board upon completion. The recommendation was approved by the full Board and the County issued a competitive solicitation and contracted with Health Assessment & Research for Communities, Inc. (HARC), a non-profit research and evaluation firm.

To complete the community needs assessment, HARC conducted extensive data analysis; issued and analyzed two community surveys; hosted a dozen listening sessions and community forums receiving broad stakeholder input; facilitated numerous meetings with a Gun Violence Reduction Advisory Group comprised of community stakeholders; and conducted a best practice review of local, state, and national programs and practices designed to reduce gun violence. HARC issued its analysis and findings in a Gun Violence Reduction Community Needs Assessment Final Report, which summarizes findings from secondary data analysis, community surveys and surveys of practitioners working in jobs that pertain to gun violence, and through virtual and in-person listening sessions. The final report includes recommendations to reduce gun violence in the county. Public Safety Group Executive Office staff have used those recommendations to prepare a Gun Violence Reduction Work Plan.

Today's recommendations are to receive the HARC report, the Gun Violence Reduction Work Plan, and a presentation; approve the addition of one (1.00) staff year to coordinate gun violence reduction activities; authorize the submission of grant applications and the procurement of contracted services that support violence prevention and intervention programs and services; provide an annual report on gun violence in San Diego County; and direct staff to return in early 2025 with an initial update on Work Plan actions.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**INTERIM CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Receive Health Assessment & Research for Communities, Inc. Final Report and recommendations.
2. Receive the Gun Violence Reduction Work Plan and approve Fiscal Year 2024-25 actions. Staff will begin preparing for FY 2024-25 Work Plan action implementation in Fiscal Year 2023-24.
3. Receive a presentation on the gun violence community needs assessment project.

4. Approve and authorize the Public Safety Group Executive Office to add one (1.00) staff year to lead and coordinate gun violence reduction activities and direct the Department of Human Resources to classify the position at the appropriate level.
5. In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, subject to available funding, to issue a competitive solicitation(s) for planning, outreach, and facilitation services related to community violence prevention and intervention programs and services, and/or to amend existing contracts for similar services serving similar populations, and, upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award contracts for a term of up to one (1) year, with up to four one-year option periods and up to an additional six months if needed, subject to the approval by the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for the Public Safety Group or the Health and Human Services Agency and, for existing contracts, the designated authority from the lead department, and to amend such contracts as needed to reflect changes to services and funding.
6. Pursuant to Board Policy B-29, authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officers for the Public Safety Group and the Health and Human Services Agency, through June 30, 2029, to submit grant applications for grants that support violence prevention and intervention programs and services and execute all required grant documents, including any annual extensions, amendments and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.
7. Waive Board Policy B-29 Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires prior approval of applications for, acceptance of, and full cost recovery for grants.
8. Provide an annual report on gun violence in San Diego County.
9. Direct the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to return to the Board in early 2025 with an initial update on Work Plan actions.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

According to the American Public Health Association, gun violence is a leading cause of premature death in the United States. In San Diego County, from 2017-2022, there were 1,310 deaths by firearm (70.9% were suicide and 28.9% were homicides). From 2016-2020, there were 699 firearm-related hospitalizations and 668 firearm-related emergency department visits.

While gun violence impacts people of all ages, genders, and racial/ethnic backgrounds, it does not impact people equally. In San Diego County, the firearm-related homicide rate for Black residents is 11 times greater than the rate for Asian residents, who have the lowest rate. Black residents between the ages of 15-44 have the highest rate of firearm-related hospitalizations and emergency department visits in the county. Regional suicide data shows that White men over the age of 65 have the highest rates of firearm-related suicide in the county.



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 strategies are intended to have near-term impacts on preventing violence and to establish long-term solutions. With an emphasis on equity, the goals are to reduce disparities and disproportionality and enhance the health, safety, and well-being of residents through partnerships, innovation, and active community engagement, which is in alignment with the County of San Diego's Equity Strategic Initiative.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed actions contribute to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals by seeking to meaningfully engage the community, provide just and equitable access to programs and services, and protect the health and well-being of residents. Ongoing efforts to reduce gun violence will impact the communities and populations historically burdened by gun violence by providing better long-term outcomes through investment in community-centered approaches. Extensive community engagement through listening sessions, surveys, forums, and the integration of an Advisory Group of individuals who actively work on gun violence related issues, was a major component of the project. By partnering with community members to identify challenges and opportunities to reduce gun violence, we hope to see long-term improvements in the health and well-being of neighborhoods and residents.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

If approved, funds of \$355,000 for year one of the Work Plan will be budgeted in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Operational Plan in the Public Safety Group. Estimated ongoing costs and revenue of \$170,000 which includes the addition of one (1.00) staff year and one-time cost of \$185,000 for violence prevention and intervention. The funding source is Public Safety Realignment. There will be no change in net General Fund cost. There will be an addition of one (1.00) staff year.

In addition, if approved, funds of \$295,000 for year one of the Work Plan will be budgeted in FY 2024-25 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency for one-time costs related to suicide prevention. The funding source is Public Safety Realignment. There will be no change in net General Fund cost.

Fiscal impact related to future Work Plan recommendations will either be included in future Operational Plans for the Public Safety Group and/or Health and Human Services Agency if funding is identified, or staff will return to the board as needed for consideration and approval with identified or requested funding sources.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION 14.1:**

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

1. Received Health Assessment & Research for Communities, Inc. Final Report and recommendations.

2. Received the Gun Violence Reduction Work Plan and approved the following Fiscal Year 2024-25 actions described in the Work Plan: 1-5, 7, 11, 12, and 17. Staff will begin preparing for FY 2024-25 Work Plan action implementation in Fiscal Year 2023-24.
3. Received a presentation on the gun violence community needs assessment project.
4. Approved and authorize the Public Safety Group Executive Office to add one (1.00) staff year to lead and coordinate gun violence reduction activities and direct the Department of Human Resources to classify the position at the appropriate level.
5. In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code, authorized the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, subject to available funding, to issue a competitive solicitation(s) for planning, outreach, and facilitation services related to community violence prevention and intervention programs and services, and/or to amend existing contracts for similar services serving similar populations, and, upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award contracts for a term of up to one (1) year, with up to four one-year option periods and up to an additional six months if needed, subject to the approval by the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for the Public Safety Group or the Health and Human Services Agency and, for existing contracts, the designated authority from the lead department, and to amend such contracts as needed to reflect changes to services and funding.
6. Pursuant to Board Policy B-29, authorized the Deputy Chief Administrative Officers for the Public Safety Group and the Health and Human Services Agency, through June 30, 2029, to submit grant applications for grants that support violence prevention and intervention programs and services and execute all required grant documents, including any annual extensions, amendments and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.
7. Waived Board Policy B-29 Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires prior approval of applications for, acceptance of, and full cost recovery for grants.
8. Provided an annual report on gun violence in San Diego County.
9. Directed the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to return to the Board in early 2025 with an initial update on Work Plan actions.

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

**ACTION 14.2:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors approved the remaining Fiscal Year 2024-25 actions described in the Work Plan: 6, 8-10, 13-16.

AYES: Vargas, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

NOES: Anderson, Desmond

**15. SUBJECT: ANNUAL REPORT ON GUN VIOLENCE (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On October 19, 2021 (1), the Board of Supervisors (Board), directed the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to (1) draft an ordinance related non-serialized firearms, non-serialized unfinished firearm frames and receivers, and safe storage of firearms and (2) develop options for community-based gun violence reduction and disruption programs. To address the first action, staff returned to the Board on January 11, 2022 (13) with a draft ordinance. The Board approved the introduction of the ordinance 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 prohibiting the possession, 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.

To address the second action from October 19, 2021, staff returned to the Board on April 5, 2022 (16) with a recommendation to conduct a contractor-led, regional gun violence community needs assessment to better understand the scope, complexity, and impact of gun violence and to share key findings with the Board upon completion. On February 6, 2024, staff will be returning to the Board to share the Gun Violence Community Needs Assessment Final Report and recommendations included in a Gun Violence Reduction Work Plan. One of today's recommended actions is to combine the annual gun violence report directed by the Board on January 11, 2022 and the proposed annual report on Gun Violence Reduction Work Plan progress, if approved by the Board on February 6, 2024.

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 in San Diego County can be found in the Gun Violence Community Needs Assessment Final Report which details the scope, complexity, and impact of gun violence in our communities. The Final Report is available online and will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on February 6, 2024.

Today's requested actions are for the Board to receive an annual report on gun violence in San Diego County and to combine the annual gun violence report directed by the Board on January 11, 2022 and the proposed annual report on Gun Violence Reduction Work Plan progress, if approved by the Board on February 6, 2024.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Receive annual report on gun violence in San Diego County.
2. If the Gun Violence Reduction Work Plan is approved by the Board, combine the annual gun violence report directed by the Board on January 11, 2022 with the proposed annual report on Gun Violence Reduction Work Plan progress.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

According to the American Public Health Association, gun violence is a leading cause of premature death in the United States, causing more than 38,000 deaths and 85,000 injuries annually. From 2019-2023, there were 1,095 firearm-related deaths in San Diego County, the majority were suicide (68%), whereas 32% were homicide. While gun violence impacts people of all ages, genders, and racial/ethnic backgrounds, it does not impact people equally. As identified in the Gun Violence Reduction Community Needs Assessment Final Report, which is a separate item on today's Board of Supervisor's agenda, regionally, firearm-related homicide rates are highest for Black male residents while suicide rates are highest among older White males.

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 strategies are intended to have both an immediate impact on preventing violence and to establish long-term solutions. With an emphasis on equity, the goals are to reduce disparities and disproportionality and enhance the health, safety, and well-being of residents through partnerships, innovation, and active community engagement, which is in alignment with the County of San Diego's Equity Strategic Initiative.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's report seeks to broaden and deepen understanding of how gun violence impacts our communities. This report, coupled with the recently released Gun Violence Community Needs Assessment Final Report, provides key information needed to develop and implement strategies to prevent gun violence in San Diego County, which contributes to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals by seeking to meaningfully engage the community, provide just and equitable access to programs and services, and protect the health and well-being of residents.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no 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, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

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

### **OVERVIEW**

- A.    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)

- B. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph 2 of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9: (Number of Potential Cases - 1)

**ACTION:**

County Counsel reported that for Closed Session on February 6, 2024, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions:

On Item 16A, by a vote of 4-1, with Supervisor Desmond voting “NAY,” the Board authorized County Counsel to initiate litigation. Particulars about the litigation will be disclosed to any person upon inquiry, after litigation has formally commenced.

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

**OVERVIEW**

Bryant Rumbaugh spoke to the Board regarding creating an engaged society.

Jeff No Way spoke to the Board regarding society being lied to by leaders.

Kera spoke to the Board regarding cloud seeding.

Mark spoke to the Board regarding the impacts of corporations on society.

Michael Brando spoke to the Board regarding former Supervisor Nathan Fletcher.

Paul Henkin spoke to the Board regarding the Board of Supervisors actions to help the community.

Consuelo spoke to the Board regarding the support needed for the community.

Terri-Ann Skelly spoke to the Board regarding the impacts of marijuana sales on youth.

Kevin Stevenson spoke to the Board regarding public comments at Board meetings.

Peggy Walker spoke to the Board regarding negative impacts of the Social Equitable Cannabis Program.

Truth spoke to the Board regarding scheduling a meeting with Supervisor Vargas.

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

Audra spoke to the Board regarding weather manipulation.

Morgan Chalmiers spoke to the Board regarding the violence against Palestinian-Arab Americans.

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

Becky Rapp spoke to the Board regarding the negative health impacts of marijuana use on youth.

Angela Assoulin spoke to the Board regarding the deaths of Palestinian children.

**ACTION:**

Heard, Referred to the Chief Administrative Officer.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 4:43 p.m. in memory of Roy Cazares.

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.

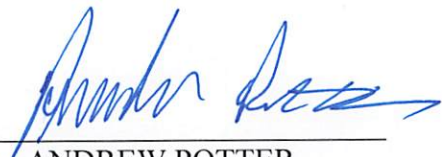
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Approved by the Board of Supervisors, on Tuesday, February 27, 2024.



NORA VARGAS  
Chair

Attest:



ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board

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