

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS  
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING

**TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025, 10:00 AM AND WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025, 9:00 AM**  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER,  
BOARD CHAMBER, ROOM 310  
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

**GENERAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025, 10:00 AM**

Order Of Business

A. REGULAR SESSION: Meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

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

ABSENT: Supervisor Jim Desmond; (District 1 Seat Vacant)

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 Dr. Caleb J. Lines.

D. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Girl Scouts of San Diego.

E. Presentations or Announcement of Proclamations and Awards:

Vice-Chair Terra Lawson-Remer presented a proclamation declaring April 8, 2025 to be, San Diego County District Attorney’s Consumer Protection Unit Day throughout the County of San Diego.

Vice-Chair Terra Lawson-Remer and Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe presented a proclamation declaring the Month of April 2025, to be Child Abuse Prevention Month throughout the County of San Diego.

Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe presented a proclamation declaring April 08, 2025, to be Leon Williams Day throughout the County of San Diego.

Supervisor Joel Anderson presented a proclamation declaring April 08, 2025, to be Sheriff Kelly Martinez Day throughout the County of San Diego.

F. 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.

- G. Approval of the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the sessions of March 11, 2025, March 12, 2025, and Special Meeting of March 4, 2025.

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors approved the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the sessions of March 11, 2025, March 12, 2025, and Special Meeting of March 4, 2025.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe  
ABSENT: Desmond, (District 1 Seat Vacant)

- H. Consent Agenda
- 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.
- K. Recess to Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 9:00 AM for the Land Use Legislative Session

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

**Board of Supervisors' Agenda Items**

<b>Category</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Public Safety	1.	DISTRICT ATTORNEY - ACCEPT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S ANNUAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT REPORT AND REVIEW AND RENEW THE MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY ORDINANCE ARTICLE LXIV SECTION 955 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES
	2.	SHERIFF - ACCEPT THE SHERIFF'S ANNUAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT REPORT AND REVIEW AND RENEW THE MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY ORDINANCE PER SECTION 449 TO ARTICLE XXV OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES
	3.	SHERIFF- REQUEST FOR SINGLE SOURCE PROCUREMENTS FOR GENETIC GENEALOGY TECHNOLOGY, VALIDATION SERVICES, AND INSTRUMENT SUPPORT FROM VEROGEN

4. SHERIFF - REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION FOR AN AUTOMATED FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM
- Health and Human Services 5. APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS AND DONATIONS RECEIVED BY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY IN CALENDAR YEAR 2024 TO A.B. AND JESSIE POLINSKY CHILDREN'S CENTER AND CHILD AND FAMILY WELL-BEING AND SEND LETTERS OF APPRECIATION TO THE DONORS
- Land Use and Environment 6. SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF GIFTS AND DONATIONS AND RATIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS AND DONATIONS EXCEEDING \$5,000 TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY LIBRARY AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION
- Financial and General Government 7. NOMINATIONS TO THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION
8. GENERAL SERVICES - APPROVE NEW LEASE FOR TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR, 2275 RIO BONITO WAY, SAN DIEGO, AND RECEIVE NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
9. GENERAL SERVICES - APPROVE LEASE AMENDMENTS FOR THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY, CENTRAL REGION FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER - METRO AND SOUTH REGION LIVE WELL CENTER AT CHULA VISTA, AND RECEIVE NOTICES OF EXEMPTION
10. GENERAL SERVICES - APPROVE LONG-TERM SHARED USE AGREEMENT AND AMEND CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK CONTRACT FOR MIRA MESA EPICENTRE PROJECT
11. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:  
ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ADDING TITLE 3, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 5 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES RELATING TO PREDATORY PRACTICES AFTER THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY (3/11/2025 - First Reading; 4/8/25- Second Reading unless ordinance is modified on second reading)
12. APPROVAL OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES: VARIOUS AGENCIES
13. APPOINTMENTS: VARIOUS
14. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

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| Public Safety                    | 15. DEFENDING DUE PROCESS RIGHTS AND PREVENTING UNJUST DEPORTATIONS IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY  |
| Health and Human Services        | 16. RECEIVE UPDATE ON ENHANCING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ACCESSIBILITY; AUTHORIZE MULTIPLE REQUESTS FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS TO ESTABLISH CONTRACTS FOR CRITICAL SERVICES; AND ADOPT THE REVISED LANTERMAN-PETRIS-SHORT DESIGNATION GUIDELINES AND PROCESSES FOR FACILITIES WITHIN SAN DIEGO COUNTY  |
| Financial and General Government | <p>17. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING (TEFRA):<br/>REAPPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF FACILITY BONDS BY THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF CORALLINA CIC, LP AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES, IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000,000</p> <p>18. ESTABLISHING A COUNTY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) POLICY FRAMEWORK AND GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE TO SAFEGUARD TRANSPARENCY, EQUITY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN AI USE AND PROVIDING DIRECTION ON THE FUTURE OF COUNTY TECHNOLOGY</p> <p>19. CONTINUED ITEM FROM MARCH 11, 2025 (11):<br/>PROVIDING FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM RECIPIENTS WITH A NOTICE OF FUNDING AT RISK</p> <p>20. FIGHTING CORPORATE MONOPOLIES THAT UNDERMINE FIRE PROTECTION</p> <p>21. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT NEEDS ASSESSMENT - FISCAL YEARS 2025-26 THROUGH 2029-30</p> <p>22. CONSIDERATION OF THE 2025 BUDGET PROCESS TIMELINE AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND OPERATION OF SECTIONS 116 AND 117 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE WITH REGARD TO APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 COUNTY BUDGET; AND WAIVER OF BOARD POLICY A-72 (4/8/2025 - First Reading; 4/22/2025 - Second Reading)</p> <p>23. CLOSED SESSION</p> <p>24. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMUNICATION</p> |

1. **SUBJECT: DISTRICT ATTORNEY - ACCEPT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S ANNUAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT REPORT AND REVIEW AND RENEW THE MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY ORDINANCE ARTICLE LXIV SECTION 955 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On September 30, 2021, Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481). Codified in Government Code sections 7070-7075, AB 481 requires the governing body of a law enforcement agency to annually renew approval of a military equipment use policy for such equipment to be requested, acquired, or deployed by the agency. On May 10, 2022 (1), and annually thereafter the Board of Supervisors has approved and adopted the San Diego County District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation Military Equipment Use Policy (Policy) under Article LXIV Section 955 of the San Diego County Code of Administrative Ordinances (Ordinance 10789).

Government Code 7072 also requires law enforcement agencies to present an annual report to their governing body on the use of the equipment, complaints, or concerns regarding the use of the equipment, results of any internal audits on the use of the equipment, the annual costs for the equipment, the quantity possessed by the agency, and the intent to purchase additional equipment in the following year.

Today's request is for the Board of Supervisors to accept the San Diego District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation Annual Military Equipment Report (Report), determine that each type of equipment has complied with the standards for approval set forth in Government Code section 7071(d), and to review and renew Ordinance 10789 relating to the Military Equipment Use Policy in compliance with AB 481.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

1. Accept and file the San Diego District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation Annual Military Equipment Report per Government Code section 7071(d) and determine each type of equipment in the Report has complied with the standards for approval set forth in Government Code section 7071(d).
2. Review and renew Ordinance 10789:  
**AN ORDINANCE ADDING ARTICLE LXIV TITLED DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND NEW SECTION 955 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES FOR APPROVAL OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY.**

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The District Attorney's Office seeks to ensure an equitable and transparent justice system for all San Diego communities. To advance fairness and equity, the District Attorney's Office is committed to gathering community input, while simultaneously assessing current and emerging public safety risks and needs when making decisions regarding the use, procurement, and funding of state defined military equipment. As part of the District Attorney's ongoing

dedication to public safety, the actions in this Board Letter would provide local law enforcement services to facilitate equitable outcomes throughout San Diego communities by protecting human rights, liberties, and security of all residents.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action contributes to the County of San Diego’s sustainability goals of community engagement and safety. Investing in local law enforcement services and equipment enables a local and coordinated response, bringing critical incidents to a prompt and safe resolution while safeguarding public safety. Investments in local resources also enhance investigative support services and the overall prosecutorial process. To prevent, prosecute, and protect San Diego communities from harm, the District Attorney's Office’s use of local resources and equipment not only increases organizational capacity, but it leads to positive social and economic enhancements contributing to overall regional sustainability.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today’s request to receive and consider approving the San Diego County District Attorney’s Annual Military Equipment Report related to Government Code section 7071(d). There is no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

ABSENT: Desmond, (District 1 Seat Vacant)

- 2. **SUBJECT: SHERIFF - ACCEPT THE SHERIFF'S ANNUAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT REPORT AND REVIEW AND RENEW THE MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY ORDINANCE PER SECTION 449 TO ARTICLE XXV OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On September 30, 2021, Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481), which is codified in Government Code sections 7070-7075. Assembly Bill 481 is intended to increase transparency, accountability, and oversight surrounding the acquisition and use of military equipment by state and local law enforcement. The San Diego County Sheriff's Office (Sheriff's Office) currently owns equipment that falls under the identified categories of Government Code 7070.

On April 9, 2024, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved and adopted the ordinance titled "An Ordinance Adding a New Section 449 to Article XXV of the San Diego County Code of Administrative Ordinances for Approval of Sheriff’s Military Equipment Use Policy" (Attachment B). To continue utilizing its military equipment, which is necessary to provide

public safety and protect residents and businesses of San Diego County, as well as those who visit, the Sheriff's Office has reviewed its military equipment use policy and created an Annual Military Equipment Report (Attachment A) pursuant to the requirements of Government Code 7072.

Today's request is for the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to accept the Annual Military Equipment Report, and review and renew Ordinance 10777 relating to the military equipment use policy.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **SHERIFF**

1. Accept the San Diego County Sheriff's Office Annual Military Equipment Report (Report) and determine each type of equipment in the Report has complied with the standards for approval set forth in Government Code section 7071(d).
2. Review and renew the Ordinance:  
AN ORDINANCE ADDING A NEW SECTION 449 TO ARTICLE XXV OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES FOR APPROVAL OF SHERIFF'S MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The San Diego County Sheriff's Office (Sheriff's Office) provides law enforcement services that aim to protect everyone's human right to life, liberty, and security of person. It is the policy of the Sheriff's Office to be transparent in the purchase and use of military equipment. Decisions regarding the use, procurement and funding of military equipment takes into consideration the public's welfare, safety, civil rights, and allows for public input. The Sheriff's Office also strives for equitable outcomes in our communities, which means that the law enforcement services afford our communities a chance to lower crime and improve quality of life throughout the entire jurisdiction.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

By enhancing the delivery of law enforcement services, the department is furthering the County's Sustainability Goal of protecting the health and wellbeing of everyone in the region. By maintaining these types of equipment and having it available for the region's first responders through mutual aid agreements, the department is providing a benefit for all San Diego County residents and visitors.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's request to accept the Annual Military Equipment Report, and review and renew Ordinance 10777 relating to the military equipment use ordinance governing the San Diego County Sheriff's Office's Military Equipment Use Policy. 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 Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe  
ABSENT: Desmond, (District 1 Seat Vacant)

**3. SUBJECT: SHERIFF– REQUEST FOR SINGLE SOURCE PROCUREMENTS FOR GENETIC GENEALOGY TECHNOLOGY, VALIDATION SERVICES, AND INSTRUMENT SUPPORT FROM VEROGEN (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The ability for the San Diego County Sheriff’s Office Regional Crime Laboratory (Crime Lab) to perform Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) analysis is vital to the County of San Diego because it leads to the identification of individuals who may be involved in committing crimes and plays a key role in exonerating the wrongly accused. Moreover, future offenses are prevented by apprehending perpetrators before they can commit further crimes. The Crime Lab proposes to utilize the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Fiscal Year 2024 Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grant to purchase and validate Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) technology, along with instrument support services, for use in DNA analysis and to generate Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) profiles.

The Crime Lab’s Forensic Biology Section has approximately 40 John/Jane Doe cases that need NGS technology. Taking advantage of the increased sensitivity of NGS will allow the DNA Section to get superior results from cases involving unidentified decedents, which are CODIS eligible. The Forensic Biology Section estimates there are over 300 unsolved sexual assault cases since 2018 which may also benefit from NGS, and the Sheriff’s Cold Case Homicide Team has identified 25 cases to date that could benefit from NGS. The Forensic Biology Section has a case backlog and has opted to outsource all validations for new technology when possible. By using VEROGEN, Sheriff’s staff will be able to perform the full validation for both kits, making VEROGEN a cost-effective alternative to using the DNA analyst’s time.

Today’s request is for the Board of Supervisors to approve a single source procurement based on precluded competition because of the existence of patent rights, copyrights, secret processes, control of the basic raw material(s) or similar circumstances, and no equivalent good or service is available. VEROGEN is the only vendor to offer ForenSeq Kintelligence® and the MainstAY® typing kit which is the sole CODIS approved DNA analysis kit available for NGS technology and is the sole vendor capable of establishing performance standards necessary for forensic analysis through validation and providing ongoing instrument support.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**  
**SHERIFF**

In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, approve and authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to enter into negotiations with VEROGEN and subject to successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award a contract to purchase and validate Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) technology from



VEROGEN, along with instrument support services for up to two years, for use in Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) analysis and generation of Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) profiles, and to amend the contract as needed to reflect changes to requirements and funding, subject to the approval of the Sheriff.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Identification of people convicted of crimes is crucial in the criminal justice process to deliver accountability and bring justice and healing to victims, their families, and the wrongfully accused. Bringing Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) technology into the Crime Lab is critical for approximately 30 law enforcement and criminal justice agencies to ensure a fair and equitable justice system in both the defense and prosecution of crimes. The single source availability of the requested technology and the specialized need for validation and support services ensures the highest quality service is provided to the County and other criminal justice agencies.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today’s request to approve a single source contract with VEROGEN supports the County of San Diego’s Sustainability Goal of providing just and equitable access for victims of crimes and those who may have been wrongfully accused of a crime. Considering the regional support and the Regional Crime Laboratory’s forensic science services provided to law enforcement and criminal justice agencies in San Diego County, it is necessary to obtain equipment that ensures a standardized and validated process.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2024–25 Operational Plan for the Sheriff’s Office. If approved, this request will result in estimated one-time costs of \$760,000. The funding source is the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Fiscal Year 2024 Byrne Discretionary Community Project 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 Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

ABSENT: Desmond, (District 1 Seat Vacant)

**4. SUBJECT: SHERIFF - REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION FOR AN AUTOMATED FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The California Identification System/Remote Access Network (Cal-ID/RAN) is a statewide system that provides local law enforcement agencies with direct access to local, state, and federal automated fingerprint, palm print, photo systems and databases. This statewide system allows for the rapid identification of persons booked into detention facilities and latent prints lifted from crime scenes. The Sheriff's Office serves as San Diego County's Cal-ID/RAN administrator.

On April 7, 2009 (4), the Board of Supervisors authorized the Sheriff's Office to issue a competitive solicitation for the procurement of a replacement Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), a solution that stores and processes fingerprint and palm print images to build a local database and is able to search and compare prints to local, State, and Federal fingerprint databases. In December 2011, a new AFIS was successfully implemented at the Sheriff's Office and other law enforcement agencies in San Diego County. The AFIS continues to be in use but has become obsolete and needs replacement.

Today's action requests the Board to authorize a competitive solicitation for a new Automated Fingerprint Identification System.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**SHERIFF**

In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code authorize the Director of the Department of Purchasing and Contracting to issue a competitive solicitation for an Automated Fingerprint Identification System, and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award a contract for an initial term of five years, with five one-year option periods, and an additional six-month extension, if needed, and to amend the contract as needed to reflect changes to service requirements and funding, subject to approval of the Sheriff.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Offender identification is crucial in the criminal justice process to deliver offender accountability and bring justice and healing to victims. AFIS develops a list of possible associations to the unknown scene prints that a Latent Print Examiner can then compare and make identifications of suspects in crimes, as well as exonerate the innocent. Additionally, having a mobile fingerprint identification system brings efficiency to law enforcement in processing fingerprints for presumptive identification. The Sheriff's Office, as San Diego County's California Identification System/Remote Access Network (Cal-ID/RAN) administrator, is moving these solicitations forward to provide regional support as approved by the San Diego County Cal-ID/RAN Board. Having efficient and dependable fingerprint processing ensures a fair and equitable criminal justice system because they assist in processing crime scenes and providing identification to persons matching the prints and eliminating innocent individuals. This is a critical step in creating offender accountability. The end goal is to deliver justice for the victims of crimes.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action to authorize a competitive solicitation for a new AFIS and subsequently authorize the Department of Purchasing and Contracting to solicit and award a contract to purchase a Mobile Fingerprint Identification System contributes to the County's Sustainability Goal to provide just and equitable access. Having a new and updated system creates more efficiency of both time and cost in processing fingerprints to identify owners of those fingerprints. These devices can search the San Diego County regional AFIS database of fingerprints, the California Department of Justice, and the FBI Repository of Individuals of Special Concern databases, enabling law enforcement officers to quickly develop associations to individuals in the field. The fingerprints collected from the Mobile Fingerprint Identification devices in the field are only a preliminary indication for field use and are not entered into the AFIS. This system benefits the entire region in suspect identification, which leads to solving and at times, preventing crimes.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request will be included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the Sheriff's Office. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of approximately \$500,000 for initial implementation of the AFIS in Fiscal Year 2025-26 and \$1,200,000 annually for AFIS access, customer support, and maintenance for the subsequent years of the contract. The funding source is the Sheriff Fingerprint ID Trust Fund, which is funded with vehicle registration fees. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

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

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

ABSENT: Desmond, (District 1 Seat Vacant)

5. **SUBJECT: APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS AND DONATIONS RECEIVED BY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY IN CALENDAR YEAR 2024 TO A.B. AND JESSIE POLINSKY CHILDREN'S CENTER AND CHILD AND FAMILY WELL-BEING AND SEND LETTERS OF APPRECIATION TO THE DONORS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) Policy A-112 and the San Diego County Administrative Code Section 66 require Board approval to accept gifts and donations over \$5,000. The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Child and Family Well-Being (CFWB) periodically receives monetary gifts and in-kind donations of over \$5,000 to benefit children temporarily residing at the A.B. and Jessie Polinsky Children's Center (PCC) and children involved with CFWB. PCC is a County-operated Temporary Shelter Care

Facility administered by CFWB and provides 24-hour care for up to 10 calendar days for children and youth under 18 years of age who can no longer safely remain with their family of origin due to abuse, neglect, and/or abandonment.

On March 12, 2024 (5), the Board approved to accept the gifts and donations valued at \$144,668 for Calendar Year (CY) 2023. Today's action requests the Board to accept gifts and donations valuing \$47,893 for CY 2024: \$13,760 for the benefit of children at PCC and \$34,133 for the benefit of children involved with CFWB. This item supports the County vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by furthering collective efforts to maximize resources through community partnerships and providing equitable access to these resources.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. In accordance with County Administrative Code Section 66 and Board Policy A-112, accept gifts and donations totaling \$13,760 to the A.B. and Jessie Polinsky Children's Center from Promises2Kids; and accept gifts and donations valuing \$34,133 to Child and Family Well-Being from Promises2Kids.
2. Authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign letters of appreciation, upon receipt, on behalf of the County of San Diego to the donors. If the Chair position is vacant, authorize the Vice Chair to sign letters of appreciation.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency (HHS), Child and Family Well-Being (CFWB) periodically receives monetary gifts and in-kind donations of over \$5,000 to benefit children temporarily residing at the A.B. and Jessie Polinsky Children's Center (PCC) and children involved with CFWB. PCC is a County-operated licensed Temporary Shelter Care Facility administered by CFWB and provides 24-hour care for up to 10 calendar days for children and youth under 18 years of age who can no longer safely remain with their family of origin due to abuse, neglect, and/or abandonment. Some of the services provided at PCC include physical and mental health services, medication support, and crisis services to all youth entering the facility and throughout their length of stay. In Calendar Year (CY) 2024, PCC served 563 unduplicated children and of these, 38% were White, 35% were Black, 21% were Hispanic, 1% were Chinese, 1% were Iraqi, and 1% were Native American. Other ethnic groups comprising less than 3% of the population at PCC include Afghan, Asia Indian, Filipino, Other Asian, Romanian, Russian, and Samoan.

PCC represents a unique public-private community partnership that continues to generate periodic gifts and donations from individuals and private corporations for the children residing in this temporary shelter. The partnership maximizes resources available and ensures children at PCC and involved in CFWB have equitable access to gifts and donations that aid youth in maintaining connections to their communities and fosters their continued sense of belonging despite the barrier of being unable to safely live with their biological families or in their communities.

Monetary and in-kind donations received are monitored and publicly disclosed through the Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board meetings and annual reporting to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors. Expenditures are internally tracked by HHSA and CFWB to ensure transparency and accountability of donations and gifts received and provide for the advancement and equitable distribution of resources.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

As a result of the generous contributions from community members and organizations in San Diego County, donations benefit and enrich the lives of children who are temporarily staying at A.B. and Jessie Polinsky Children’s Center and involved with County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Child and Family Well-Being. The proposed action to accept gifts and donations received by HHSA supports the County’s Sustainability Goal #1 by engaging and building strong partnerships with community partners who provide donations. Sustainability Goal #2 is also supported by providing just and equitable access to special events, special activities, and other enhancements that directly benefit the children that would otherwise not be available to them.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Child and Family Well-Being (CFWB) received donations valued at \$47,893 between January 2024 and December 2024 to support activities of children at the A.B. and Jessie Polinsky Children’s Center and to support children involved with CFWB. 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 Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe  
ABSENT: Desmond, (District 1 Seat Vacant)

- 6. **SUBJECT: SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF GIFTS AND DONATIONS AND RATIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS AND DONATIONS EXCEEDING \$5,000 TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY LIBRARY AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The San Diego County Library (County Library) enhances the quality of life in the San Diego region by providing a physical and virtual hub of education, entertainment, and culture. The County Library operates 33 branches, two bookmobiles, four Library Outreach Vans, and five 24/7 Library-To-Go kiosks. The County Library serves over one million residents across all unincorporated communities and the cities of Del Mar, El Cajon (and Fletcher Hills), Encinitas (and Cardiff-by-the-Sea), Imperial Beach, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, Poway, Solana Beach, San Marcos, Santee, and Vista. From time to time, individuals, service groups, and businesses offer

gifts and donations to our County Library. Gifts and donations help expand important services and programs provided to the public, as well as the opportunity to purchase additional library materials and supplies to serve the diverse population of the region.

Board of Supervisors (Board) Policy A-112, *Acceptance, and Use of Gifts and Donations*, permits the acceptance of donations by the administrative head of each department of the County of San Diego (County). County Administrative Code Section 66, *Acceptance of Gifts*, requires County Board ratification of the acceptance of such gifts and approval prior to the expenditure of the gift if the gift exceeds \$5,000.

During the period of July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, donations to the County Library totaled \$246,472.34. Of the total amount, \$109,988.14 were cash donations, and \$136,484.20 were non-cash donations. Of the cash donations received, \$99,376.63 was matched by the Library Fund budget through the Dollar-for-Dollar Donation Matching Program. The matching fund program was created by the Board to give donors a sense of pride for taking part in the growth of their local County Library. Donations received during this reporting period were used to purchase library materials, such as books and eBooks, music, and equipment for library branches, as well as to facilitate cultural celebrations and support County Library programs.

Today's proposed actions are to accept the County Library's Report of Gifts and Donations for the period of July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, to ratify the acceptance of those gifts and donations by the County Library totaling \$246,472.34 and authorize the Vice Chair of the Board to sign a letter of appreciation to the donors whose donations exceed \$5,000 (Attachment D).

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find that the proposed action is not subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines because it involves organizational or administrative governmental activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.
2. In accordance with County of San Diego (County) Administrative Code Section 66, *Acceptance of Gifts*, and Board of Supervisors (Board) Policy A-112, *Acceptance and Use of Gifts and Donations*, accept the San Diego County Library Report of Gifts and Donations for the period of July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.
3. In accordance with County Administrative Code Section 66 and Board Policy A-112, ratify the acceptance of gifts from July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, for \$246,472.34 that exceeded \$5,000.
4. Authorize the Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign letters of appreciation on behalf of the County of San Diego to donors listed in Attachment B.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The acceptance of donations will allow for the purchase of library materials, such as books and eBooks, equipment for library branches, and bookmobiles to support programs that encourage participants of all ages to engage in reading and participate in activities that bring the community together. Donations and grants allow the San Diego County Library (County Library) to provide additional supplies and services to youth, families, and communities to encourage the sharing of experiences, cultural traditions, and resources to strengthen a sense of belonging. Gifts and donations received are monitored and publicly disclosed in accordance with all County policies. Expenditures are internally tracked by the County Library to ensure transparency and accountability of donations and gifts received and to provide for the equitable distribution of resources.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Acceptance of the County Library's Report of Gifts and Donations supports several of the County of San Diego's (County) Sustainability Goals, including Sustainability Goal No. 2, providing just and equitable access, by allowing stakeholders to support the collection in ways that are both meaningful to them and expand the library collection in areas like non-English languages and diverse books. Since the library collection serves the entire region and not just one branch, these donations benefit all library users, regardless of where they live. In addition, donations to the County Library support County Sustainability Goal No. 7, eliminating greenhouse gases, by purchasing and offering eBooks that do not need to be physically transported from a vendor or between County Library branches as customers across the region request them.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's recommendations. The San Diego County Library (County Library) received \$246,472.34 in cash and non-cash donations exceeding \$5,000 in value between July 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024. Of these donations, \$109,988.14 were in cash, and \$136,484.20 were in non-cash donations. Of the cash donations, \$99,376.63 qualified for an equal amount of matching funds from the County Library at the request of the donors and was used for specific requests by the donor and/or library materials such as books, supplies, and program branch activities in Fiscal Year 2024-25. The funding source of the matching funds is available prior year County Library Fund fund balance. 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 Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe  
ABSENT: Desmond, (District 1 Seat Vacant)

**7. SUBJECT: NOMINATIONS TO THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION  
(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Approve the following nominations to the California Coastal Commission.

Board of Supervisors Nominations:

Supervisor Joel Anderson  
County of San Diego, District 2  
1600 Pacific Highway  
San Diego, CA 92101

Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer  
County of San Diego, District 3  
1600 Pacific Highway  
San Diego, CA 92101

Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe  
County of San Diego, District 4  
1600 Pacific Highway  
San Diego, CA 92101

Supervisor Jim Desmond  
County of San Diego, District 5  
1600 Pacific Highway  
San Diego, CA 92101

City Nominations:

Councilmember Jose Preciado  
City of Chula Vista  
276 Fourth Avenue  
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Mayor Paloma Aguirre  
City of Imperial Beach  
825 Imperial Beach Boulevard  
Imperial Beach, CA 91932

Deputy Mayor Kristi Becker  
City of Solana Beach  
635 S. Highway 101  
Solana Beach, CA 92075



Mayor Terry Gaasterland  
City of Del Mar  
1050 Camino Del Mar  
Del Mar, CA 92014

Mayor Esther Sanchez  
City of Oceanside  
300 N Coast Highway  
Oceanside, CA 92054

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**VICE-CHAIR TERRA LAWSON-REMER**

1. Approve the nominations for appointment to the California Coastal Commission.
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to submit these nominations to the Honorable Robert Rivas, Speaker of the California Assembly.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with these nominations.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

ABSENT: Desmond, (District 1 Seat Vacant)

- 8. SUBJECT: GENERAL SERVICES - APPROVE NEW LEASE FOR TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR, 2275 RIO BONITO WAY, SAN DIEGO, AND RECEIVE NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (DISTRICT: 4)**

**OVERVIEW**

The San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector (TTC) Remittance Processing Unit has operated out of the County Administration Center (CAC) for over 30 years. The Remittance Processing Unit was temporarily relocated to the County Operations Center (COC) due to issues related to flooding during the January 2024 rainstorms. Since the space at the CAC no longer meets TTC's operational needs and the space at COC will need to be vacated for other uses, the County administratively approved a site search for replacement space.

Staff from the Department of General Services have negotiated a new lease agreement for 2,769 square feet of space located at 2275 Rio Bonito Way in San Diego, California. Today's request is for Board approval of the lease agreement.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find the proposed lease for Treasurer-Tax Collector 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 for premises located at 2275 Rio Bonito Way, San Diego, California.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The mission of the Treasurer-Tax Collector (TTC) office is to provide all residents of San Diego County with superior financial services and the highest levels of customer service. It is anticipated that the proposed lease for TTC will have a positive impact on the community by finding a permanent location for an essential unit of their operation.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for Treasurer-Tax Collector (TTC). If approved, this request will result in Fiscal Year 2025-26 costs and revenue of approximately \$90,963 based on an estimated commencement date of October 1, 2025. A 3% rent adjustment will go into effect October 2026. Funds for the remaining contract term and each option year, if exercised, will be included in future years' Operational Plans for TTC. The funding source is TTC program revenue including Tax Collection fees, AB 2890 revenue and Banking Pool offset revenue, and General Purpose Revenue. TTC will rely on program revenues to fund future rent increases. 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 Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

ABSENT: Desmond, (District 1 Seat Vacant)

9. **SUBJECT: GENERAL SERVICES - APPROVE LEASE AMENDMENTS FOR THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY, CENTRAL REGION FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER - METRO AND SOUTH REGION LIVE WELL CENTER AT CHULA VISTA, AND RECEIVE NOTICES OF EXEMPTION (DISTRICT: 1)**

**OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) provides vital health, housing, and social services to San Diego County residents. In-person services can be accessed at Family Resource and Live Well Centers throughout the County. The Central Region Family Resource Center - Metro (Metro FRC) and the South Region Live Well Center at Chula Vista (Chula Vista LWC) are two sites that have been operated by HHS since 1988 and 1999, respectively. Both sites require lease amendments to clarify terms and conditions and extend the terms of the leases.

Staff from the Department of General Services have negotiated a first amendment to the lease for the Metro FRC and a fourth amendment to the lease for the Chula Vista LWC. Today's request is for Board of Supervisors approval of the amendments.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find the proposed leased amendment for the Central Region Family Resource Center - Metro 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 amendment for the Central Region Family Resource Center - Metro.
3. Find the proposed leased amendment for the South Region Live Well Center at Chula Vista is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.
4. Approve and authorize the Director, Department of General Services, to execute the proposed lease amendment for the South Region Live Well Center at Chula Vista.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

It is anticipated that the proposed lease amendments for the Health and Human Services Agency will have a positive impact on the community by ensuring access for all through a fully optimized health and social service delivery system.

**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 the lease amendments is appropriate as it supports the County's Strategic Initiative of Sustainability to ensure the capability to respond to immediate needs for individuals, families, and the region.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

*Central Region Family Resource Center - Metro*

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Operational Plan and FY 2025-2026 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$53,798 in FY 2024-2025 based on an amendment commencement date of August 1, 2024. Fiscal Year 2025-26 costs are estimated at \$240,966 with a 3% rent adjustment to go into effect August 2025. Funds for the remaining contract term will be included in future years’ operational plans for HHSA. The funding sources are Social Services Administrative revenue and existing General Purpose Revenue. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

*South Region Live Well Center at Chula Vista*

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$1,587,677 in FY 2025-2026 based on an amendment commencement date of December 1, 2025, with a 3% annual rent adjustment to go into effect December 1, 2026. Funds for the remaining contract term and for each option year (if exercised) will be included in future years’ operational plans for HHSA. The funding sources are Social Services Administrative revenue, Health Realignment and existing General Purpose Revenue There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

ABSENT: Desmond, (District 1 Seat Vacant)

- 10. **SUBJECT: GENERAL SERVICES - APPROVE LONG-TERM SHARED USE AGREEMENT AND AMEND CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK CONTRACT FOR MIRA MESA EPICENTRE PROJECT (DISTRICT: 3)**

**OVERVIEW**

In 2021, the County of San Diego (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to negotiate an agreement with the City of San Diego (City) to launch a capital project to rehabilitate the Mira Mesa Epicentre, located at 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, San Diego, California (Property), as a County-operated community center offering programs, activities, classes, and events that benefit residents of all ages, interests, and abilities, with a special focus on youth and teens.

To best serve the community of Mira Mesa, facility users’ feedback on the future facility’s design and programming was collected through engagement with community members during community meetings and events from 2022 to 2024. On July 17, 2024 (07), the Board approved a 45-year lease agreement with the City (Lease) for the rehabilitation, operation, and

maintenance of the Mira Mesa Epicentre. In accordance with the Lease, County will refurbish and operate a portion of the Property as an open recreation center for youth, with programs that serve the needs of the community, including tutoring, mentoring, career counseling, performing and visual arts, gardening, cooking, various recreational classes, provision of rentable space for meetings and events, and intergenerational programs. Design features of the facility include the community's preference for a lounge area, game tables and consoles, workstations and a homework area, a music room, fitness equipment, a stage, a demonstration kitchen, and a multi-purpose space. Preferred exterior amenities include central gathering areas, open turf areas, garden areas, and outdoor sports courts. Construction of the project is currently underway through County Contract #570756, a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) contract with Balfour Beatty, Inc. (Contract).

Today's request is for the Board's approval of the long-term shared use agreement negotiated between the City and County, which allows users of the Mira Mesa Epicentre to park in the City-owned parking lot adjacent to the leased site. This request also includes authorization to amend the Contract for the Mira Mesa Epicentre project to allow for expenditure of \$11,500,000, the full capital-project funded amount.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find the proposed long-term shared use agreement with the City of San Diego for the use of property adjacent to County of San Diego leased site is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.
2. Approve and authorize the Director, Department of General Services, to execute the proposed long-term shared use agreement with the City of San Diego for the use of the property adjacent to the County of San Diego leased site at 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, San Diego, California.
3. In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, Administrative Code Section 401, and Public Contract Code Section 20146, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to amend County Contract #570756 with Balfour Beatty Construction LLC to increase the Budget Not-to-Exceed amount up to \$11.5 million.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Investing in today's youth who will become tomorrow's leaders is a high priority for the County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and the San Diego/Safe Destination Nights (SD Nights) program. The rehabilitation and operation of the Mira Mesa Epicentre will activate a highly visible public space and improve public safety in the community. The facility will serve as headquarters for DPR's SD Nights program and regional teen center hub, in which staff will coordinate events for teens in urban areas to keep them engaged in safe activities during critical hours. The Mira Mesa Epicentre will operate with the intention of diverting youth away from potentially negative behaviors by bringing them into a positive environment that equips them with social, physical, and educational tools that can help them lead healthy and productive lives.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The construction of the Mira Mesa Epicentre contributes to many of the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals: providing just and equitable access by improving the layout and wayfinding of the building to accommodate diverse physical and mental abilities, transitioning to a green, carbon-free economy by reducing the building's energy demand by 50%, protecting health and well-being with natural daylight, enriching landscaping, and use of non-toxic materials, protecting water through responsible stormwater construction practices, and reducing pollution and waste. The refurbishment of the Mira Mesa Epicentre will provide community members of all ages access to a safe and positive environment that promotes health and well-being through various programming opportunities, including mentoring, career counseling, performing and visual arts, gardening, cooking, recreational classes, and intergenerational programs.

Because the Mira Mesa Epicentre is an existing facility within an urban environment, it will support sustainable land use practices. It is located adjacent to Mira Mesa Community Park, Mira Mesa Senior Center, Mira Mesa Library, and Mira Mesa High School and is surrounded by residential and commercial uses. The central location of the facility and its proximity to nearby public transit allows for multi-modal accessibility. Additionally, the facility will be rehabilitated to meet the latest California Green Building Standards and will strive to meet net-zero energy goals in-line with both the City of San Diego's and County's greenhouse gas emission reduction goals.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for the rehabilitation project are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Operational Plan in the Capital Outlay Fund for Capital Project 1024823 Mira Mesa Epicentre Youth and Community Center. If approved, this request will result in total rehabilitation project costs and revenue of \$11.5 million in FY 2024-25. The funding sources are General Fund fund Balance (GFFB) (\$8.0 million) and General Purpose Revenue (GPR) (\$3.5 million). There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years from either approval of the long-term shared use agreement or the authorization to amend the existing County Contract #570756 in FY 2024-25.

The facility is projected to open in FY 2025-26. Upon completion of the rehabilitation project, funds for the initial purchase of minor equipment and start-up costs are included in the FY 2025-26 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$100,500 in FY 2025-26. The funding source is GPR allocated to DPR and park user fee revenue.

In addition, funds for ongoing operations are included in the FY 2025-26 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in DPR. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$508,363 annually starting in FY 2025-26, which will include an estimated \$209,763 for two existing full-time staff, \$152,920 for programming costs, \$145,680 for facility maintenance and utilities. No new positions will be added for this facility, two current DPR positions will be reallocated from other programs to staff this facility. The funding source is GPR allocated to DPR and park user fee revenue.

There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years in FY 2025-26.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

ABSENT: Desmond, (District 1 Seat Vacant)

- 11. **SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:  
ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ADDING TITLE 3, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 5  
OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY  
ORDINANCES RELATING TO PREDATORY PRACTICES AFTER  
THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY (3/11/2025 - First Reading;  
4/8/25- Second Reading unless ordinance is modified on second reading)  
(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On March 11, 2025 (12), the Board of Supervisors took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on April 8, 2025.

In January 2024, San Diego County experienced devastating rainstorms which resulted in a Major Disaster Declaration by the Biden Administration. During disasters such like the January 2024 floods those impacted by disasters deserve protections during this time of uncertainty to ensure they are not victims of predatory practices. On April 30, 2024 (35), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to explore options to extend the protections of Penal Code section 396 addressing predatory real-state and other exploitative consumer practices after the declaration of an emergency.

Today’s item requests the Board to approve the introduction of an ordinance relating to Predatory Practices after the Declaration of an Emergency. If the Board takes action as recommended, then on April 8, 2025, staff recommends the Board adopt the ordinance (second reading). If the proposed ordinance is altered on April 8, 2025, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance’s adoption.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Approve the adoption of the Ordinance (second reading):

**AN ORDINANCE ADDING TITLE 3, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 5 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES RELATING TO PREDATORY PRACTICES AFTER THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY.**

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Adding an ordinance to prevent predatory practices after the declaration of an emergency will demonstrate the County of San Diego’s commitment to supporting communities that are affected by disasters. Today’s recommendations will provide protections to residents who are vulnerable during times of uncertainty.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action to add an ordinance Relating to the Predatory Practices after the Declaration of an Emergency aligns with the County of San Diego’s Sustainability Goals by promoting health/well-being, and sustainable economic growth for our community. Residents affected by disasters will have the protections to focus on restoring their living conditions prior to any damage occurred without be victims of unfair, unlawful, or fraudulent business acts.

**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 Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, adopting Ordinance No. 10936 (N.S), entitled: AN ORDINANCE ADDING TITLE 3, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 5 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES, RELATING TO PREDATORY PRACTICES AFTER THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe  
ABSENT: Desmond, (District 1 Seat Vacant)

**12. SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES: VARIOUS AGENCIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The Board of Supervisors serve 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 submitted by various agencies.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Approve the Conflict of Interest codes for the following agencies:

- Brookfield Engineering Science Technology Academy
- Chula Vista Elementary School District
- Grossmont Union High School District
- Guajome Learning Centers
- Guajome Park Academy



- Harbor Springs Charter School
- Pacific Springs Charter School
- San Diego County Regional Airport Authority
- San Diego Unified Port District
- San Dieguito Water District
- Vista Springs Charter School

**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 Brookfield Engineering Science Technology Academy, Chula Vista Elementary School District, Grossmont Union High School District, Guajome Learning Centers, Guajome Park Academy, Harbor Springs Charter School, Pacific Springs Charter School, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, San Diego Unified Port District, San Dieguito Water District, and Vista Springs Charter School. 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**

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

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe  
ABSENT: Desmond, (District 1 Seat Vacant)

**13. 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," 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,". Board Policy I-1, "Planning and Sponsor Group Policies and Procedures,," and "The San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park Joint Powers Authority Agreement."

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**VICE-CHAIR TERRA LAWSON-REMER**

Appoint Kelly Jenkins Pultz to COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS, Seat 11, for a term to expire April 8, 2027.

**SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON**

Appoint Brian Von Esch to ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD 1 (AAB), Seat 2, for a term to expire September 6, 2027.

Appoint Dr. Rosolyn Harper to BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (BHAB), Seat 5, for a term to expire April 8, 2028.

Appoint Jared Wilson to ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD, Seat 8, for a term to expire April 8, 2028.

Appoint Debra Foster to FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE ADVISORY BOARD, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, Seat 3, for a term to expire January 8, 2029.

Appoint Marc Schaefer to HISTORIC SITE BOARD, Seat 2, for a term to expire January 8, 2029.

Appoint Haylie Priest to PINE VALLEY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP, Seat 9, for a term to expire January 8, 2029.

Appoint Andrew Hayes, Land Use Advisor for Supervisor Joel Anderson, as an Alternate to the SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (JPA) and the METRO WASTEWATER JPA for a term to expire January 8, 2029.

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Re-appoint Jorge Medina to COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP ADMINISTERING BOARD, Seat 13, for a term to expire April 8, 2028.

Appoint Eva Matthews to COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO HIV PLANNING GROUP, Seat 19, for a term to expire April 8, 2029.

Appoint Jake Zindulka to COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO LAW LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, Seat 3, for a term to expire December 31, 2026.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

ABSENT: Desmond, (District 1 Seat Vacant)

**14. 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 Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

ABSENT: Desmond, (District 1 Seat Vacant)

**15. SUBJECT: DEFENDING DUE PROCESS RIGHTS AND PREVENTING UNJUST DEPORTATIONS IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Everyone deserves a fair day in court-regardless of their immigration status. But as federal enforcement policies grow more aggressive and unpredictable, too many San Diegans are at risk of deportation without ever having a chance to make their case. San Diego County is a welcoming, binational region built by immigrants. Over 22% of our residents live in mixed-status households. These neighbors, friends, and family members are directly impacted by the legal complexities-and injustices-of our immigration system.

Indiscriminate deportation sweeps and aggressive immigration enforcement are tearing families apart, destabilizing neighborhoods, and eroding trust in government. These operations bypass due process and swiftly remove people from their homes and communities without even a hearing-violating basic constitutional rights. The impacts are

immediate and long-lasting: kids left without parents, workers ripped from jobs, and families forced into crisis overnight.

San Diego County has a proud track record of standing up for constitutional rights and defending every resident's access to justice-regardless of immigration status. We remain unwavering in our commitment to the principles enshrined in the 4th and 5th Amendments: due process, equal protection, and freedom from unlawful detention. At a time when federal policies are undermining those rights, it's our job to lead locally and protect the people who call this region home.

However, our communities are facing growing threats to their due process rights, as executive orders and federal policies undermine fundamental legal protections. In January 2025, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) unilaterally expanded its "expedited removal" protocol, stripping thousands of immigrants of their right to a hearing before a judge. What was once limited to the border zone is now being applied across the entire United States. Under this policy, DHS can quickly deport individuals without due process, no hearing, no legal representation, no chance to make their case. This is not justice, and it's not consistent with the constitutional rights we strive to uphold.

Increasing immigration enforcement operations and the stoppage of asylum seekers at our southern border means that more law-abiding immigrants living peacefully in our communities are being swept into detention - often without warning, and without access to legal counsel. These residents are our neighbors, coworkers, and family members - and without support, they risk being deported before they ever see a judge.

On May 4, 2021 (5), the Board took bold action to uphold due process and defend constitutional rights, approving the creation of the Immigrant Legal Defense Program (ILDP). This pioneering initiative helps ensure that detained immigrants in San Diego County have access to legal representation, connecting individuals with qualified attorneys to keep families together and protect the fundamental rights that anchor our democracy. Immigration law is complex and the right to an attorney is fundamental. Legal representation can mean the difference between staying with your family and being deported without cause.

Since its launch, the ILDP has delivered powerful results: nearly two-thirds (66%) of participants whose cases reached a decision have been granted relief by a judge - compared to just 5% for those without access legal representation. For the remaining one-third, having an attorney helped their case be heard and adjudicated fairly with a result that we can be confident followed the law. The program is also cost-effective, with average legal costs being nearly 40% lower than similar public programs and up to 80% less than hiring a private attorney.

Two years in, the ILDP has proven its impact, but the need is evolving. With federal enforcement expanding and more community members at risk of due process violations, we must refine the program to meet the needs, maximize impact, and strengthen funding partnerships. The demand for these services is expected to grow-not only for individuals in detention but also within our communities.

## **Eligibility**

As immigration enforcement increasingly targets people in our neighborhoods-and more immigrants face the risk of being deported without a fair hearing-the need for legal help for those not in detention is growing. We need to modify eligibility to include people in our communities that are not detained to keep families together and prevent unjust separations.

Focusing ILDP eligibility on low-and-moderate income individuals without the types of criminal convictions that would bar them from any forms of immigration relief, will also ensure limited legal capacity is directed toward cases with viable immigrant defense relief. Individuals with serious criminal convictions-such as for murder, rape, or drug trafficking-are already ineligible to remain in the country under existing immigration law and should not be accepted as ILDP clients.

These adjustments will encourage more attorneys to join the panel, align with state requirements to leverage future funding opportunities, and prioritize support for San Diego County residents who cannot afford representation.

## **Fee Structure**

To ensure long-term sustainability, the ILDP should adopt a sliding scale fee structure, similar to the Public Defender model. This approach would guarantee free representation for the most financially vulnerable, while allowing those with limited means to contribute based on income. It should also reflect differences in case complexity, including detained versus non-detained clients. These adjustments will help expand access to justice, strengthen due process protections, and keep families together across San Diego County.

## **Leveraging State and Philanthropic Matching Funding**

To build on the ILDP's success and meet growing demand, the County of San Diego must pursue additional funding partnerships. By seeking support from the State and philanthropic organizations, we can work toward increasing the program's budget, allowing us to help more San Diegans access basic legal representation. With additional funding partners, we can protect more families, keep communities intact, and uphold the values of fairness and due process.

Today's action directs the Chief Administrative Officer to explore targeted refinements to the ILDP program that would enhance its impact, meet emerging community needs, and secure additional funding partnerships. By strengthening this critical program, we reaffirm our commitment to due process, keeping families together, and ensuring that all residents-regardless of immigration status-have access to a fair day in court. I urge my colleagues to support this effort to defend constitutional rights and preserve the values that hold our communities together.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

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

1. Direct the CAO to explore targeted updates to the ILDP program to enhance impact and meet emerging community needs and ensure sufficient legal capacity. Return to the Board within 45 days with options to codify into a Board Policy.
  - a. For ILDP participants seeking pro bono representation, consider the following eligibility criteria:
    - i. Have a total household income below 200% of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Federal Poverty Guidelines, and,

- ii. Not have any criminal convictions that would bar eligibility for any immigration relief.
    - iii. ILDP participants that do not meet the eligibility requirement of (a)(i) may participate based on a sliding scale fee structure to share in the cost of representation.
  - b. Explore increased responsiveness to community needs by including representation for non-detained individuals within our communities, with the following eligibility criteria, and with appropriate safeguards to ensure that detained individuals continue to receive services without disruptions or reduction:
    - i. Be a resident, or have immediate family members as residents, of San Diego County,
    - ii. Have a total household income below 200% of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Federal Poverty Guidelines, and,
    - iii. Exclude those with criminal convictions that would bar eligibility for any immigration relief, such as murder, rape, and drug trafficking.
    - iv. Participants that do not meet the eligibility requirement of (a)(i) may participate based on a sliding scale fee structure to share in the cost of representation.
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to investigate potential State funding opportunities, as well as the possibilities of philanthropic and charitable funding, to fully meet the needs to protect the due process rights of San Diego County immigrants and return to the Board of Supervisors within 120 days with a report of findings.
- 3. Direct the CAO to update the description on all resources and materials related to the ILDP from the “Immigrant Rights Legal Defense Program” to the correct name of “Immigrant Legal Defense Program.”
- 4. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to maintain the current level of funding for the Immigrant Legal Defense Program (ILDP) at the \$5 million budget to uphold due process and defend Constitutional rights.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action aims to promote fairness and equal treatment in the justice system by preventing discriminatory practices that disproportionately impact immigrant communities. The original policy of refusing to honor federal immigration transfer and notification requests remains in place with pragmatic revisions to also support local county law enforcement in their efforts to protect the communities from the most serious criminal offenders. This approach supports the County's commitment to social justice and inclusion, fostering trust and cooperation between immigrant communities and local law enforcement, which is essential for effective community policing and public safety.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

This action supports long-term community resilience by prioritizing local resources to protect due process and uphold public safety, rather than diverting them toward federal immigration enforcement efforts. Promoting legal representation and stable families reduces the risk of unjust

deportations, strengthens trust in government, and fosters the social cohesion that underpins a safe and sustainable region.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Based on the originating direction from the Board, funds for the ILDP are planned for the Fiscal Year 2025-26 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the Public Defender. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years. Any additional fiscal impacts resulting from the implementation of today’s recommendation would be brought to the Board for consideration and approval.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, for the Board of Supervisors to take action as recommended.

AYES: Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe  
NOES: Anderson  
ABSENT: Desmond, (District 1 Seat Vacant)

*(Motion failed due to lack of required affirmative votes.)*

- 16. **SUBJECT: RECEIVE UPDATE ON ENHANCING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ACCESSIBILITY; AUTHORIZE MULTIPLE REQUESTS FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS TO ESTABLISH CONTRACTS FOR CRITICAL SERVICES; AND ADOPT THE REVISED LANTERMAN-PETRIS-SHORT DESIGNATION GUIDELINES AND PROCESSES FOR FACILITIES WITHIN SAN DIEGO COUNTY (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

In California, counties are responsible for administering specialty mental health and substance use services for residents eligible for Medi-Cal. The County of San Diego (County) Behavioral Health Services (BHS) department serves as the Specialty Mental Health Plan and Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System. To ensure access to quality care that meets the needs of Medi-Cal beneficiaries in San Diego County, BHS is required to maintain a local network of behavioral health services and providers. The San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) has made key investments over the last several years to enhance community-based behavioral health services and develop critical behavioral health infrastructure that is regionally distributed in alignment with population health needs.

In 2022, BHS developed the Behavioral Health Optimal Care Pathways (OCP) model outlining the existing and optimal future capacity necessary across community crisis diversion services, community-based care, and subacute care based on data and lengths of stay more optimal for patient care. The OCP model emphasizes a behavioral health system that prioritizes care for adults that meets their individual needs in the least restrictive settings. Since developing the OCP



model, BHS has taken multiple actions to build dedicated service capacity within community crisis diversion, subacute care, and community-based care, along with working to improve access to substance use and inpatient care. The County continues pursuing partnerships across the region that will enhance the continuum of care.

On January 28, 2025 (19), the Board authorized multiple actions to improve access to behavioral health care locally that will be achieved by enhancing existing partnerships or through new partnerships and directed a return to the Board within 90 days with updates on actions related to specific recommendations, to seek contracting authority, and to establish appropriations, if needed. Today's item requests the Board to receive the 90-day update and seeks authority for multiple contracting actions to advance critical services that will improve behavioral health services across the continuum of care. Also included is an update on workforce development opportunities through the expansion of academic clinical training programs.

As efforts to improve access to substance use and inpatient care continue, quality standards and program guidelines are concurrently revised to ensure compliance with updated regulations and requirements. As a result, today's item also includes a request to adopt revisions to the County Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Designation Guidelines and Processes for Facilities within San Diego County. These guidelines update criteria for evaluation and treatment services and facilities eligible for LPS designation, include additional data collection requirements, and clarify advisement and documentation guidelines to align with California Senate Bill 43 legislative changes and resulting operational updates.

These actions support the County vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished through further strengthening the continuum of behavioral health services by expanding care in San Diego County and updating the guidelines that support these critical services.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Receive update about enhancing behavioral health accessibility.
2. In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to issue a Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) for partial hospitalization and intensive outpatient programs for people with behavioral health conditions, and re-release the RFSQ, as needed, and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award contracts for up to 35 slots for an Initial Term of up to one year, with up to four 1-year Options, and an additional six months, if needed, and to amend the contracts, as needed, to reflect changes in program, funding or service requirements, subject to the availability of funds and approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee.

3. In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to issue a Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) for chemical dependency recovery hospital beds for people with substance use conditions, and re-release the RFSQ, as needed, and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award contracts for up to 22 beds for an Initial Term of up to one year, with up to four 1-year Options, and an additional six months, if needed, and to amend the contracts, as needed, to reflect changes in program, funding or service requirements, subject to the availability of funds and approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee.
4. Adopt the revised Lanterman-Petris-Short Designation Guidelines and Processes for Facilities within San Diego County.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego (County) Behavioral Health Services (BHS) is the service delivery system for Medi-Cal eligible residents with substance use care needs. In 2024, nearly one in three residents were eligible for Medi-Cal, with Hispanic and Latino residents having the highest percentage of Medi-Cal eligibility at 44%.

For Medi-Cal eligible residents who experience serious mental illnesses or have a substance use care need, BHS offers County-operated and contracted programs that prioritize addressing the social determinants of health. The goal is to ensure services are accessible, capable of meeting the needs of diverse populations, culturally responsive, and equitably distributed to providing care to those most in need. In doing so, BHS strives to reduce behavioral health inequities, identifying needs and designing services in a manner most impactful and equitable that will yield meaningful outcomes for those served. A comprehensive array of behavioral health services is vital for BHS to continue providing access to treatment and care for populations who are underserved by social and behavioral health resources.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's actions support the County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to County services and Sustainability Goal #4 to protect the health and well-being of everyone in the region. These goals will be accomplished by providing a wider availability and range of supportive, inclusive, and stigma-free options to those in need of behavioral health services. Access to a comprehensive continuum of behavioral health services will improve the overall health of communities.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for these requests are included in the Fiscal Years (FY) 2025-26 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency (HHS). If approved, today's recommendations will result in approximate costs and revenue of \$15.1 million in FY 2025-26. The funding sources are Short-Doyle Medi-Cal, Drug Medi-Cal, Realignment, and one-time General Purpose Revenue allocated by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on February 27, 2024 (11) for the implementation of California Senate Bill 43.

Impending federal policy changes that are being proposed may have significant impacts on the financial sustainability of local mental health and substance use treatment programs funded through Medicaid, or Medi-Cal in California. Any significant Medicaid policy changes will

impact the County of San Diego’s ability to financially sustain behavioral health Medi-Cal programs. Additionally, growth in Realignment funding has not kept pace with the increased costs for services, which is utilized as a local match for Medi-Cal programs.

At this time, there will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years. HHSA will continue to monitor any federal policy changes and will return to the Board as needed to address any significant impact as policies are implemented.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

ABSENT: Desmond, (District 1 Seat Vacant)

17. **SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING (TEFRA):  
REAPPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF FACILITY BONDS BY THE  
CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR THE  
BENEFIT OF CORALLINA CIC, LP AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES, IN AN  
AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000,000 (DISTRICT: 3)**

**OVERVIEW**

The County has received a request from the California Municipal Finance Authority (“CMFA” or the “Authority”) to conduct a public hearing as required by the Internal Revenue Code and to reapprove the Authority’s issuance of one or more series of facility bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 (the “Bonds”), to finance or refinance the acquisition, construction and development of a multifamily rental housing project to consist of 15 units of affordable housing plus 1 manager’s unit located at 6155 Carmel Valley Road, San Diego, California (the “Project”).

The Board of Supervisors previously held a Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (“TEFRA”) hearing and approved a TEFRA resolution for this financing on March 2, 2021 (9). The project has since finished construction and houses tenants earning at or below 50% - 60% Area Median Income. The Corallina at Pacific Highlands Ranch project is seeking a loan extension. Because the project was financed with a loan of tax-exempt proceeds from the Authority to the Borrower, any extensions of that loan are evaluated for consistency with federal tax laws. The current loan extension will cause a reissuance and to maintain the current tax-exempt status, there are specific requirements, including a TEFRA approval.

The Authority is authorized to assist in financing for nonprofit public benefit organizations or for-profit corporations with a public benefit project wishing to issue revenue bonds, including the Borrower. The Borrower is asking the County of San Diego, a member jurisdiction in which the project resides to: (1) conduct a public hearing to satisfy the public approval requirement of

Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code; and (2) reapprove the Authority's issuance of the Bonds. Although the Authority is the issuer of the Bonds for the Borrower, the financing cannot proceed without the approval of an applicable legislative body.

Today's recommendations will provide the Authority with the required authorization to pursue its determination to issue the Bonds on behalf of the Borrower for the Project.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code, hold a public hearing regarding the financing of the Project.
2. Adopt a Resolution entitled:  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO REAPPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY EXEMPT FACILITY BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING OR REFINANCING THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPPING OF CORALLINA AT PACIFIC HIGHLANDS RANCH.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Authority was established to assist in financing of nonprofit public benefit organizations or for-profit corporations with a public benefit project wishing to issue or reissue bonds. The Bonds issued were used to finance or refinance the acquisition, construction and development of a multifamily rental housing project located at 6155 Carmel Valley Road, San Diego, California. The Project will assist the Borrower with its public benefit mission of helping to develop a multifamily rental housing project in the County of San Diego.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action would result in economic, social, health and wellbeing benefits for the community by allowing the Borrower to continue to provide comprehensive and affordable multifamily rental housing to diverse and underserved communities. The proposed action will contribute to County of San Diego Sustainability Goal No. 2 by providing just and equitable access to protect and expand availability of affordable housing by increasing investment in underserved communities of San Diego County.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

If approved, the proposal will result in approximately \$991 of unanticipated revenue to be used to reimburse the County for staff costs associated with this non-County financing. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

The Borrower will be responsible for the payment of all present and future costs in connection with the issuance of the financing related to the Project. The County will incur no obligation of indebtedness as a result of today's actions.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors closed the Hearing and took action as recommended, adopting Resolution No. 25-016, entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO REAPPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY EXEMPT FACILITY BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING OR REFINANCING THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPPING OF CORALLINA AT PACIFIC HIGHLANDS RANCH.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

ABSENT: Desmond, (District 1 Seat Vacant)

18. **SUBJECT: ESTABLISHING A COUNTY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) POLICY FRAMEWORK AND GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE TO SAFEGUARD TRANSPARENCY, EQUITY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN AI USE AND PROVIDING DIRECTION ON THE FUTURE OF COUNTY TECHNOLOGY (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Recent advances in artificial intelligence (AI) and related transformative technologies have provided the County of San Diego (County) with unprecedented opportunities to drive economic growth and enhance public services. On June 4, 2024 (13), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) voted to approve the establishment of an *ad hoc* subcommittee (Subcommittee) of the Board for the purposes of better understanding and leveraging transformative technologies including, but not limited to, AI to make County services more responsive, efficient, and accessible to all. The Subcommittee also provided input to the Chief Administrative Officer on current and future information technology (IT) and telecommunication needs, services and strategies, including the use of AI; and on how advances in AI, smart robotics, IT and telecommunication services could be aligned with the Board’s strategic objectives.

AI presents transformative opportunities for government operations, enhancing service delivery, increasing efficiency, and improving decision-making. However, it also brings significant challenges, including ethical considerations, transparency, bias, security, and privacy risks. To address these challenges, it is imperative for the County of San Diego to establish a clear AI policy framework and governance structure that ensures responsible AI usage.

Over the past several months, the County has convened AI-focused subcommittee meetings to assess AI adoption, governance, and its impact on County operations. The first subcommittee meeting, held on October 16, 2024, provided foundational knowledge on AI, including an introduction to ChatGPT and other generative AI technologies, key legislative developments, and current County AI initiatives. The second subcommittee meeting, on January 15, 2025, focused on the role of AI in workforce transformation, IT infrastructure, and strategic AI implementation. These discussions, along with the February 27th CAO Memo titled “Research, Best Practices, and Recommendations on Transformative Technologies and Artificial Intelligence,” informed the recommendations in this Board action, which seek to establish

governance, vendor management policies, an AI incident response plan, and workforce training while also reviewing County technology infrastructure and innovation funding utilization.

AI technologies must be leveraged strategically to improve service delivery without compromising equity, privacy, or public trust. By implementing a governance framework, establishing an AI incident response plan, enhancing vendor accountability, and expanding workforce education efforts, the County will ensure responsible AI adoption that aligns with its strategic priorities. These measures will enable the County to remain at the forefront of technological advancements while safeguarding the best interests of employees, residents and businesses.

Today's action is directing the CAO to develop and implement a robust AI governance framework that ensures transparency, accountability, and responsible AI use across all County departments. This includes strengthening oversight of AI procurement and vendor management, establishing clear guidelines on ethical AI usage, ensuring compliance with existing legal and regulatory frameworks, supporting and training our County workforce, and fostering collaboration with external stakeholders to drive responsible AI adoption. Additionally, this effort will provide a structured approach to identifying and mitigating AI-related risks, safeguarding data privacy, and enhancing public trust in AI-driven government operations.

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

##### **SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON**

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to develop and implement a County AI governance framework that ensures responsible AI use, data privacy compliance, and adherence to ethical standards, including meeting and conferring with represented employee groups, and return to the Board with an update in 60 days.
2. Direct the CAO to establish an AI incident response plan and return to the Board with an update in 180 days to address risks associated with AI bias, security breaches, and unintended policy implications.
3. Direct the CAO to clearly outline the next steps for the County IT contract expected to begin in 2028 by engaging and informing the full Board of Supervisors and members of the public for a fair and competitive process for the selection of the next IT prime contractor(s) and return to the Board in 180 days.
  - a) Investigate whether the current IT contract meets best practices on topics including but not limited to customer service, employee support, costs, risk, liability, innovation, competition, security, single or multisource providers, etc... and determine how improvements can be made in future contract(s).
4. Direct the CAO to create AI procurement guidelines that include vendor engagement guidelines, to enhance compliance requirements, improve vendor and County relationships, and establish transparency measures such as public dashboards tracking AI-related vendor contracts.

5. Direct the CAO to hire a consultant to conduct an independent Countywide assessment of IT and telecommunications needs, including an audit of active technology solutions across departments, and return to the Board in 180 days with an update. Transfer appropriations of \$300,000 from Finance Other, Services and Supplies, to County Technology Office, Services and Supplies to fund the independent assessment of IT and telecommunications needs.
6. Direct the CAO to develop a workforce education and training plan on AI literacy, ethical AI use, and potential workforce uses, in collaboration with labor organizations and County employee resource groups.
7. Direct the CAO to implement an Innovation Fund strategy to best leverage \$1.0 million in annual Innovation Fund resources by engaging Board office, County Departments and Offices.
  - a) CAO to conduct an annual presentation to the Board on the County's innovation strategies, including the Innovation Fund, with input from the community, the Board and County staff.
  - b) CAO to provide an annual report on the foregoing activities.
8. Direct the CAO to explore funding mechanisms, including state and federal grants, to support AI innovation and technology upgrades while ensuring alignment with sustainability goals.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

AI technologies have the potential to either mitigate or exacerbate existing inequities. By establishing proper safeguards, these risks can be mitigated. Meanwhile, the responsible use of AI can increase the effectiveness of current County staff and programs that provide services to our community's most vulnerable residents.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

By integrating AI solutions into County operations, we can enhance efficiency and reduce environmental impact through optimized resource allocation. AI-driven automation and data analytics can improve sustainability initiatives such as energy management in County buildings and broadband accessibility. Additionally, responsible AI governance will ensure that emerging technologies align with ethical and environmental best practices, reducing risks associated with high-energy consumption AI models.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for the actions requested in Recommendation 1-4 and 6-8 are included in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operational Plan based on existing staff time in the County Technology Office and Department of Purchasing and Contracting funded by General Purpose Revenue and Charges for Current Services to County departments through the Purchasing Internal Service Fund. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years. There may be fiscal impacts associated with future related recommendations which staff would return to the Board for consideration and approval.

Funds for the actions requested in Recommendation 5 are included in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operational Plan in Finance Other based on funds redirected from a cancelled enterprise IT project. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of \$300,000. The funding source is General Purpose Revenue. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed AI governance framework will foster a responsible and innovation-friendly environment for businesses engaging with the County. By providing clear procurement guidelines and transparent vendor management, businesses will have greater confidence in partnering with the County on AI-related initiatives. Furthermore, ensuring AI accountability will contribute to a stable economic climate, where businesses and residents benefit from reliable and ethical AI-driven public services.

### **ACTION:**

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

1. Directed the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to develop a County AI governance framework covering but not limited to automated decision systems and generative AI that ensures responsible AI use, data privacy compliance, and adherence to ethical and labor standards, including meeting and conferring with represented employee groups, and return to the Board along with the AI incident response plan, AI procurement guidelines, and AI workforce education and training plan for approval in 120 days.
2. Directed the CAO to establish an AI incident response plan and return to the Board with an update in 180 days to address risks associated with AI bias, security breaches, and unintended policy implications.
3. Directed the CAO to clearly outline the next steps for County IT provision ahead of the expiration of the prime IT contract in 2028, including assessments of the full and complete costs and tradeoffs involved in decisions to outsource various IT capacities, by engaging and informing the full Board of Supervisors and members of the public for a fair and competitive process and return to the Board in 180 days.
  - a. Investigate whether the current IT contract meets best practices on topics including but not limited to best value given the full and complete costs and tradeoffs involved in outsourcing, customer service, employee support, costs, risk, liability, innovation, competition, security, single or multisource providers, etc., and determine how improvements can be made in future decisions about County IT provision.
4. Directed the CAO to create AI procurement guidelines that include vendor engagement guidelines, to enhance compliance requirements, improve vendor and County relationships, and establish transparency measures such as public dashboards tracking AI-related vendor contracts.



5. Directed the CAO to hire a consultant to conduct an independent Countywide assessment of IT and telecommunications needs, including an audit of active technology solutions across departments, and return to the Board in 180 days with an update. Transfer appropriations of \$300,000 from Finance Other, Services and Supplies, to County Technology Office, Services and Supplies to fund the independent assessment of IT and telecommunications needs.
6. Directed the CAO to develop a workforce education and training plan on AI literacy, ethical AI use, and potential workforce uses, in collaboration with labor organizations and County employee resource groups.
7. Directed the CAO to implement an Innovation Fund strategy to best leverage \$1.0 million in annual Innovation Fund resources by engaging Board office, County Departments and Offices.
  - a. CAO to conduct an annual presentation to the Board on the County’s innovation strategies, including the Innovation Fund, with input from the community, the Board and County staff.
  - b. CAO to provide an annual report on the foregoing activities.
8. Directed the CAO to explore funding mechanisms, including state and federal grants, to support AI innovation and technology upgrades while ensuring alignment with sustainability goals.
9. Directed the CAO to develop, through collaboration with local stakeholders, and return to the Board with an AI Bill of Rights for San Diego that can be modeled on the Blueprint for an AI Bill of Rights released by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy in 2022. Ensure that all County AI policies and procedures, including but not limited to the AI framework and governance structure, AI incident plan, AI procurement guidelines, and AI workforce education and training plan conform and adhere to the San Diego AI Bill of Rights.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe  
 ABSENT: Desmond, (District 1 Seat Vacant)

**19. SUBJECT: PROVIDING FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM RECIPIENTS WITH A NOTICE OF FUNDING AT RISK (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On March 11, 2025 (11), 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.

Hundreds of thousands of San Diego families rely on federally funded programs to meet basic needs, including healthcare, housing assistance, food security, and workforce development. These programs are not just important; they are essential for the health, safety, and stability of our communities. The recent federal budget proposals proposed by the Administration and

Congressional leaders put these lifelines at serious risk. Cuts of this magnitude will have real and devastating consequences for residents across San Diego County.

For instance, the U.S. House budget proposal includes a 15% cut to housing assistance, jeopardizing the housing stability of nearly 10,000 households in San Diego who rely on housing vouchers to provide stable housing and prevent homelessness. Federal food assistance programs are also targeted, with the House Budget Committee proposing 20% cuts to food assistance programs supporting over 400,000 families in our region. If enacted, these cuts will leave families struggling to afford groceries, overload our local food banks, and lead to worse health outcomes. Additionally, proposed cuts to healthcare funding will reduce access to essential services like mental health care and preventative medical treatment for 900,000 households across San Diego. The urgency is clear: without intervention, these cuts will worsen housing instability, food insecurity, and health outcomes for our most vulnerable residents.

San Diego County must act swiftly to ensure transparency and preparedness. It is crucial that all federally funded program beneficiaries are notified about these impending funding cuts and potential service reductions.

Today's action directs the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a notification strategy to send a "notice of funding at-risk" to all federally funded program beneficiaries. This notice should be clear, concise, and delivered in a timely manner to give families federal contact information to direct questions and concerns about these proposed federal funding cuts, including contact information for the White House, and the Department of Government Efficiency (@DOGE). The notice could be distributed through multiple communication channels, such as direct mail, email, flyers, and posters in County facilities, including County Livewell Centers, and County Family Resource Centers.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

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

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a notification strategy to provide a formal notice of funding at-risk to all federally funded County program beneficiaries with timely and clear information about proposed funding cuts and potential service reductions. This notification strategy could include multiple communication channels, such as direct mail, email, flyers, and posters in County facilities, like County Livewell Centers and Family Resource Centers. This notice should provide contact information for the White House and the Department of Government Efficiency (@DOGE) to direct any questions and concerns about these proposed federal funding cuts. Report back with notification strategy options within 30 days. Additionally, the notice should include resources where people can go to get help. Finally, any notifications should wait to be deployed until there is specific information about the cuts. Report back with notification strategy options within 30 days.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Ensuring that residents receive timely and clear communication about potential funding reductions is essential to promoting fairness and access to critical services. Many of the federally funded programs at risk serve populations that already face systemic barriers to economic stability, healthcare, and housing. Providing transparent information and connecting affected individuals with advocacy opportunities helps empower communities to protect the resources they rely on, while also ensuring those most impacted are not left without support.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Ensuring residents are informed and prepared for potential funding reductions strengthens community resilience and economic stability. By proactively connecting individuals to alternative resources and support systems, we can help prevent financial hardship, homelessness, and service disruptions, contributing to a more sustainable and stable region.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no direct fiscal impact and no additional staffing costs associated with these recommendations at this time. There may be additional fiscal impacts in the future depending on the notification strategies that are developed.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

Local businesses and the broader economy are indirectly impacted by reductions in federally funded programs, as these cuts may lead to decreased consumer spending, increased financial instability among workers, and higher demand for social services. Ensuring that program recipients are aware of potential funding risks and available resources can help mitigate disruptions to economic activity and provide stability for families and businesses alike.

## **ACTION:**

Noting for the record that this item was heard on April 9, 2025; a motion was made by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, for the Board of Supervisors to take action as recommended.

AYES: Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

NOES: Anderson

ABSENT: Desmond, (District 1 Seat Vacant)

*(Motion failed due to lack of required affirmative votes.)*

## **20. SUBJECT: FIGHTING CORPORATE MONOPOLIES THAT UNDERMINE FIRE PROTECTION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

Every San Diegan deserves to know that when crisis strikes, our firefighters have the equipment they need to respond. But a growing corporate monopoly crisis in the firefighting apparatus industry is putting lives at risk-and forcing taxpayers to foot the bill for Wall Street greed. Over the past decade, private equity firms have aggressively bought up and consolidated fire apparatus manufacturers, creating massive corporate monopolies that put profits ahead of public safety.

This consolidation has driven prices sky-high, reduced production quality, and created years-long procurement delays. During the devastating Los Angeles fires, dozens of fire engines and ladder trucks sat idle in maintenance yards as fire departments waited-sometimes for years-for backlogged replacement vehicles. Taxpayers are being squeezed-paying more, waiting longer, and getting less. The New York Times reports that ladder trucks have doubled in cost over just a few years, now topping over \$2.3 million.

While corporate conglomerates were monopolizing the industry and eliminating competition, something curious happened-they also started cutting production capacity just as demand for fire trucks surged. When federal COVID-19 funds gave state and local governments the ability to invest in new emergency equipment, fire truck orders spiked by nearly 50% from 2020 to 2022.

Yet instead of ramping up production to meet this demand, the reports show that corporate conglomerates have actually shut down manufacturing plants, worsening procurement backlogs that have now ballooned into the billions. Despite years-long delays, these corporate giants have made little effort to expand capacity, seemingly unbothered by the fact that fire departments are left waiting-sometimes for years-for the life-saving equipment they desperately need.

Our County of San Diego Fire Protection District has experienced these challenges firsthand, seeing extensive production delays that stretch over 900 days and fire truck prices that have doubled from \$650,000 to over \$1.3 million. However, local fire districts have few alternatives as the lack of competition in the industry leaves them with no choice but to accept these inflated costs and excessive wait times-further proof that corporate monopolies are putting profits ahead of public safety.

The devastating wildfires that swept through Southern California in January 2025 underscored the critical importance of having sufficient, reliable, and readily available fire-fighting equipment. San Diego County is one of the most fire prone regions in the entire state, with over 80% of the County designated as high or very high wildfire hazard zones. Our fire protection districts cannot afford these excessive delays or inflated costs, and we must take action to hold corporate monopolies accountable and protect our communities. Fires are a fact of life-but letting a few Wall Street investors cash in on disaster is immoral and unconscionable.

This issue is a growing concern across firefighting agencies. On February 20, 2025 the California Fire Service Leadership Alliance - comprising the California Fire Chiefs Association, the California Volunteer & Combination Fire Chiefs Association, the California Tribal Fire Chiefs Association, the Fire Districts Association of California, the League of California Fire Chiefs Department, the California Contract County Fire Chief Agencies, and the California Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association - wrote a letter expressing their concern about this growing crisis and the need for more accountability.

The County has a strong track record of using affirmative litigation to hold corporations accountable and protect our communities from harmful business practices. This includes securing settlements from opioid manufacturers totaling more than \$60 million for their role in the opioid crisis, taking legal action against manufacturers of illegal ghost gun milling machines that make untraceable firearms, and social media companies for pushing addictive technology that harms youth. We have also pursued cases against environmental polluters and corporate landlords engaged in price-fixing and collusion. Challenging the monopolistic stranglehold on the fire apparatus industry is a natural continuation of this work. Enforcing antitrust laws can break up these monopolies, restore fair competition, and ensure that fire departments have timely, reliable access to the life-saving equipment they need.

Today's action directs the County to explore legal and advocacy options to take on the corporate monopolies that are driving up fire truck costs, cutting corners on quality, and making fire departments wait years for critical equipment. If we don't act, these corporate monopolies will continue to cash in while our communities burn. County Counsel will report back every 90 days with legal and advocacy options, legal strategies, and outreach opportunities to join statewide and national efforts, such as the California Fire Service Leadership Alliance, and next steps to hold these corporations accountable and ensure our fire departments get the resources they need. I urge my colleagues to support this effort to stand up for our communities and protect public safety.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

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

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer, in consultation with County Counsel, to explore legal and advocacy options related to fire apparatus antitrust and monopolistic practices under state and federal law. This may include, but not be limited to, joining statewide and national efforts, outreach to justice officials, and affirmative litigation strategies. Return to the Board in closed session on an ongoing basis every 90 days with updates on their efforts, and with options that the Board can elect to move forward with, through further direction.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Monopolistic practices disproportionately affect under-resourced and rural communities, where fire departments are already stretched thin. Ensuring equitable access to timely and quality fire trucks is crucial for the safety of all residents, regardless of income or location.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Modern and reliable fire trucks are essential for effective wildfire response and environmental protection. Addressing procurement delays aligns with the County's sustainability goals by enhancing resilience to climate-related disasters.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included as staff time in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operational Plan in County Counsel based on existing General Purpose Revenue. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years. There may be fiscal impacts associated with future related recommendations which staff would return to the Board for consideration and approval.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

Delays in fire truck procurement can lead to increased property losses, higher insurance costs, and economic instability in fire-prone areas. Taking action to address these delays ensures that fire departments have the necessary resources to protect homes, businesses, and critical infrastructure, thereby supporting economic stability.

### **ACTION:**

Noting for the record that this item was heard on April 9, 2025; ON MOTION of Supervisor Lawson-Remer, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors directed the Chief Administrative Officer, in consultation with County Counsel, to explore legal and advocacy options related to fire apparatus antitrust and monopolistic practices under state and

federal law. This may include, but not be limited to, joining statewide and national efforts, outreach to justice officials, and affirmative litigation strategies. This would also include a resolution in open session asking the public safety committee in the state legislature to take action. Return to the Board in closed session on an ongoing basis every 90 days with updates on their efforts, and with options that the Board can elect to move forward with, through further direction.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

ABSENT: Desmond, (District 1 Seat Vacant)

**21. SUBJECT: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT NEEDS ASSESSMENT - FISCAL YEARS 2025-26 THROUGH 2029-30 (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

A network of well-maintained infrastructure and amenities is essential to the quality of life, as well as health and safety, for the residents of San Diego County and the people who staff and utilize the infrastructure. The Capital Improvement Needs Assessment (CINA), referred to publicly as the Capital Plan, is a strategic, long-term infrastructure assessment of the County of San Diego's (County's) responsibility to take care of its aging infrastructure while enhancing sustainability and improving resilience of our capital investments. The CINA is reviewed and revised annually through an iterative process that considers community needs, County operational needs, and financial resources available to meet those needs.

The Fiscal Years 2025-26 through 2029-30 CINA process has identified a need for the County to modernize rural fire and sheriff stations, revitalize existing infrastructure, meet statewide stormwater mandates, and improve access to the County's extensive network of parks and trails. Today's request would approve the Fiscal Years 2025-26 through 2029-30 CINA and refer it to the Chief Administrative Officer for funding identification and timelines to implement individual projects.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Approve the Capital Improvement Needs Assessment (CINA) prioritizing County of San Diego (County) capital projects for Fiscal Years 2025-26 through 2029-30, as filed with the Clerk of the Board, and refer it to the Chief Administrative Officer for funding identification and timelines for implementation of individual projects.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Equity is incorporated throughout the Capital Improvement Needs Assessment (CINA) planning cycle and carried through to the design and execution of each capital project. The planning cycle includes multiple touchpoints with the community and requires departments to identify how each of their capital projects promote equity and positively impact the residents of San Diego County.

Approval of Fiscal Years 2025-26 through 2029-30 CINA will result in the continued planning, design and construction of infrastructure that will ultimately improve accessibility to behavioral health, recreational services, and public safety services in the region. If approved, today's action will further improve the equitable distribution of facilities that provide services for some of the region's most vulnerable and under-served populations including individuals with complex behavioral health needs, and individuals with justice involvement.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's board letter supports the County of San Diego's (County's) sustainability goals of engaging the community, providing just and equitable access to County services, protecting the health and wellbeing of the region, safeguarding ecosystems, habitats, and biodiversity throughout the County, and reducing pollution and waste. Development of the Capital Improvement Needs Assessment (CINA) is an iterative process designed to maximize engagement opportunities with the community and provide the upmost transparency into the capital project planning process.

Referring the Fiscal Years 2025-26 through 2029-30 CINA to the Chief Administrative Officer for consideration within the Operational Plan process will allow for the initiation and planning of a variety of capital projects, including upgrades to and replacements of aged infrastructure to improve access and remove barriers for persons of all abilities, behavioral health projects that will fill unmet needs for mental health services, and public safety projects that will improve the County's ability to provide services.-

Projects that are approved for capital funding will continue to support the implementation of the Zero Carbon Portfolio Plan by adhering to Policy G-15, which seeks to reduce County facilities greenhouse gas emissions by 90% by 2030 through various means such as sustainable construction materials and electrification of building systems. Additionally, the projects included in the CINA are aligned to the Climate Action Plan and our regional efforts to decarbonize.

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the Board's approval of the FY25-26 through FY29-30 CINA Plan. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years resulting from today's recommended actions. The five-year CINA, contains partially funded and unfunded capital projects of approximately \$838.2 million, and actual timing of projects will be subject to funding availability and project readiness.

The first year of the CINA, FY25-26, includes only projects supported by program revenue that may only be used for a specific purpose, including the respective supported project, and projects required to support health, safety, and mandated requirements. This is in consideration of the County's current financial and operational planning landscape. Planning and budget development for FY25-26 has included strategies to close a funding gap resulting from factors including escalating costs for existing programs, new funding requests and constrained revenues. County staff has been working to reduce costs, find efficiencies and streamline programs and services. Projects included in the first year of the CINA, which do not have an identified funding source, are being considered for long-term financing. For reference, to finance \$50 million over 30 years would have an estimated annual cost of \$4 million over the term of the financing. The

County is committed to making smart investments to maximize impacts in the community while balancing the long-term fiscal stability of the County. FY25-26 reflects the management of the potential risk.

Once capital projects are approved for the CINA, departments and programs estimate funding needs, identify funding sources and incorporate ongoing costs including staffing and operations and maintenance as part of the annual Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Recommended Operational Plan for the Board's consideration. Staff will return to the Board for consideration and approval as part of the FY25-27 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for any fiscal impacts associated with future related recommendations.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

Noting for the record that this item was heard on April 9, 2025, and that an Errata was submitted that made changes to attachment A; ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

ABSENT: Desmond, (District 1 Seat Vacant)

- 22. SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF THE 2025 BUDGET PROCESS TIMELINE AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND OPERATION OF SECTIONS 116 AND 117 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE WITH REGARD TO APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 COUNTY BUDGET; AND WAIVER OF BOARD POLICY A-72 (4/8/2025 - First Reading; 4/22/2025 - Second Reading) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

The California Government Code (Government Code) and the San Diego County Code of Administrative Ordinances (Administrative Code) govern the timeline for the County of San Diego's (County) annual budget process and related Board of Supervisors (Board) decisions. These actions include: (a) Board review of budget estimates and approval of budget recommendations from the Chief Administrative Officer, (b) budget hearings, and (c) approval and adoption of the County budget.

In the past several years, the County has used a "one-step" budget adoption process pursuant to the Administrative Code and as allowed by Government Code. Under this process, the Board reviews and adopts the budget in a single action no later than June 30 of a given year. Alternatively, the Government Code permits California counties to utilize a "two-step" budget process if they choose, wherein formal adoption of a budget occurs no later than October 2, but prior to this formal adoption, the budget is approved by June 30 for the purpose of spending authority until formal budget adoption.



This is a request for the Board to utilize such a “two-step” budget process for the Fiscal Year 2025-26 County budget. Specifically, it is a request for the Board to consider and adopt an ordinance temporarily suspending operation of San Diego County Administrative Code Sections 116-117 with regard to approval and adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 County budget. Utilizing a “two-step” budget process will allow the Board to better understand and account for uncertainties surrounding rapidly shifting federal policies, the State budget outlook, and other factors that could impact the current budget process. It will also allow for District One to have a voice in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget process.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **SUPERVISOR MONICA MONTGOMERY STEPPE**

1. Waive Board Policy A-72 Agenda and Related Process, Section 2.C.2.ii, which establishes required timelines for review when preparing a Board Letter.
2. Approve the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading), read title and waive further reading of the Ordinance: AN ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING OPERATION OF SECTIONS 116 AND 117 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE PROCESS FOR APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 COUNTY BUDGET.  
This Ordinance will temporarily suspend San Diego County Administrative Code Sections 116 and 117, which will enable the County to adopt the budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget development process via resolution no later than October 2, 2025, consistent with California Government Code 29088.
3. If, on April 8, 2025, the Board takes action as recommend in item 2 then, on April 22, 2025 (second reading): Submit ordinance for further Board consideration and adoption on April 22, 2025 (second reading).

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Utilizing a two-step budget process for adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 County Budget will allow the County to more optimally allocate resources by better accounting for rapidly shifting federal funding policies and uncertainties in State funding levels.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County strives to strengthen communities in all interactions by pursuing legislative policies and collaborating with stakeholders to enhance services that allow residents to transition to self-sufficiency to increase economic sustainability and reduce poverty. Adopting a budget that most optimally allocates resources advances this objective.

### **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:**

Noting for the record that this item was heard on April 9, 2025; a motion was made by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, for the Board of Supervisors to take the following actions:

1. Waive Board Policy A-72 Agenda and Related Process, Section 2.C.2.ii, which establishes required timelines for review when preparing a Board Letter.
2. Approve the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading): AN ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING OPERATION OF SECTIONS 116 AND 117 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE PROCESS FOR APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 COUNTY BUDGET. This Ordinance will temporarily suspend San Diego County Administrative Code Sections 116 and 117, which will enable the County to adopt the budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget development process via resolution no later than October 2, 2025, consistent with California Government Code 29088.
3. If, on April 8, 2025, the Board takes action as recommend in item 2 then, on April 22, 2025 (second reading): Submit ordinance for further Board consideration and adoption on April 22, 2025 (second reading).
4. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to work with the Acting Chair and return May 6, 2025 with proposed revisions to the Board of Supervisors calendar that accounts for initial public budget presentations and community feedback in June, reschedule public budget hearing dates for September prior to a budget adoption vote as required by law, and any other necessary calendar changes to facilitate conduct of county business, contingent upon the adoption of the ordinance.

AYES: Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

NOES: Anderson

ABSENT: Desmond, (District 1 Seat Vacant)

*(Motion failed due to lack of required affirmative votes.)*

**23. SUBJECT: CLOSED SESSION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)

Cleveland National Forest Foundation, et al. v. County of San Diego;  
San Diego Superior Court Case No.: 37-2022-00044215-CU-WM-CTL

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)

Center for Biological Diversity et al. v. County of San Diego et al.;;  
San Diego Superior Court Case No.: 37-2020-00046553-CU-WM-CTL

- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
Ian Mayes, et al. v. County of San Diego, et al.;;  
San Diego Superior Court Case No.: 37-2022-00035289-CU-PA-CTL
- D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
Marcus Wesley Boyd v. County of San Diego, et al.;;  
San Diego Superior Court Case No.: 37-2023-00002923-CU-CR-CTL
- E. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
Joseph Frias v. County of San Diego, et al.;;  
United States District Court Case No.: 22cv675-JO-AHG
- F. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
Richard Thompson v. County of San Diego, et al.;;  
United States District Court, Southern District of California Case No.:  
24-cv-1873-W-SBC
- G. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
Thomas Rainey, et al v. County of San Diego, et al.;;  
United States District Court, Southern District of California Case No.:  
3:19-cv-01650-DMS-SBC

**ACTION:**

County Counsel reported that for Closed Session on April 8, 2025, the Board of Supervisors took no reportable actions.

ABSENT: Desmond, (District 1 Seat Vacant)

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

**OVERVIEW**

Oliver Twist spoke to the Board regarding a social media lawsuit complaint written by County Counsel; asked that speakers identify if they are being paid to speak.

John Brady spoke to the Board regarding housing.

Purita Javier spoke to the Board regarding toxicity from ceramics kiln.

Jeffrey Bloom spoke to the Board regarding homelessness issues.

Don Wells spoke to the Board regarding Just In Time Foster Youth benefits.

Andrea Ebbing spoke to the Board regarding diversion programs.

Barbara Gordon spoke to the Board regarding the negative impacts of marijuana addiction.

Madison Rapp spoke to the Board regarding the negative impacts of marijuana use.

Paul the Bold spoke to the Board regarding support of the new request to speak system; and, about children being sexually assaulted by Polinsky Children's Center.

Justin Castro spoke to the Board regarding voter registration issues.

Cesar Javier spoke to the Board regarding toxicity from ceramics kiln.

Consuelo spoke to the Board regarding elections.

Mark Dorian spoke to the Board regarding parking.

Yusef Miller spoke to the Board regarding fairness in public schools.

Ilka Weston spoke to the Board regarding mental health issues in the jail.

Audra spoke to the Board regarding child abuse.

Paloma Serna spoke to the Board regarding in custody deaths in the County of San Diego jails.

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

**ACTION:**

Heard, Referred to the Chief Administrative Officer

The Board recessed at 5:15 p.m., until Wednesday, April 9, 2025 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.