

**May 21, 2024**

**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS**

*The Minutes of the*

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

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

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COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
**TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024, 9:00 AM**  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, ROOM 310  
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Order Of Business

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

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

- B. Statement (just cause) and/or Consideration of a Request to Participate Remotely (emergency circumstances) by a Supervisor, if applicable.
- C. Invocation was led by Pastor Shadow Suka.
- D. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Isa Jimenez Ramirez.
- E. Presentations or Announcement of Proclamations and Awards:

Chairwoman Nora Vargas presented a proclamation declaring the month of May 2024, to be Foster Care Month throughout the County of San Diego.

Chairwoman Nora Vargas and Vice-Chair Terra Lawson-Remer presented a proclamation declaring the month of May 2024, to be Asian American Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month throughout the County of San Diego.

Vice-Chair Terra Lawson-Remer presented a proclamation declaring the month of May 2024, to be Jewish Heritage Month throughout the County of San Diego.

Supervisor Joel Anderson presented a proclamation declaring May 21, 2024, to be Elizabeth Howe Day throughout the County of San Diego.

Supervisor Joel Anderson and Supervisor Jim Desmond presented a proclamation declaring the week of May 19-25, 2024, to be National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week throughout the County of San Diego.

Supervisor Jim Desmond presented a proclamation declaring May 21, 2024, to be Isa Jimenez Ramirez Day throughout the County of San Diego.

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

- G. Approval of the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the Regular meeting of April 30, 2024; and, the Special Meeting of May 3, 2024.

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors approved the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the Regular meeting of April 30, 2024 and the Special Meeting of May 3, 2024.

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

- H. Consent Calendar

- I. Discussion Items

- J. Time Certain: 6:00 p.m.

**Item 19: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:**

**TRUTH ACT COMMUNITY FORUM REGARDING IMMIGRATION  
AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT ACCESS TO INDIVIDUALS DURING  
2023**

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

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

**Board of Supervisors' Agenda Items**

<b>Category</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Public Safety	1.	SHERIFF - AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND USER AGREEMENTS FOR THE CALIFORNIA IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM/REMOTE ACCESS NETWORK [FUNDING SOURCE: CALIFORNIA IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM/REMOTE ACCESS NETWORK FUNDS]
	2.	DISTRICT ATTORNEY - GRANT APPLICATIONS, ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS AND RESOLUTIONS FOR INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAMS [FUNDING SOURCE: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AND EXISTING GENERAL-PURPOSE REVENUE FOR NON-REIMBURSABLE INDIRECT COSTS]

Health and  
Human Services

3. REQUEST FOR SINGLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT WITH FIRSTWATCH SOLUTIONS INC FOR DATA SURVEILLANCE  
[FUNDING SOURCE: EXISTING GENERAL-PURPOSE REVENUE]
4. RESOLUTION UPDATING THE COUNTY'S DESIGNATION OF AUTHORIZED AGENTS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES FUNDING
5. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:  
APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XV-B OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CHARGES AND FEES
6. AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION FOR THE KINSHIP SUPPORT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES  
[FUNDING SOURCE: SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATIVE REVENUES AND REALIGNMENT]
7. AUTHORIZE REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (RFSQ) AND AWARD CONTRACTS FROM THE RFSQ FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER-BASED PROGRAMS  
[FUNDING SOURCES: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRUST FUND AND REALIGNMENT]
8. AUTHORIZE CONTRACT AMENDMENTS TO SUPPORT PRE-RELEASE MEDICAL ENROLLMENT, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LINKS, AND 90-DAY PRE-RELEASE SERVICES FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS  
[FUNDING SOURCES: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES (DHCS) PROVIDING ACCESS AND TRANSFORMING HEALTH (PATH) JUSTICE-INVOLVED CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM GRANT AND FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HOSPITALS; MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT]
9. AUTHORIZE CONTRACT AMENDMENTS, COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF HIV/AIDS SERVICES CONTRACTS, ACCEPTANCE OF HIV/AIDS SERVICES GRANT FUNDING, AND APPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES  
[FUNDING SOURCE: UNITED STATES HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION AND IS AWARDED TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH; EXISTING REALIGNMENT]

Financial and  
General  
Government

10. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:  
FINANCE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT GROUP FEES AND  
RATES RELATING TO ASSESSOR/RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK,  
TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR, CLERK OF THE BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS, AND OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL  
[FUNDING SOURCE: FEES PAID BY CUSTOMERS OF THE  
IDENTIFIED SERVICES]
11. ORDINANCES AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE  
AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION AND AMENDING  
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTIONS 125, 125.1 AND 496 (5/21/24 -  
FIRST READING; 6/4/24 - SECOND READING, UNLESS THE  
ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING)
12. GENERAL SERVICES - APPROVAL OF SECOND AMENDMENT TO  
LEASE AGREEMENT FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
AGENCY, 5469 KEARNY VILLA ROAD, SAN DIEGO, AND NOTICE  
OF EXEMPTION  
[FUNDING SOURCE: EXISTING GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE,  
REALIGNMENT, AND SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATIVE  
REVENUES]
13. GENERAL SERVICES - APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS FOR THE  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, UCSD AND SIERRA ROJO REGIONAL  
COMMUNICATION SITES AND NOTICES OF EXEMPTION
14. GENERAL SERVICES - AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE AND  
AWARD A CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK CONTRACT FOR  
THE RENOVATION OF THE SUBSTANCE USE RESIDENTIAL &  
TREATMENT SERVICES FACILITY AND APPROVAL OF NOTICE OF  
EXEMPTION  
[FUNDING SOURCE: REALIGNMENT]
15. SUPPORT COUNTY SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS FOR PAPER  
REDUCTION BY AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT FOR  
AS-NEEDED SCANNING, INDEXING AND MICROGRAPHIC  
SERVICES
16. APPROVAL OF THE CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODES FOR  
PALOMAR HEALTH AND SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT  
SYSTEM (MTS)
17. APPOINTMENTS: VARIOUS
18. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

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| Public Safety                          | 19. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:<br>TRUTH ACT COMMUNITY FORUM REGARDING IMMIGRATION<br>AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT ACCESS TO INDIVIDUALS<br>DURING 2023   |
|  | 20. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:<br>SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:<br>AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE XX SECTION 364.6 OF THE<br>SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RELATING TO<br>MEDICAL EXAMINER FEES AND CHARGES<br>[FUNDING SOURCE: FEES PAID BY CUSTOMERS AND GPR]   |
|  | 21. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:<br>SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:<br>AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XX OF THE SAN DIEGO<br>COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCE CODE, RELATING TO<br>SAN DIEGO COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEES<br>(4/30/24 - FIRST READING; 5/21/24 - SECOND READING UNLESS<br>ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING)<br>[FUNDING SOURCE: FEES PAID BY CUSTOMERS] |
|  | 22. EXPLORING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR ALTERNATIVE<br>TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS RELEASED FROM<br>THE VISTA DETENTION FACILITY  |
| Health and<br>Human Services           | 23. ESTABLISHING AN INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIP WITH<br>UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO HEALTH FOR<br>ESSENTIAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE AT EAST MEDICAL<br>CAMPUS   |
| Financial and<br>General<br>Government | 24. ADDRESSING DATA EQUITY FOR ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE<br>HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER PEOPLE AND SUPPORTING<br>EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUPS TO ADDRESS COUNTY<br>LEADERSHIP GAPS   |
|  | 25. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY<br>OF SAN DIEGO OPPOSING STATE FARM AND OTHER INSURANCE<br>COMPANIES ABANDONING HOMEOWNERS, RENTERS, AND<br>SMALL BUSINESSES AMID STATE EFFORTS TO MODERNIZE<br>REGULATIONS   |

26. FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 THIRD QUARTER OPERATIONAL PLAN STATUS REPORT AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS  
[FUNDING SOURCES: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION CLIMATE SMART LAND MANAGEMENT (CSLM) PROGRAM, OVER-REALIZED GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE, OPIOID SETTLEMENT FRAMEWORK, SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK JPA AND PRIOR YEAR NRP & CE PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS THAT WERE RETURNED IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR; REVENUE FROM CLIENT DEPARTMENTS, ROAD FUND FUND BALANCE COMPONENT DECREASE - COMMITTED ROADWAY MAJOR MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY PROJECTS, FUTURE OF PUBLIC HEALTH SUSTAINABLE FUNDING, OPERATING TRANSFERS IN FROM THE GENERAL FUND, AVAILABLE PRIOR YEAR CSA 69 FUND BALANCE, AVAILABLE PRIOR YEAR PLDO AREA 28 RAMONA FUND FUND BALANCE, AVAILABLE PRIOR YEAR PLD RAMONA IMPROVEMENT IMPACT FEES FUND FUND BALANCE, OPERATING TRANSFER IN FROM THE PLD RAMONA IMPROVEMENT IMPACT FEES, SAN DIEGO RIVER CONSERVANCY, JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA, AVAILABLE PRIOR YEAR HARMONY GROVE IMPROVEMENT FUND FUND BALANCE, MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES, AVAILABLE PRIOR YEAR HARMONY GROVE CAPITAL PROJECT FUND FUND BALANCE, AND INTEREST REVENUES]  
(4 VOTES)
- Health and Human Services 27. AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, SHELTER AND SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT; AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT FOR A MIGRANT TRANSITION DAY CENTER; AND WAIVE BOARD POLICY B-29  
[FUNDING SOURCE: FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY SHELTER AND SERVICES PROGRAM-ALLOCATED; EXISTING GENERAL-PURPOSE REVENUE]
- Closed Session 28. CLOSED SESSION
- Public Communication 29. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

1. **SUBJECT: SHERIFF - AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND USER AGREEMENTS FOR THE CALIFORNIA IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM/REMOTE ACCESS NETWORK (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 Department serves as San Diego County's Cal-ID/RAN administrator, and membership includes all 18 cities in the region.

Cal-ID/RAN is funded in part by user fees collected from the cities. User agreements between the County and the cities outline agency contributions towards the shared costs of the program which is estimated to be \$7 million for Fiscal Year 2024-25. The current user agreements that began July 1, 2019 are set to expire on June 30, 2024.

Today's action requests the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors (Board) to approve and authorize the extension of the Sheriff's current Cal-ID/RAN user agreements for a period of two years from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026. The two-year extension is requested in lieu of a new five-year agreement, so that the user fee collection process can be reviewed.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **SHERIFF**

1. Approve and authorize the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to accept and execute upon receipt Cal-ID/RAN user agreements for the following estimated amounts with the cities of Carlsbad (\$25,000), Chula Vista (\$56,000), Coronado (\$5,000), Del Mar (\$1,200), El Cajon (\$24,000), Encinitas (\$13,000), Escondido (\$35,000), Imperial Beach (\$5,000), La Mesa (\$15,000), Lemon Grove (\$6,500), National City (\$16,000), Oceanside (\$44,000), Poway (\$8,500), San Diego (\$331,000), San Marcos (\$17,000), Santee (\$10,000), Solana Beach (\$3,000), and Vista (\$22,000) for an extension period of two years from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026.
2. Authorize the Sheriff to execute all required agreement documents, including extensions, amendments or revisions thereto that do not materially impact either the program or funding level.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Offender identification is crucial in the criminal justice process to deliver offender accountability and bring justice and healing to victims. The California Identification System/Remote Access Network (Cal-ID/RAN) provides local law enforcement agencies with direct and quick access to local, state, and federal automated fingerprint, palm print, photo systems and databases. Since this statewide system allows for the rapid identification of persons booked into detention facilities and latent prints lifted from crime scenes, law enforcement agencies can more efficiently identify individuals involved in crimes and exonerate the innocent. This creates a more equitable process when using fingerprints to identify individuals involved in crime cases.



## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's action to extend the user agreements supports the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal of providing just and equitable access for victims of crimes and those that may have wrongfully been accused in a crime. The Cal-ID/RAN program ensures that there is expedient and accurate identification, which is a critical component of serving justice and holding the responsible parties accountable for their actions.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this request in the current year. If approved, this request will result in estimated annual costs and revenue of \$637,200. Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the Sheriff's Department. Future costs and revenue will be included in future Operational Plans for the Sheriff's Department. The funding source is California Identification System/Remote Access Network funds. 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 Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

2. **SUBJECT: DISTRICT ATTORNEY - GRANT APPLICATIONS, ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS AND RESOLUTIONS FOR INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAMS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

## **OVERVIEW**

The District Attorney's Office works to enhance public awareness of crimes, including insurance fraud, wage theft, tax evasion, and labor trafficking; deter potential defrauders; and proactively investigate and prosecute insurance fraud and workplace justice crimes. These efforts ultimately lead to a reduction in the insurance premiums for consumers, lower workers' compensation rates for employers, ensure that injured workers receive the benefits they are entitled to collect, and protect all workers in the County. The District Attorney's Office has long leveraged grant funding resources to support the operation of its Insurance Fraud and Workplace Justice programs. These programs have been consistently recognized for their excellence.

If approved, today's actions will authorize the District Attorney (DA) to apply for and accept five grants from the California Department of Insurance in the estimated amount of \$15.2 million: Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program (\$9.5 million), Automobile Insurance Fraud Program (\$2.2 million), Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Program (\$2.0 million), Disability and Healthcare Insurance Fraud Program (\$1.1 million) and Life and Annuity Consumer Protection Program (\$0.4 million), to waive Board Policy B-29 for non-reimbursable indirect costs, and to adopt resolutions for Fiscal Year 2024-25. The performance period is July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Today's actions will also authorize the District Attorney to apply for and accept grant funding for these five grant programs from

the California Department of Insurance through July 31, 2030, provided there are no material changes to the grant terms and funding levels. If authorized, the District Attorney will return to the Board of Supervisors for approval to appropriate any awarded grant funds as necessary.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**  
**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

1. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery which requires full cost recovery of grants and to the extent it requires separate applications for authority to apply for and accept grants.
2. Authorize the District Attorney to apply for and accept grant funds in the estimated amount of \$15.2 million from the California Department of Insurance for the Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program (\$9.5 million), Automobile Insurance Fraud Program (\$2.2 million), Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Program (\$2.0 million), Disability and Healthcare Insurance Fraud Program (\$1.1 million), and Life and Annuity Consumer Protection Program (\$0.4 million) for the performance period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, and apply for and accept grant funds through July 31, 2030, provided there are no material changes to the grant terms or funding level.
3. Authorize the District Attorney or their designees including the Chief District Attorney Administrative Officer and the District Attorney Legal Operations Administrator, in this year and through July 31, 2030 to review and execute all required or related grant documents, including agreements for the financial administration and distribution of funds where necessary to carry out the purposes of the program, and any annual extensions, grant subaward amendments, and/or revisions that do not materially impact either the program or funding levels of the Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program, Automobile Insurance Fraud Program, Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Program, Disability and Healthcare Insurance Fraud Program, and Life and Annuity Consumer Protection Program.
4. Adopt a resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM.
5. Adopt a resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO THE AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM.
6. Adopt a resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO THE ORGANIZED AUTOMOBILE FRAUD ACTIVITY INTERDICTION PROGRAM.
7. Adopt a resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO THE DISABILITY AND HEALTHCARE INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM.

8. Adopt a resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO THE LIFE AND ANNUITY CONSUMER PROTECTION PROGRAM.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The District Attorney's Office is constitutionally responsible for the investigation and prosecution of all criminal violations of state law and county ordinances. The Insurance Fraud and Workplace Justice Division specializes in prosecuting wage theft, tax evasion, labor trafficking, and crimes where misrepresentations are made to unlawfully obtain insurance benefits in several areas including auto insurance, workers' compensation, disability and healthcare, and life insurance. To prevent fraud and protect all community members, the District Attorney's Office is committed to engaging all San Diego communities in education and awareness campaigns to avoid fraudulent activities. Proactive strategies are deployed with the goal of promoting equal access to antifraud and workers' rights information, which is presented at local community meetings, published in diverse neighborhood newspapers, displayed on billboards and transit stops, and broadcasted on television to ensure information is accessible and equitably distributed county-wide. Combatting insurance fraud ensures fairness and equity in insurance premiums paid by community members, including consumers and small businesses. Fighting wage theft, tax evasion, labor trafficking, and related crimes safeguards the rights of all San Diego County workers, especially those who are members of vulnerable populations. The District Attorney's Office has long leveraged grant funding resources to support the operation of its Insurance Fraud and Workplace Justice programs.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action to continue using grant funding from the California Department of Insurance's Insurance Fraud Programs and begin requesting funding for the Workers' Rights Enforcement Grant contributes to the County of San Diego's sustainability goals of protecting the health and well-being of everyone in the region, fostering an equitable business climate, safeguarding workers' rights, and supporting workforce development. The Insurance Fraud and Workplace Justice Programs engage all of San Diego's communities in education and awareness of insurance fraud, wage theft, and related crimes and proactively investigates and prosecutes those offenses. This includes educating the community, including vulnerable populations, about their rights in the workplace, workers' compensation fraud crimes, wage theft, labor trafficking, and tax evasion. The District Attorney's Insurance Fraud Programs also protect an equitable business climate by supporting compliance with insurance, employment, and tax laws. It reduces car thefts, staged accident rings, and car repair shop fraud. It shields our senior population from financial abuse by prosecuting fraudulent life insurance and annuities scams. Finally, by prosecuting medical provider fraud, including doctors, dentists, chiropractors, and others in a position of trust, the Insurance Fraud Program protects San Diego County citizens from being exploited for kickbacks, having unnecessary procedures performed on them, and being overbilled for life-sustaining services. The Insurance Fraud and Workplace Justice Programs' efforts have ultimately led to a reduction in the amount of insurance fraud committed in the County of San Diego while ensuring the health and well-being of our citizens and fostering an inclusive business environment.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Years 2024-26 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the District Attorney's Office. If approved and awarded, this request will result in costs and revenue of approximately \$16.2 million in Fiscal Year 2024-25. The funding sources are \$15.2 million from the California Department of Insurance and an estimated \$1.0 million of existing General Purpose Revenue for non-reimbursable indirect costs. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years. The District Attorney will return to the Board of Supervisors for approval to appropriate material changes to awarded grant funds as necessary.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, and adopted the following:

Resolution No. 24-038, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM;

Resolution No. 24-039, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO THE AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM;

Resolution No. 24-040, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO THE ORGANIZED AUTOMOBILE FRAUD ACTIVITY INTERDICTION PROGRAM;

Resolution No. 24-041, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO THE ORGANIZED AUTOMOBILE FRAUD ACTIVITY INTERDICTION PROGRAM; and,

Resolution No. 24-042, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO THE LIFE AND ANNUITY CONSUMER PROTECTION PROGRAM:

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

3. **SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SINGLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT WITH FIRSTWATCH SOLUTIONS INC FOR DATA SURVEILLANCE (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

Since 2005, San Diego County has been receiving near-real time 911 emergency medical services (EMS) call center surveillance data from all four 911 dispatch centers in San Diego County. Since 2009, the County of San Diego has contracted with FirstWatch Solutions Inc.

(FirstWatch) for data integration and analysis. On November 14, 2017 (12), the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the extension of the FirstWatch contract for an additional five years, through June 30, 2024. The 911 EMS system is critical to the County in preparing for and responding to emergencies, public health threats, and disasters. The data generated from FirstWatch, enhances emergency services and hospital preparedness. These data streams include dispatch-level information, which are available for near-real time system monitoring at the incident, region, and county levels. Using FirstWatch to analyze the 911 call data ensures County experts, regional partners, and project stakeholders receive actionable information necessary to improve situational awareness, operational performance, and clinical patient outcomes.

FirstWatch gathers and compiles 911 call data into a standard format for every 911 response in San Diego County. This provides stakeholders with the ability to monitor the 911 system in real time, including identifying patient clusters, emergency room traffic, and other meaningful information to monitor key performance indicators. FirstWatch also allows for a retrospective view of response information to better project future needs in San Diego County. This includes establishing and monitoring performance metrics that lead to higher-quality services for our residents.

For over 15 years, FirstWatch has gathered, analyzed, and managed the 911 call data for the County of San Diego. To continue to effectively deliver these services for data management, historical access to data, and interoperability between other agencies also using FirstWatch, San Diego County Fire is requesting single source approval to procure a contract with FirstWatch. If approved, today's action will authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to negotiate and award a single source procurement with FirstWatch for enhanced integration, analysis, and improved outcomes of 911 call data.

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

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

In accordance with Board Policy, A-87, Competitive Procurement, approve and authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to enter into negotiations with FirstWatch Solutions Inc. for the improvement of operational performance and clinical patient outcomes, and subject to successful negotiation and determination of fair and reasonable price, award a contract for an initial term of one (1) year with four (4) additional one year option periods through June 30, 2029 and an additional six months if needed; and to amend the contract as needed to reflect changes to services and funding, subject to the approval of the Director, San Diego County Fire or their designee.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The analysis and evaluation of 911 call data is a critical component to the emergency medical services system, which seeks to reduce health disparities in our region. The data analysis and solutions that FirstWatch Solutions Inc. provides are beneficial to the improvement of the health, safety, and emergency medical care provided to the residents throughout the County of San Diego.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action to enter into a single source contract with FirstWatch Solutions Inc. for the analysis of 911 call data from all four 911 dispatch centers in San Diego County, supports efforts for the operations, values, and priorities, including equitable service delivery, to the residents in our region.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in San Diego County Fire. If approved, this request will result in an estimated annual cost of \$200,000. The funding source is 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 Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

4. **SUBJECT: RESOLUTION UPDATING THE COUNTY'S DESIGNATION OF AUTHORIZED AGENTS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES FUNDING (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

## **OVERVIEW**

During disasters, the County of San Diego utilizes all available response resources to protect life and property within the affected community. When a disaster reaches a scale beyond the County's means to effectively respond, the County can proclaim a local emergency requesting state and/or federal resources. These resources can include federal reimbursement for eligible disaster response and recovery costs under Public Law 93-288, as amended by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Act of 1988. In addition to federal funding, at the discretion of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the Governor of California, funds may also be available through the California Disaster Assistance Act for reimbursement of disaster response and recovery costs.

Recent examples when the County proclaimed a local emergency and received state and/or federal disaster assistance include the 2024 January Severe Winter Storm, 2023 Tropical Cyclone Hilary, 2022 Border 32 Fire, and COVID-19 pandemic. The State, which disburses the federal funds, requires applications for disaster financial assistance to be signed by authorized agents. Resolutions designating authorized agents are effective for all future disasters up to three years following their approval.

Today's recommendation is to adopt a resolution to renew the County's designation of its authorized agents, by title, for the next three years.

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

Adopt a resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT'S AGENT FOR FEDERAL AND STATE DISASTER FUNDS.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Office of Emergency Services (OES) recognizes the systemic impacts that inequitable policies may create for County of San Diego residents. Impacts have historically included outcomes related to racial injustice and issues of belonging that may be reflected in the programs, services, and resources allocated to communities. To improve response to all hazards in the community more proportionately, OES will continue to take a whole community approach to emergency management and, through an equity lens, collaborate with partner agencies to implement projects and policies to address gaps in underserved communities. OES anticipates these actions will have a positive effect on all San Diego County residents and increase preparedness and resiliency in all communities across the region.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed actions to adopt a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego relating to the Designation of Applicant's Agent for Federal and State Disaster Funds contributes to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal to protect the health and wellbeing of residents. These actions will impact the sustainability of health and wellbeing by ensuring the proper County officials are designated as authorized agents to apply for State and Federal disaster assistance.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

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

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, and adopted Resolution No. 24-043, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT'S AGENT FOR FEDERAL AND STATE DISASTER FUNDS.

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

**5. SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:  
APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XV-B OF THE  
SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CHARGES AND FEES  
(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On April 30, 2024 (30), the Board of Supervisors took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on May 21, 2024.

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is an integrated health, housing, and social service organization with a robust service network that spans across the San Diego County region and contributes to making people's lives healthier, safer, and self-sufficient. Services provided by HHSA are delivered by eight service departments to provide vital resources and care to some of the most vulnerable San Diego County residents. Today's action requests the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) approve amendments to Article XV-B of the San Diego County Administrative Code related to fees and rates established for services delivered in three HHSA departments, Public Health Services, Medical Care Services, and Behavioral Health Services. The Board last approved revisions to HHSA fees and rates on May 23, 2023 (4).

The proposed ordinance represents a comprehensive package that seeks to support the cost of providing services, while maintaining fees that are fair and reasonable for customers and the public. In accordance with Board Policy B-29 (Fees, Grants, and Revenue Contracts – Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery), HHSA recently conducted a review of HHSA fees and rates, in order to ensure costs are fully recovered for services provided to agencies or individuals. A total of 93 HHSA fees and associated costs were reviewed, resulting in proposed additions, adjustments, and determinations to maintain existing fees.

Today's action requires two steps: on April 30, 2024, it is requested that the Board consider an ordinance amending sections of the San Diego County Administrative Code related to HHSA fees. If the Board takes the action as recommended, then on May 21, 2024, the proposed ordinance will be brought back to the Board for consideration and adoption.

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 ensuring that the County has optimized its health and social services delivery system to ensure efficiency, integration and innovation while maintaining fiscal stability.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Consider and adopt (second reading):

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XV-B OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CHARGES  
AND FEES.**



**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

To develop the cost recovery proposal, the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) performed an analysis of all services provided to customers to examine the tasks and functions performed, including the direct and indirect costs of performing those tasks in relation to the specific services. Criteria were established to determine fair and reasonable fees for direct services provided.

The proposed ordinance represents a comprehensive package that seeks to support the cost of providing HHSA services, while maintaining fees that are fair and reasonable for customers and the public. Updates include County Public Health Services, Public Health Laboratory (PHL) fees that are either tied to environmental testing, such as testing of drinking water or foodborne illness investigations, or clinical fees such as tests for communicable disease outbreaks, among others. Additionally, County Medical Care Services will clarify language in Administrative Code XV-B, Section 239 to explicitly add the existing pharmacy dispensing fee. Lastly, the proposed ordinance includes a revision to a rate for the Edgemoor Skilled Nursing Facility to align with updated full cost recovery information.

Today's action would update fees for services provided by the County that help to promote health and safety and have an impact on the lives of Black, Indigenous, People of Color, women, people with disabilities, immigrants, youth, the LGBTQ+ community, and other underserved groups.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed action supports the County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access by aligning available County resources with services to maintain fiscal stability and ensure long term solvency.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in an estimated increase in revenue of \$109,919 in FY 2024-25. There is no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, and adopted Ordinance No. 10900 (N.S.), entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XV-B OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RELATING TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CHARGES AND FEES.

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

6. **SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION FOR THE KINSHIP SUPPORT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Many children in San Diego County (County) are being raised by kinship caregivers. Kinship caregivers are relatives by blood or marriage, such as grandparents, aunts, uncles, adult siblings, or non-relative extended family members, who are other people who the child or family views as “chosen family”, such as godparents, family friends, etc.

The Kinship Support Program is designed to support children who reside outside of their home, either temporarily or for the long term, and their kinship caregivers. This program aims to help kinship caregivers manage the transition by learning to access community services, resources, and supports to ensure the safety and well-being of the children they are raising, as well as their own.

Today’s action requests the San Diego County Board of Supervisors authorize a competitive solicitation for the procurement of the Kinship Support Program and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to apply for funding opportunity announcements to further increase services and resources for kinship caregivers.

Today’s action 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 efforts to protect vulnerable children from abuse and neglect by supporting their kinship caregivers and families who ensure that vulnerable children within the foster care system are healthy, safe, and thriving.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to issue a competitive solicitation for the Kinship Support Program, and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award contracts for an initial term of up to one (1) year, with four (4) one-year option periods, and up to an additional six months, if needed; and to amend the contracts to reflect changes in program, funding or service requirements, subject to the availability of funds and the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.
2. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to apply for any funding opportunity announcements, if available, to bolster services and resources for kinship caregivers.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Kinship care is an important care option to keep children in a safe and familiar environment, whenever possible. The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Child and Family Well-Being Department (CFWB) provides Kinship Support Program (KSP) services to support keeping families together through kinship placements. KSP strengthens family abilities to meet their own needs, increase self-sufficiency, reduce trauma, reinforce cultural identity, and maintain family and community connections. KSP services help to remove economic barriers to making and maintaining successful kinship placements, provide resources and services to kinship caregivers, and bolster community support with an emphasis on kinship families of color residing in underserved communities.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23, CFWB provided out-of-home care for 1,825 San Diego County children, aged 17 or younger. Of these children, 584 were placed in kinship care.

Further, the County Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities (HSEC) recent survey data from FY 2022-23 indicates that 57% of kinship caregivers reside in Healthy Places Index Quartiles 1 (least healthy) and 2 (less healthy) in San Diego County. The HSEC Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) program supports kinship caregivers by providing free educational resource events, family enrichment experiences, and community partner-led events. Additionally, the GRG program refers kinship caregivers to resources throughout San Diego County, including referrals to KSP services. In FY 2022-23, GRG served 3,441 kinship-related individuals throughout San Diego County.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed action supports the County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goal #1, to engage the community in meaningful ways and to foster inclusive and sustainable communities. Community feedback is gathered throughout the year through Quality Parenting Initiative meetings, kinship support groups, the Kinship Support Program (KSP) customer satisfaction survey, and the assigned social worker. In FY 2022-23, of the families that completed the KSP customer satisfaction survey, 100% responded either "agree" or "strongly agree" when asked if they were overall satisfied with the KSP services they received. Kinship caregivers expressed how they felt less alone in the process, more confident, supported, and that having access to resources and supports enabled them to succeed in their roles as kinship caregivers. Next, it supports Sustainability Goal #2, to provide just and equitable access to County services and resource allocation. This will be accomplished by gathering feedback from kinship caregivers on proposed services, supports, resources and activities to promote equity, justice, and community with focused investment in providing services to low-income families and families of color residing in underserved and under-resourced communities.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-26 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of up to \$1,400,000 for FY 2024-25 and estimated costs and revenue of up to \$1,400,000 for FY 2025-26. The funding sources are social services administrative revenues and Realignment. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

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

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

7. **SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (RFSQ) AND AWARD CONTRACTS FROM THE RFSQ FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER-BASED PROGRAMS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

In 2022, according to the San Diego Association of Governments, there were 17,472 domestic violence incidents reported to local law enforcement in San Diego County. The County of San Diego (County) ensures the availability and provision of domestic violence prevention and intervention services for survivors and their children in accordance with the Domestic Violence Shelter-Based Programs (DVSBP) Act, California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Sections 18290-18309.8. The DVSBP Act was established on September 30, 2006, through Assembly Bill 2084, and redesignated domestic violence programs and centers as DVSBP.

On September 24, 2019 (6), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) authorized a Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) for DVSBP. The services are currently provided through three DVSBP qualified providers. State law prescribes that existing DVSBP that meet the requirements set forth in WIC Section 18294 shall receive funding pursuant to this chapter, upon the approval of the Board.

The current contracts are in accordance with the DVSBP Act and ensure the continuance of safe shelters, supportive services, and tools for survivors of domestic violence and their families to overcome the consequential impacts and cycle of domestic violence. These contracts expire on January 31, 2025. If approved, today's action would authorize a RFSQ for DVSBP and to award contracts to qualified providers.

Today's action also supports the County vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically for 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. Additionally, this item advances the County Framework for Ending Homelessness by ensuring our most vulnerable community members have access to housing, care coordination, and connections to community resources.

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

Waive Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, and in accordance with Administrative Code Section 401, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to issue a Request for Statement of Qualifications for Domestic Violence Shelter-Based Programs and award contracts to qualified providers for an initial term of up to one year, with four option years and an additional six months if needed, subject to the availability of funds; and amend the contracts as required in order to reflect changes to services and funding allocations, subject to the approval of the Interim Director of the Health and Human Services Agency.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities mission is to ensure equity among all San Diegans, foster a community that is welcoming to new residents, and reduce homelessness in the region. The County is dedicated to addressing the root causes of homelessness and providing equitable access to preventative and supportive services for vulnerable residents. Survivors of domestic violence can often be economically impacted when choosing to leave an abuser and enter the shelter system. Providing shelter facilities ensures equitable health and safety access across the region. Additionally, County funding contributes to the Domestic Violence Shelter-Based Programs (DVSBP) operations, which provide an average of 14,900 duplicated engagements and over 1,200 individuals accessing shelter beds each fiscal year.

DVSBP ensure that all community members, regardless of socio-economic status, have access to shelter to temporarily live in a safe environment and prevent homelessness. In addition, DVSBP allow community members to be in a setting that provides safety planning, emergency shelter services, counseling services to address trauma, access to legal services, and development of life skills and key referrals to other service agencies throughout the county. Providing the infrastructure and facilities to safely harbor families away from perpetrators are critical to ending domestic violence.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed action supports the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal #2 of providing just and equitable access to services and resources, and Sustainability Goal #4 to protect the health and well-being of everyone in the region. Children and families across the region, who have experienced domestic violence, will continue to find safe refuge in Domestic Violence Shelter-Based Programs (DVSBP). This will increase participation in the workforce and education systems, improve public health outcomes, and enhance quality of life, preventing further trauma. By providing a range of services, DVSBP empower families to move forward with their lives without ongoing violence.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2024-2026 Recommended Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$1,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2024-25 and costs and revenue of \$1,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2025-26. The funding sources are the Domestic Violence Trust Fund and Realignment. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

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

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

8. **SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT AMENDMENTS TO SUPPORT PRE-RELEASE MEDI-CAL ENROLLMENT, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LINKS, AND 90-DAY PRE-RELEASE SERVICES FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

In January 2022, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) began implementing the Medi-Cal Transformation Initiative, formerly referred to as California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal. This includes the Justice-Involved (JI) Initiative component of Medi-Cal Transformation, which allows eligible individuals to enroll in Medi-Cal prior to release from incarceration, receive behavioral health linkages, and a defined set of Medi-Cal pre-release services to ensure continuity of health care coverage and access to health and social services as they transition back into the community.

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Sheriff's Department, and Probation Department have worked in collaboration with contracted partners and impacted stakeholders to ensure a successful implementation of the Medi-Cal Transformation Initiative locally. Contracted partners such as Health Management Associates, Inc. (HMA), and Neighborhood House Association (NHA) support the County through services that enhance the coordinated care system that is under development to address the needs of eligible JI individuals.

Today's action requests the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) amend the contract with HMA to increase the annual contract amount, authorize amendments to extend existing Project In-Reach and Project In-Reach Ministry contracts with NHA, and authorize applications for additional funding opportunities to ensure the successful implementation of Medi-Cal Transformation in San Diego County.

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 continuing services that aid the successful transition of incarcerated individuals back into the community.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, and Administrative Code Section 401, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to amend contract #567950 with Health Management Associates, Inc. for justice-involved health consultant services to increase the annual contract maximum for the current and remaining contract years, subject to availability of funds; and to amend the contract as required to reflect changes to services and funding allocations, subject to the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.
2. In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, and Administrative Code Section 401, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to amend contracts listed below with Neighborhood House Association to extend the contract term, subject to the availability of funds; and to amend the contract as required to reflect changes to services and funding allocations, subject to the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.
  - a. Project In-Reach (Contract #548930)
  - b. Project In-Reach Ministry (Contract #560754)
3. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, to apply for and accept any additional funding opportunities to ensure successful implementation of Medi-Cal Transformation in San Diego County.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Compared to the general population, justice-involved individuals have higher rates of chronic and infectious diseases, serious mental illness, and substance use disorders. There has been extensive research on the adverse health impact of incarceration policies, disparities in health for incarcerated individuals, and the system's impact on long-term health and social consequences. Through the Medi-Cal Transformation Initiative, new services were designed to address racial and ethnic disparities in the health care system. Black and Latino Californians have faced health disparities that are the result of structural racism in the health care, housing, employment, immigration, and criminal justice systems. In 2022, Black individuals accounted for 17% of all arrests in San Diego County while representing 4% of the adult population in the same year. Hispanic individuals accounted for 41% of all arrests while representing 31% of the population. White individuals represent 45% of San Diego County population and accounted for 35% of all arrests. Through the Medi-Cal Transformation Justice-Involved (JI) Initiative, the County of San Diego (County) is taking significant steps to address poor health outcomes within this population by establishing pre-release Medi-Cal enrollment strategies to ensure individuals have continuity of coverage upon release, implementing behavioral health linkages, and providing 90-day pre-release services for eligible Medi-Cal members. This will result in continuity of care for eligible individuals upon release. Together, this multifaceted approach to providing coordinated care to justice-involved individuals is expected to positively contribute to addressing health and social disparities that impact this population.

The County solicits input from impacted stakeholders regarding resources, services, and programs available through the JI Initiative through monthly convenings with the Healthy San Diego Justice-Involved Workgroup. This workgroup was established in March 2023 and includes cross-County representatives, as well as representatives from local Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans, community providers, advocates, and community members with lived experience. Stakeholder input informs the planning and implementation of services with the goal of increasing access to care and improving care coordination and health outcomes for individuals who are justice-involved.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed action supports the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal #2, to provide just and equitable access to care, and Sustainability Goal #4 to protect health and well-being. This will be accomplished by ensuring justice-involved individuals have access to health and social care services provided through the Medi-Cal Transformation Justice-Involved Initiative and are able to continue accessing quality behavioral health services in the community.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

##### ***Recommendation #1: Authorize Amendment to Increase the Annual Contract Maximum***

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Operational Plan and Fiscal Year 2024-25 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the Health and Human Services Agency, Medical Care Services (MCS) Department; Sheriff's Department; Probation Department; and Public Safety Group. If approved, this request will result in anticipated costs and revenue of up to \$1,111,855 in FY 2023-24 and costs and revenue of up to \$738,145 in FY 2024-25. The funding sources are the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Providing Access and Transforming Health (PATH) Justice-Involved Capacity Building Program grant (\$1,750,000) and funds from the Department of State Hospitals (\$100,000). Subsequent year costs and revenues will be included in future year Operational Plans in MCS, Behavioral Health Services, Sheriff's Department, Probation Department, and Public Safety Group. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

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

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-26 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, the request for the extension of jail in-reach contracts will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$1,536,958 in FY 2024-25 and \$3,073,916 in FY 2025-26. The funding source is the Mental Health Services Act. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

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

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



9. **SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT AMENDMENTS, COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF HIV/AIDS SERVICES CONTRACTS, ACCEPTANCE OF HIV/AIDS SERVICES GRANT FUNDING, AND APPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

According to the surveillance report from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), in 2022, there were 142,772 individuals living with HIV in California. As of December 31, 2023, there were nearly 15,000 individuals living with HIV in San Diego County. The County of San Diego (County) Getting to Zero initiative seeks to end the HIV epidemic locally through focused efforts related to testing, treatment, and prevention. The County, in partnership with contracted community partners, ensures an equitable distribution of critical services that aim to meet the needs of individuals vulnerable to or living with HIV infection.

For over 30 years, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) has authorized acceptance of funds to provide testing, treatment, and prevention services to San Diego County residents vulnerable to, or living with HIV. This includes Ryan White Treatment Extension Act of 2009 Part A and Part B funds from the Health Resources and Services Administration and CDPH.

Today's action requests the Board authorize amendments to existing contracts and authorize competitive solicitations to procure HIV prevention services. In addition, today's action requests the Board authorize acceptance of \$11,614,295 in grant funds from CDPH for the period of April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2029, for HIV medical and support services. Lastly, today's action requests the Board authorize applications for future funding opportunities to support the prevention, testing, care, and treatment needs of those impacted by HIV.

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 through education, prevention, and intervention to interrupt transmission of disease in the region. This item also supports the County Getting to Zero initiative by planning and allocating resources dedicated to services for residents who are vulnerable to or living with HIV.

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

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

1. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grant, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires prior approval of grant applications and full-cost recovery of grants.
2. In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, and Administrative Code Section 401, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, subject to successful negotiations and a determination of a fair and reasonable price, to amend the contracts for HIV prevention services listed below to extend the contract terms

- for up to two years, subject to the availability of funds; and to amend the contracts as required to reflect changes to services and funding allocations, subject to the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.
- a. Vista Community Clinic (Contract #561585)
  - b. Family Health Centers of San Diego (Contract #562135 and Contract #562038)
  - c. San Ysidro Health (Contract #562136)
  - d. San Diego LGBT Community Center (Contract #562137)
3. In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to issue Competitive Solicitations for HIV prevention services, including HIV testing, outreach, health education, linkage to antiretroviral therapy, linkage to pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), and social marketing and media, and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award contracts for an initial term of up to one year, with five option years and up to an additional six months if needed, and to amend the contracts as needed to reflect changes to services and funding, subject to the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.
4. In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, and Administrative Code Section 401, authorize the Director, Purchasing and Contracting, subject to successful negotiations and a determination of a fair and reasonable price, to amend the contracts listed below for up to 16 months, subject to the availability of funds; and to amend the contracts as required to reflect changes to services and funding allocations, subject to the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.
- a. HIV Coordinated Services:
    - i. San Ysidro Health (Contract #557752)
    - ii. Family Health Centers of San Diego (Contract #559094)
    - iii. Christie's Place (Contract #557753)
  - b. Temporary Housing Services and Fiscal Intermediary Services:
    - i. National Alliance for Mental Illness (Contract #557758 and Contract #557755)
5. Authorize the acceptance of \$11,614,295 in grant funds from the California Department of Public Health for the period of April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2029, for Ryan White Part B, for HIV medical and support services, and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to execute all required grant documents, upon receipt, including any annual extensions, amendments and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.
6. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to apply for any additional funding opportunity announcements, if available, to address the prevention, testing, care, and treatment needs of those impacted by HIV.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

According to the 2021 Gallup.com article “LGBTQ+ Identification Rises to 5.6% in Latest U.S. Estimate”, gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men currently comprise approximately 2.5% of the adult population in the United States. In San Diego County, gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men comprise 62% of recent HIV diagnoses and 71% of persons living with HIV. Like much of the United States, HIV has disproportionately impacted some of San Diego County’s most vulnerable residents, who include Black and Hispanic communities, gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men. According to the 2021 local surveillance data, Blacks comprise less than 5% of the county population but comprise 14% of recent HIV diagnoses. Hispanics comprise 34% of the county population yet comprise 49% of recent HIV diagnoses.

The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services in partnership with the HIV Planning Group, an official advisory board to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, conducts needs assessments of system capacity and capabilities every three years. This includes engaging with different impacted communities through focus groups annually. These engagement efforts play a crucial role in informing decisions and ensuring resources are effectively and equitably distributed to serve the needs of those most impacted by HIV in San Diego County. The next needs assessment will be conducted in the second half of 2024.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed actions align with the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to County services and resources, and Sustainability Goal #4 to protect the health and well-being of San Diegans. This will be accomplished by increasing capacity and services aimed to prevent, identify, and treat HIV. Testing, identification, and treatment of HIV will improve the overall health of communities, reduce the demand of associated care services, while increasing effectiveness of care providers and lowering operating costs.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Operational Plan and FY 2024-26 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs of \$640,800 and revenue of \$580,714 in FY 2023-24, and estimated costs of \$2,563,198 and revenue of \$2,322,859 in FY 2024-25, for an estimated total costs of \$12,815,990 in costs and revenue of \$11,614,295 through FY 2028-29. The funding source for this grant originates from the United States Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration and is awarded to the California Department of Public Health. A waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested because the funding does not offset all costs. These unrecovered costs are estimated to be \$60,086 for FY 2023-24, and \$240,339 for FY 2024-25. The total unrecovered costs are estimated to be \$1,201,695 through FY 2028-29. The funding source for these costs will be existing Realignment. The public benefits of providing these services far outweigh the costs. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

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

10. **SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:  
FINANCE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT GROUP FEES AND  
RATES RELATING TO ASSESSOR/RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK,  
TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR, CLERK OF THE BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS, AND OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL  
(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On April 30, 2024 (23), the Board of Supervisors took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on May 21, 2024.

Today's actions request that the Board of Supervisors (Board) review and approve the introduction of four ordinances for amendments to San Diego County Administrative Code Article IV-A, San Diego County Administrative Code Article XX, San Diego County Administrative Code Article X-A, and the San Diego County Assessment Appeals Boards and Assessment Hearing Officers Rules of Procedure related to fees for Written Assessment Appeals Board Findings and Conclusions. In addition, the Board is requested to adopt a resolution relating to the hourly billing rates for the Office of County Counsel.

The recommended ordinances and resolution represent a comprehensive package that supports the Finance and General Government Group's services in alignment with Board Policy B-29, *Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery*, which generally requires that departments recover the full cost of all services provided for which fees may be charged. The proposed changes are the result of an analysis of services provided to the public, processing times, and associated costs to provide those services. The Finance and General Government Group reviewed a total of 25 existing fees and rates, resulting in 19 increases and 6 decreases, and is proposing 1 new fee in the Office of the Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk, and 1 new fee in the Office of Treasurer-Tax Collector.

The Auditor & Controller has reviewed and approved the supporting documentation and methodology for establishing the fees and rates in this proposal for Fiscal Year 2024-25, as appropriate.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Submit ordinances for further Board consideration and adoption (Second Reading):  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE IV-A, SECTION 86.10 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES RELATING TO FEES CHARGED BY THE ASSESSOR/RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK FOR IMAGED COPIES OF RECORDED DOCUMENTS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XX, SECTION 364.4 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO THE COLLECTION OF TAX COLLECTION SERVICE FEES

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE X-A OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO FEES CHARGED BY THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR COPIES OF AUDIO RECORDINGS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING RULE 8(a) OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARDS AND ASSESSMENT HEARING OFFICERS RULES OF PROCEDURE RELATING TO FEES CHARGED BY THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR WRITTEN ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed actions would amend fees and charges for services that are provided to agencies or individuals outside of the County of San Diego organization. The fees and rates that are included in this fee package are intended to cover the full cost of services that will be provided to such agencies or individuals. By collecting the full cost of services, the County ensures that services that benefit a single agency or individual does not reduce the available resources that could be available to the entire region for other vital services that are provided by County departments.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed fee package supports the recovery of the full cost of providing services to individuals and agencies outside of the County of San Diego organization. This helps the County achieve economic sustainability and long-term fiscal stability by aligning resources with services, while continuing to provide critical services to the public.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this proposal are not included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan and will be included in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the Office of County Counsel, Treasurer-Tax Collector, and Clerk of the Board. If approved, the proposed rates and fees will ensure full cost recovery for the services provided beginning in Fiscal Year 2024-25. The proposed hourly rates for the Office of County Counsel are projected to result in approximately \$3,176,342 of annual costs and revenue generated from the hourly billable services provided to clients. The proposed fee package for the Treasurer-Tax Collector is projected to result in approximately \$551,565 of annual costs and revenue. The proposed fee package for the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is projected to result in approximately \$11,511 of annual costs and revenue. Due to the extent and variables of a customer request, standard hourly labor rates, cost of materials and media, and third-party vendor costs, the cost and revenue generated by the new Custom Image Distribution of Imaged Copies of Recorded Documents fee is unknown at this time. These rates and fees are estimated in amounts sufficient to recover full cost as required by Board Policy B-29: *Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts-Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery*. Accordingly, there is no projected unrecovered cost and a waiver of Board Policy B-29 is not needed. The funding source is fees paid by customers of the identified services. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed fee changes are considered reasonable and are not anticipated to have a measurable impact on the local business community.

### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, and adopted the following:  
Ordinance No. 10901 (N.S.), entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE IV-A, SECTION 86.10 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES RELATING TO FEES CHARGED BY THE ASSESSOR/RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK FOR IMAGED COPIES OF RECORDED DOCUMENTS;

Ordinance No. 10902 (N.S.), entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XX, SECTION 364.4 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO THE COLLECTION OF TAX COLLECTION SERVICE FEES;

Ordinance No. 10903 (N.S.), entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE X-A OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO FEES CHARGED BY THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR COPIES OF AUDIO RECORDINGS; and,

Ordinance No. 10904 (N.S.), entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING RULE 8(a) OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARDS AND ASSESSMENT HEARING OFFICERS RULES OF PROCEDURE RELATING TO FEES CHARGED BY THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR WRITTEN ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS.

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

11. **SUBJECT: ORDINANCES AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION AND AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTIONS 125, 125.1 AND 496 (5/21/24 - FIRST READING; 6/4/24 - SECOND READING, UNLESS THE ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

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

Today's recommendations are for the Board to approve the introduction of the ordinances (first reading) to amend the Compensation Ordinance and the Administrative Code. If the Board takes action as recommended, then on June 4, 2024, staff recommends the Board adopt the ordinances (second reading). If the proposed ordinances are altered on June 4, 2024, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the adoption of the ordinances.

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

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

**On May 21, 2024:**

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTIONS 125,  
125.1, AND 496

**If, on May 21, 2024, the Board takes action as recommended in item 1 above, then, on June 4, 2024:**

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTIONS 125,  
125.1 AND 496

If the proposed ordinance(s) are altered on June 4, 2024, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for adoption of the ordinance(s).

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the impacted departments. The estimated fiscal impact in future years is comprised of net increases in ongoing base and supplemental pay, including various premiums. If approved, this request will result in an incremental increase in total estimated ongoing costs as identified in the

following table. Due to the timing of implementation, the fiscal impact of the recommended actions in the current Fiscal Year 2023-24 is not significant and was not included in the table below. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

<i>in millions</i>		<b>FY 24-25</b>	<b>FY 25-26</b>
A	Base salary and benefit increases	\$ 1.79	\$ 1.59
B	<b>Total Ongoing Cost (incremental increase)</b>	<b>\$ 1.79</b>	<b>\$ 1.59</b>
C	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$ 1.79</b>	<b>\$ 1.59</b>

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent; and took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinances on June 4, 2024.

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

12. **SUBJECT: GENERAL SERVICES - APPROVAL OF SECOND AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY, 5469 KEARNY VILLA ROAD, SAN DIEGO, AND NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (DISTRICT: 2)**

### **OVERVIEW**

On September 24, 2013 (08), the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors (Board) approved a lease agreement for approximately 46,469 square feet of space located at 5469 Kearny Villa Road, San Diego. The lease brought together several Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) programs that were housed at other locations. The Board approved an amendment to extend the term on November 14, 2017 (15).

The lease expires on November 30, 2024, and there are no options to extend the term. HHSA has a need to continue operating from this site. Staff from the Department of General Services have negotiated a lease amendment that will extend the term by seven years and provide HHSA a refurbishment allowance. Today's request is for Board approval of the amendment.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find that the proposed lease amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) 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 premises located at 5469 Kearny Villa Road, San Diego.



### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

It is anticipated that the proposed lease amendment 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 amendment 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**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2026 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$862,001 in FY 2024-2025 based on an amendment commencement date of December 1, 2024, with a 3% annual rent adjustment to go into effect December 2025. Funds for the remaining contract term will be included in future years' operational plans for HHSA. The funding source is existing General Purpose Revenue, Realignment, and Social Services Administrative revenues. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

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

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

13. **SUBJECT: GENERAL SERVICES - APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, UCSD AND SIERRA ROJO REGIONAL COMMUNICATION SITES AND NOTICES OF EXEMPTION (DISTRICTS: 4 & 5)**

### **OVERVIEW**

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

University of California San Diego (UCSD) and Sierra Rojo are two RCS communication sites that have been operated by the Sheriff since February 1, 1981 and August 20, 1996, respectively. Both sites have agreements that require amendments to clarify terms and conditions.

Staff from the Department of General Services have negotiated a seventh amendment to license agreement for the UCSD RCS site and a second amendment to lease agreement for the Sierra Rojo RCS site. Today's request is for Board of Supervisors approval of the amendments.

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

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

1. Find the proposed license amendment for the University of California San Diego (UCSD) Regional Communications System (RCS) site is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.
2. Find the proposed lease amendment for the Sierra Rojo RCS site 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 license amendment with the Regents of the University of California for the UCSD Regional Communication Site located in San Diego, California.
4. Approve and authorize the Director, Department of General Services, to execute the proposed lease amendment with Valley Center Municipal Water District for the Sierra Rojo Regional Communication Site located in San Diego, California.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. There are no costs involved with clarifying the terms and conditions of the license and lease agreements with University of California San Diego and Sierra Rojo Regional Communications System sites. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

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

14. **SUBJECT: GENERAL SERVICES - AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK CONTRACT FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE SUBSTANCE USE RESIDENTIAL & TREATMENT SERVICES FACILITY AND APPROVAL OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (DISTRICT: 1)**

**OVERVIEW**

On September 13, 2022 (12), the County of San Diego (County) Board of Supervisors approved the purchase of Assessor's Parcel Numbers 557-150-19-00 and 556-150-20-00 improved with a rehabilitation healthcare building and a kitchen/dining room/laundry building from Southern California Development Corporation of Volunteers of America, Inc. and the County acquired the property on December 29, 2022.

Since then, the facility was renamed the Substance Use Residential & Treatment Services (SURTS) facility. Located at 2300 East 7th Street in National City, the SURTS facility consists of two buildings totaling approximately 33,000 square feet: a residential building constructed in 1985 and a kitchen/dining and laundry building built in 1964. The buildings are currently vacant but were most recently used as a 120-bed substance use treatment facility. Significant repairs, improvements, and code upgrades are required to correct known deficiencies, caused by the age of the buildings and building systems.

County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Services, plans to utilize the SURTS facility to provide an array of substance use treatment services. Providing such services advances the County's goals across multiple domains, by:

- Ensuring a comprehensive harm reduction approach by providing access to care when clients are ready.
- Aligning with Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System goals to improve quality and outcomes, access to services and system growth, and sustainability of substance use services.
- Improving beneficiary access to care, quality of care, and administrative efficiency.
- Responding to community need, as opioid overdose deaths are at historic highs.

The requested action will allow the County to renovate the SURTS major mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems, to modernize the dormitory rooms and office spaces, and to completely build-out the Annex to include a working kitchen and laundry facility. The total estimated cost for this renovation is \$26 million. The County previously awarded a contract for architectural and engineering services in February 2023, and the design phase, including construction planning, is nearing completion.

The Board of Supervisors is requested to authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to advertise and award a Construction Manager at Risk contract for this major systems renovation project at the SURTS facility. If approved, construction is expected to begin in April 2025, with estimated completion in 2026.

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

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

1. Find that the proposed renovation project for the Substance Use Residential & Treatment Services (SURTS) facility is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 and 15304.
2. Authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to take any action authorized by Article XXIII, Section 401, et seq., of the Administrative Code and Public Contract Code Section 20146, including advertisement and award of a single Construction Manager at Risk contract for the SURTS facility renovation project.
3. Designate the Director, Department of General Services, as the County officer responsible for administering the awarded Construction Manager at Risk contract for the SURTS facility renovation project.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Services (BHS) serves as the specialty mental health plan for Medi-Cal eligible residents within San Diego County with serious mental illness, and the service delivery system for Medi-Cal eligible residents with substance use care needs. These individuals and families often struggle disproportionately with social and economic factors that may negatively impact their behavioral health. These factors, referred to as the social determinants of health, are rooted in inequitable distribution of resources.

As a steward of public health for the region, BHS must ensure that the services offered through a network of County-operated and contracted programs address the social determinants of health by being accessible, capable of meeting the linguistic and cultural needs of a diverse population, and equitably distributed to the individuals, families, and communities most in need. BHS utilizes a population health approach, including evidence-based practices, robust data analysis, and stakeholder input from consumers, community-based providers, healthcare organizations, and others to identify need and design services that are impactful, equitable, and yield meaningful outcomes for clients.

The authorization to advertise and award a Construction Manager at Risk contract will enable the County to renovate and ultimately utilize the Substance Use Residential & Treatment Services facility for the provision of equitably distributed, accessible, and efficiently managed substance use treatment services and supports for some of the region's most vulnerable, under-served, and under-resourced populations.

## **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 authorization and award of a Construction Manager at Risk contract for the Substance Use Residential & Treatment Services facility will contribute to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals by instituting Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design building standards for these two existing facilities, engaging the community, providing equitable access to County services, transitioning to a green, carbon-free economy, and protecting the health and well-being of everyone in the region.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are partially included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan for the Major Maintenance Capital Outlay Fund in project 1025840, VOA Behavioral Health Services Improvements (\$10,000,000). The funding source is Realignment. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

Project costs for renovating the Substance Use Residential & Treatment Services facility are estimated to be \$26,000,000, pending final design and pricing from a contractor. The balance of total project costs will be included in future Board actions in the Major Maintenance Capital Outlay Fund for project 1025840, VOA Behavioral Health Services Improvements, as additional funding is identified and prior to execution of Construction Manager at Risk construction Notice to Proceed.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

Expenditures resulting from this action will create private sector jobs and economic opportunities in San Diego County. The procurement of a Construction Manager at Risk contract will encourage participation from local small businesses, and the awarded contractor will be encouraged to perform outreach to local subcontractors for the project. Examples of local participation include the County and Contractor engaging with local organizations, local apprentice programs, local employment resource centers, and workforce community outreach programs. The contractor must also comply with the Board Policy B-39a, Veteran Owned Business, and the Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise (DVBE) program. The latter requires at least 3% DVBE participation in the project.

## **ACTION:**

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

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

**15. SUBJECT: SUPPORT COUNTY SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS FOR PAPER REDUCTION BY AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT FOR AS-NEEDED SCANNING, INDEXING AND MICROGRAPHIC SERVICES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

In accordance with California Government Code section 26205.1, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted a resolution in 1994 to establish policies and procedures related to the retention and management of County records; this resolution was last updated and adopted in 2018 and titled Board Resolution 18-156. Additionally, on December 16, 1997 (32), the Board adopted Board Policy A-129, which established a Countywide Records Management Program.

The County of San Diego (County) Department of Purchasing and Contracting's (DPC) Records Services Division is responsible for administering the County's Records Management Program with the goal of supporting departments in meeting their audit, legal, and retention responsibilities. As such, there is a need within the County to manage paper and electronic documents and strengthen the system for the creation, maintenance, retention, and usage of such paper and electronic documents. In 2020, the County competitively procured and executed a contract for scanning, indexing, and micrographic services to meet the increased need to transition to more sustainable electronic and other non-paper records formats. Under this contract, County departments can obtain services to image physical records to various formats, including microfilm, microfiche, aperture cards, or electronic formats such as DVD, CD, or a portable hard drive; and to convert existing media between these formats.

The usage of the existing contract for as-needed scanning, indexing, and micrographic services is nearing the maximum amount authorized for this contract due to increased utilization as departments seek to implement the County's sustainability goals. Today's actions request that the San Diego County Board of Supervisors approve an amendment to increase the amount authorized under the existing contract and to extend the contract term in order to continue these urgently needed services. If approved, this contract will continue to be made available as a countywide agreement, and all County departments will be able to obtain the services as needed, allowing critical sustainability projects already in process to proceed.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

In accordance with Administrative Code Section 401(c), authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to: amend contract No. 569750 with Daida for as-needed scanning, indexing, and micrographic services; increase the contract amount; extend the contract term for an additional three (3) years, and up to an additional six months if needed, subject to the availability of funds; and to amend the contract as required to reflect changes to services and funding.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County's operations have expanded over the years to meet the growing needs of its diverse residents. As such, County records have increased in volume, creating the demand to maintain and manage records in the most transparent and effective manner possible. Allowing for efficient and reliable access to records through electronic storage and retrieval increases inclusive access

for individuals and communities to participate in government. Current records projects include those allowing faster and more cost-effective access to records for justice-involved individuals, which can aid in reducing disparities in the justice system. Additionally, the sustainability improvements gained by this action will protect communities, including communities of color and low-income communities that have historically lacked the same degree of protection from environmental health hazards.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action will support the County's Sustainability Goals adopted by the Board on March 1, 2022 (15) and the resulting Departmental Sustainability Planning efforts. This action will continue an important contract that provides County departments with services to image physical records into more sustainable mediums, such as electronic formats, which supports the County's Sustainability Goal #2, to provide just and equitable access to County services, policy decision-making, and resource allocation in support of sustainable communities; and the County's Sustainability Goal #3, to transition to a green, carbon-free economy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, support green job creation and workforce development, and prepare for impacts of a changing climate. Many departmental goals supporting the County's Sustainability Goals focus on the transition to electronic records and reducing the use and storage of paper. An extension and increase of the contract amount is needed in order to ensure continuity of services for sustainability-focused projects where work is currently being performed to support Departmental Sustainability Planning, but more time and contract capacity are needed to complete the projects.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

If approved, this request will amend the Countywide contract with Daida to increase the annual contract amount to an estimated \$6.0 million a year and increase the total overall contract amount to an estimated \$49.0 million. Costs and revenues for these services are included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan in departments using as-needed scanning, indexing, and micrographic services under the contract. Future years costs and revenue for these services are included in the CAO Recommended Operational Plan Fiscal Years 2024-26 and will be included in future Operational Plans. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

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

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

**16. SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES FOR PALOMAR HEALTH AND SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM (MTS) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The Board of Supervisors serves as the Code Reviewing Body for any local agency, other than cities, with jurisdiction wholly within the County, pursuant to Government Code Section 82011. The recommended action would approve the proposed amendment to the Conflict of Interest codes for Palomar Health and San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS).

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Approve the Conflict of Interest codes of the following agencies:

1. Palomar Health
2. San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS)

**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 Palomar Health and San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS). The Conflict of Interest codes in this Board Letter enables the County of San Diego to provide transparency and accountability to individual residents, ensuring equitable operations of the government that are free from undue influence.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

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



**FISCAL IMPACT**

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

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

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

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

**OVERVIEW**

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

**RECOMMENDATION(S)****CHAIRWOMAN NORA VARGAS**

Re-appoint Michael Lochner to the to HIV PLANNING GROUP, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, Seat No. 16, for a term to start on June 24, 2024 and to expire June 24, 2028.

**VICE-CHAIR TERRA LAWSON-REMER**

Appoint Kevin Sabellico to the ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD, Seat No. 6, for a term to expire May 21, 2027.

Appoint Gary Greening to the PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Seat No. 1, for a term to expire January 6, 2025.

Appoint Howard Krausz to the PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Seat No. 2, for a term to expire January 6, 2025.

Appoint Larry Cohen to the PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Seat No. 4, for a term to expire January 6, 2025.

**SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON**

Appoint Judith Stutler to the JACUMBA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, Seat No. 4, for a term to expire December 4, 2026.

**SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND**

Re-appoint Kevin Karpe to the PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Seat No. 5, for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

Appoint Gordon Nesbitt to the PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Seat No. 6, for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

Appoint Clifford Kaiser to the PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Seat No. 7, for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Appoint Lewis Bissant to the COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP ADMINISTERING BOARD, Seat No. 8, for a term to expire December 5, 2026.

Appoint Carla Vanegas to the COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP ADMINISTERING BOARD, Seat No. 20, for a term to expire May 21, 2027.

Appoint Jorge Medina to the COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP ADMINISTERING BOARD, Seat No. 23, for a term to expire May 21, 2027.

Appoint Michael Hanks to the EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE, Seat No. 7, for a term to expire November 15, 2025.

Re-appoint Michael Calderwood to the EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE, Seat No. 13, for a term to expire May 21, 2027.

Re-appoint Harry Muns to the EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE. Seat No. 14, for a term to expire May 21, 2027.

Re-appoint Jonathan Jordan to the EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE, Seat No. 18, for a term to expire May 21, 2027.

Appoint Tobin Riley to the EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE, Seat No. 19, for a term to expire May 21, 2027.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION 17.1:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions, on Consent:

Re-appointed Michael Lochner to the to HIV PLANNING GROUP, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, Seat No. 16, for a term to start on June 24, 2024 and to expire June 24, 2028.

Appointed Kevin Sabellico to the ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD, Seat No. 6, for a term to expire May 21, 2027.

Appointed Gary Greening to the PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Seat No. 1, for a term to expire January 6, 2025.

Appointed Howard Krausz to the PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Seat No. 2, for a term to expire January 6, 2025.

Appointed Larry Cohen to the PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Seat No. 4, for a term to expire January 6, 2025.

Appoint Judith Stutler to the JACUMBA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, Seat No. 4, for a term to expire December 4, 2026.

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

**ACTION 17.2:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors appointed Clifford Kaiser to the PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Seat No. 7, for a term to expire January 4, 2027, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

NOES: Lawson-Remer

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

**OVERVIEW**

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

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Note and file.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT**

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

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

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

**19. SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:  
TRUTH ACT COMMUNITY FORUM REGARDING IMMIGRATION  
AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT ACCESS TO INDIVIDUALS  
DURING 2023 (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

In 2016, the State of California enacted the Transparent Review of Unjust Transfers and Holds Act, also known as the "TRUTH Act." As part of the TRUTH Act, Government Code Section 7283.1(d) requires that the governing body of a county hold an annual community forum if a local law enforcement agency within that county provided federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) access, as defined in the Act, to individuals during the previous year.

This is a request for the Board of Supervisors to hold a TRUTH Act community forum in order to provide information about ICE's access to individuals, and to receive and consider public comment. This forum was noticed to the public on April 19, 2024. During the forum, the Sheriff's Department will report on the Department's interactions and communication with ICE during 2023. No other County departments provided ICE access, as defined in the Act, to individuals in 2023.

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

1. Hold a community forum on May 21, 2024 in accordance with Government Code Section 7283.1(d).
2. Receive a report from the Sheriff's Department regarding ICE access to individuals during 2023.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

To increase transparency and public access to information, the County will hold a community forum and solicit public comment regarding any County departments that have provided access to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) with a summary of data. Information reported includes the number of individuals to whom the agency has provided ICE access and their demographic characteristics, the date ICE access was provided, and how ICE access was provided, either through a hold, transfer, notification request or through other means.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed actions to hold a public Transparent Review of Unjust Transfers and Holds Act (TRUTH) Act Community Forum and receive a report from the Sheriff's Department regarding Immigration and Customs Enforcement access to individuals during 2023 contribute to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals of engaging the community and providing just and

equitable access. To engage the community in meaningful ways and solicit stakeholder input in the civic process, the County of San Diego is hosting a community forum in a publicly accessible space and with at least 30 days of public notice with the goal of designing public processes that encourage people and diverse stakeholders to participate in decisions that impact their lives and communities. Furthermore, by inviting public comment to all community members wishing to participate, and by offering translated materials and interpretation services in Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Korean, Persian (Farsi and Dari), Somali, Spanish, Filipino (Tagalog), and Vietnamese, the proposed TRUTH Act Community Forum furthers the County of San Diego's vision of investing in just and equitable access to County services for all residents.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommendations to hold a community forum and receive a report regarding ICE access to individuals. If approved, there will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

The Board of Supervisors held a community forum on May 21, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in accordance with Government Code Section 7283.1 (d) and received a report from the Sheriff's Department regarding ICE access to individuals during 2023.

20. **SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE XX SECTION 364.6 OF THE  
SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RELATING TO  
MEDICAL EXAMINER FEES AND CHARGES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

On April 30, 2024 (22), the Board of Supervisors took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on May 21, 2024.

Today's action requests that the Board of Supervisors (Board) approve amendments to Article XX of the San Diego County Administrative Code. The Board last approved revisions to the Department of the Medical Examiner fees on April 24, 2018 (01).

The Department of the Medical Examiner recently conducted a review of fees and rates to ensure compliance with Board Policy B-29 (Fees, Grants, and Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery), which requires County departments to recover the costs to provide services to agencies or individuals. All six (6) Medical Examiner fees were reviewed, resulting in a proposed increase in five (5) fees and a proposed decrease in one (1) fee. The Auditor and Controller reviewed and approved the supporting documentation and methodology used to determine the proposed fees to be adjusted in this proposal.

Today's request includes two steps. The introduction of the ordinance was on the April 30, 2024 Board of Supervisors agenda (22), approved by the Board on May 1, 2024, and is scheduled for adoption on May 21, 2024. If the proposed ordinance is altered on May 21, 2024, then on that date, a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance's adoption. When the Board approved the introduction of the amended ordinance, the direction included phasing in the fees over two years and therefore a request to waive Board Policy B-29 for full cost recovery was also requested.

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

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

Consider and adopt (unless ordinance is modified on second reading):

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XX SECTION 364.6 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO MEDICAL EXAMINER FEES AND CHARGES.**

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego Department of the Medical Examiner's mission is to contribute to safe communities and to justice and equity for the residents of San Diego County by certifying the cause and manner of death for all homicides, suicides, accidents, and sudden and/or unexpected deaths in the county. The Medical Examiner has and continues to identify ways to reduce departmental costs to provide its services to the public. Full cost recovery for fees paid by customers, ensures that Medical Examiner services, which benefit a single agency or individual, does not reduce resources available to the entire region.

The proposed actions would amend fees and charges for services that are provided to the public to cover the full cost of those services in alignment with current San Diego County Board of Supervisors' policy, but fully realize the fees over two years, at the County Board of Supervisor's direction The Medical Examiner utilized approved County methodology to ensure all direct and indirect costs are fully recovered.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed adjustments to the Medical Examiner's fee structure are a result of the cumulative increase of the cost drivers such as salaries and benefits, services and supplies, and associated departmental and countywide costs. The adjustments to the Medical Examiner fees are based on available expenditure and revenue data and time studies. The proposed actions are appropriate as they support the County of San Diego's Strategic Initiative of Sustainability to align the County's available resources with services to maintain fiscal stability and ensure long-term solvency.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact in the current fiscal year. If approved, the revised Medical Examiner fees will be effective July 1, 2024. Fee increases are phased in over two years before achieving full cost recovery, and revenue of \$29,134 is estimated in Fiscal Year 2024 - 25. This will not cover all the operating costs for the services provided. The unrecovered estimated costs of \$29,081 will be supported with General Purpose Revenue (GPR) included in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the Medical Examiner. The funding sources are fees paid by customers and GPR. There is no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, and adopted Ordinance No. 10905 (N.S.), entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ARTICLE XX SECTION 364.6, RELATING TO MEDICAL EXAMINER FEES AND CHARGES.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

NOT PRESENT: Lawson-Remer

21. **SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:**  
**SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XX OF THE SAN DIEGO**  
**COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCE CODE, RELATING TO**  
**SAN DIEGO COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEES**  
**(4/30/24 - FIRST READING; 5/21/24 - SECOND READING UNLESS**  
**ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING)**  
**(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

On April 30, 2024 (21), the Board of Supervisors took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on May 21, 2024.

Today's action requests that the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) approve amendments to Article XX of the San Diego County Administrative Code for fees charged by the County of San Diego (County) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Office, a division of San Diego County Fire. The Board last approved revisions to three of the eight EMS's fees on May 2, 2023 (22).

The EMS Office is the Board of Supervisors designated Local EMS Agency (LEMSA), which coordinates and regulates the EMS delivery system in our region. This includes: the permitting and inspecting of ambulances to ensure the safety of the public and employees; assuring that all EMS personnel are vetted and approved to work in our system; providing epidemiologic research, trend identification and clinical effectiveness metrics; and linking prehospital data to the State of California and specialty care registries, such as trauma, stroke and cardiac care. These activities ensure that all residents and visitors receive appropriate and timely emergency medical care in the field and by designated specialty care centers.

By regularly reviewing costs and fees, departments can recuperate costs in a systematic manner, ensure fees are fair and equitable, and enable stakeholders to plan for future fees and fee increases. In accordance with Board Policy B-29, County EMS recently reviewed eight existing fees and associated costs and after doing so, proposes adjustments to all eight during Fiscal Year



2024-25 with the addition of one new fee, for a total of nine fees. Attachment A is a summary comparison of current and proposed fees. The Auditor and Controller has reviewed and approved the supporting documentation and methodology for the proposed fee adjustments.

Today's request includes two options for fee increases, each with two steps. The ordinance will be introduced on April 30, 2024, and, if approved, it will be scheduled for adoption on May 21, 2024. If the proposed ordinance is altered on May 21, 2024, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance's adoption. The two options consist of Option A, achieving full cost recovery with the fees in one year through a one-time fee increase and Option B, a phased-in approach to increase the fees with a goal to achieve full cost recovery within three years. If Option B is selected, a request to waive Board Policy B-29 for full cost recovery is also requested.

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

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

Consider and adopt (unless ordinance is modified on second reading):

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XX OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCE CODE, RELATING TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEES**

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The fees before the Board support services and oversight provided by San Diego County (County) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Office to individuals and agencies for the credentialing of prehospital personnel (Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), Paramedics and Mobile Intensive Care Nurses (MICNs)), ground and air ambulance permitting and inspections for private agencies, approval for continuing education providers, and base station and trauma center hospital specialty care designations. The County EMS Office provides this detailed level of oversight ensuring the San Diego community receives equitable medical care by appropriately credentialed, trained, and verified personnel; permitting and inspecting privately operated transport vehicles; and designating specialized hospital facilities as required by State statute.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's actions are supportive of the County's Sustainability goals to provide just and equitable access to County services by ensuring all Emergency Medical Service responders are appropriately credentialed in a comprehensive and timely manner, all private ground and air ambulances are permitted and inspected, continuing education providers have accurate and current lesson plans and course records, and hospitals have the appropriate specialty care designations. In terms of economic sustainability, amending these fees will continue County Emergency Medical Services Office work to ensure full cost recovery for the work performed within three years, depending on the option selected by the Board of Supervisors. This allows for general purpose revenue to be available for other programs, ensuring the long-term solvency and fiscal stability of these and other County services. The proposed actions further ensure just and equitable access to goods and services through reasonable fee amounts that are levied only on those services necessary to ensure such cost recovery.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact in the current fiscal year. If approved, the eight revised and one new EMS fee(s) will be effective July 1, 2024. Funds are included in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for County Fire for Option A. If full cost recovery of the fees (Option A) is chosen, costs and revenue of \$2.3M will be generated in Fiscal Year 2024-25. If fee increases are phased in over three years to achieve full cost recovery (Option B), revenue of \$1.6M will be generated in Fiscal Year 2024-25 which will not cover all the operating costs for these services. The unrecovered costs of \$700,000 will be supported with existing General Purpose Revenue in San Diego County Fire. The funding source is fees paid by customers. There is no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, and adopted Ordinance No. 10906 (N.S.), entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XX OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCE CODE, RELATING TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEES.

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

**22. SUBJECT: EXPLORING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR ALTERNATIVE  
TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS RELEASED  
FROM THE VISTA DETENTION FACILITY (DISTRICT: 5)**

### **OVERVIEW**

As we work to address the complex issue of reintegration for individuals released from County jails, it's imperative that we explore and implement transportation options to increase the services offered to these individuals and minimize the impact on the surrounding community. Currently, when someone is released from the Vista Detention Facility (VDF), they are provided a public transit day pass. These individuals, whether they have been detained for hours or incarcerated for years, often have trouble navigating the public transportation system. We have heard from community members and local elected officials that those released from County jail struggle to navigate the public transportation systems and are left on the streets of Vista. Limited transportation options act as barriers to reentry, exacerbating challenges faced by the formerly incarcerated population and hindering their ability to rebuild their lives.

By investing in diverse transportation solutions tailored to the needs of the formerly incarcerated, we not only foster their chances of successful reintegration but also contribute to safer communities by potentially reducing recidivism rates. It's not just about second chances; it's about providing the necessary support for individuals to make meaningful changes and contribute positively to society.

VDF serves as the primary point of intake for males and females arrested individuals in northern San Diego County. The population at VDF consists of incarcerated persons awaiting court proceedings, those with medical challenges, those under psychiatric care, an administrative separation unit, and defendants facing high-publicity trials.

Today's action directs the interim Chief Administrative Officer to work with staff to explore the feasibility of a pilot program for additional transportation options. Alternative transportation options can include but are not limited to: a volunteer program consisting of mentors who were formerly incarcerated who provide transportation to those released from VDF, County-funded transportation to an individual's pre-identified reentry based location, coordination of the Medi-Cal transportation benefit with Managed Care Medi-Cal Plans, and/or an additional partnership with a community based transportation company.

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

##### **SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND**

Direct the interim Chief Administrative Officer to work with staff to explore the feasibility of a pilot program for additional options for transportation for individuals released from the Vista Detention Facility and report back in 90 days.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed pilot program aims to create durable and coordinated pathways to transportation services that reduce justice system contact and episodes of incarceration, with the goal of advancing equity and addressing systemic disparities in the justice system by ensuring that these services reach communities that are disproportionately incarcerated. By providing evidence-based, community-driven alternatives for release transportation, programs implemented through this initiative address unmet needs of justice-involved individuals by directly connecting those who have successfully integrated into our society with those embarking on their journey back into our society through community-based service.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action to provide transportation for those being released from the Vista Detention Facility would advance equity and contribute to many of the County of San Diego Sustainability Goals: engage the community; provide just and equitable access; and protect health and wellbeing. In terms of sustainability in equity, economy, and health/wellbeing, it will impact the communities and socio-economic groups burdened by incarceration.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's recommendation. There may be fiscal impacts associated with future related recommendations which staff would return to the Board for consideration and approval. At this time, there will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

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

23. **SUBJECT: ESTABLISHING AN INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIP WITH UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO HEALTH FOR ESSENTIAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE AT EAST MEDICAL CAMPUS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The state of California is facing a mental health crisis and urgent action needs to be taken to help enhance our Behavioral Health continuum of care to best meet the needs of our most vulnerable residents in San Diego County. The state of California is facing a shortfall of approximately 1,971 beds at the acute level, which are necessary to treat patients suffering from severe psychiatric distress. In San Diego County, one in twenty people are currently living with a serious mental illness and that rate increases to one in thirteen people who live in low-income households. Patients enrolled in Medi-Cal face additional barriers to behavioral health treatment, reflecting socioeconomic disparities and increasing the importance of establishing treatment pathways for these vulnerable populations. Today's action presents an opportunity to improve the accessibility and quality of our behavioral health system continuum of care countywide, enhance opportunities for behavioral health providers and support staff to receive world-class education, further bolstering quality of care across the region, as well as establishing additional acute care treatment beds for our most vulnerable populations.

In California, counties are responsible for administering specialty mental health and substance use services to residents eligible for Medi-Cal. To optimize access to care and quality as a health plan, the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Services (BHS) is required to maintain a local network of mental health and substance use services and providers that meets the needs of Medi-Cal beneficiaries. In response to identified needs for patients, BHS has sought to rebalance Behavioral Health care systems using a more upstream approach that emphasizes prevention and connects people to the care they need, prioritizing least restrictive settings.

To further align behavioral health services with the needs of the community, the County has an opportunity to establish a partnership with University of California San Diego Health (UCSD Health) for critical behavioral health crisis and inpatient services at the East Campus Medical Center (ECMC). Through this partnership, the County would make investments to establish approximately 30-45 new Medi-Cal Managed Care Psychiatric Inpatient Services, along with emergency psychiatric unit (EPU) and crisis stabilization unit (CSU) services at the ECMC.

The inpatient psychiatric setting offers a secure environment where adults can regain their functioning and establish an aftercare plan before transferring to a lower-acuity level of care. Medi-Cal Managed Care Psychiatric Inpatient Services provide inpatient care to adults with severe, acute symptoms of mental illness in need of 24-hour observation and intensive treatment. These services are available to residents who are either Medi-Cal enrolled or eligible countywide and includes diagnosis, care, and treatment of acute episodes. The actions requested will enable an increase in regional capacity with the addition of approximately 30-45 new psychiatric acute inpatient beds for individuals who are Medi-Cal eligible, and that staff will explore how capacity at UCSD East Campus could be leveraged to ensure alignment with community needs into the future.

Additionally, EPU/CSU services will be provided to improve access to critical inpatient and stabilization services for vulnerable adults countywide who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis. EPU and CSUs provide emergency psychiatric services to stabilize individuals who are experiencing a psychiatric crisis and connect them to ongoing services that meet their individual needs. Services typically last less than 24 hours and include crisis intervention, ongoing assessment and stabilization, medication administration, consultation with family and outpatient providers, and linkage and/or referral to follow-up community-based services and resources. EPU and CSU services reduce unnecessary hospitalizations by diverting individuals from emergency departments and inpatient care, stabilizing them, and connecting them to community-based behavioral health services for ongoing care.

This collaboration will also involve medical oversight and leverage academic leadership from UCSD Health and the UCSD Department of Psychiatry. It will offer an important opportunity to establish a center of academic excellence in Behavioral Health Treatment for the residents of San Diego County. The establishment of such a hub for behavioral health treatment, innovation, and research has the potential to enhance behavioral health access and quality far beyond simply adding to the County acute care bed count. The implementation of services at ECMC will also include clinical leadership and medical oversight within the acute inpatient units at ECMC. This partnership provides an important opportunity to enhance clinical training leading to new opportunities to optimally prepare future Behavioral Health providers to effectively care for the region's most vulnerable people. This clinical training programming will result in vital workforce development for the Behavioral Health system and opportunities for San Diegans to pursue rewarding careers in Behavioral Health as Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners, Social Workers, Pharmacists, Nurses, Healthcare Administrators, and various support staff positions. Such action will result in an influx of high-quality Behavioral Health providers and staff throughout San Diego County, elevating the quality of care across the region.

The passing of Proposition 1, the Behavioral Health Services Act, presents a significant opportunity for one-time investments in dedicated infrastructure that will enhance our behavioral health system for many decades. Proposition 1 reconfigured the Mental Health Services Act and approved \$6.4 billion in bonds to build an estimated 11,150 new units including a combination of dedicated behavioral health treatment beds and supportive housing. Establishing a partnership with the ECMC at UCSD Health to establish more dedicated Medi-Cal Managed Care Inpatient Acute Psychiatric Services and EPU/CSU services puts the County in an ideal position to pursue one-time infrastructure funding under Proposition 1.

Today's action requests the Board find that the proposed program is necessary to meet the social needs of the County's population. In addition, today's action requests the Board authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, to enter into negotiations with UC San Diego Health for Medi-Cal Managed Care inpatient acute psychiatric services, Emergency Psychiatric Unit, and Crisis Stabilization Services, and return to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors with an update within 120 days to seek further authority to execute an agreement and establish appropriations, as needed.

This item supports the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind. This item also supports our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. It will advance the behavioral health continuum of care by supporting better access to care for individuals, better health for local populations, and more efficient health care resourcing in alignment with the Board's Framework for Our Future priorities.

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

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

1. Pursuant to California Government Code section 26227, find that the proposed program is necessary to meet the social needs of the County's population.
2. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, to enter into negotiations with UC San Diego Health for Medi-Cal Managed Care inpatient acute psychiatric services, emergency psychiatric, and crisis stabilization services and return to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors with an update within 120 days to seek further authority to execute an agreement and establish appropriations, as needed.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

BHS functions as the specialty mental health plan for Medi-Cal eligible residents within San Diego County with serious mental illness as well as the service delivery system for Medi-Cal eligible residents with substance use disorder care needs. Medi-Cal patients have long experienced health inequities spanning all aspects of healthcare from access to outcomes. Patients enrolled in Medi-Cal face more barriers to accessing care, receive lower quality care, and ultimately experience worse health outcomes than patients enrolled in Medicare or private insurance plans. These negative sequelae are felt most intensely by the black community and other communities of color throughout the County. As a regional steward of public health, BHS must ensure that services address the social determinants of health by being accessible, equitably distributed, capable of meeting the needs of a diverse population, and prioritizing communities most in need.

If approved, today's action is an important step in increasing capacity of inpatient acute psychiatric services along with emergency psychiatric unit (EPU) and crisis stabilization unit (CSU) services at ECMC for Medi-Cal eligible adults countywide through collaboration with UCSD Health.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The adoption of this recommendation, finding that the proposed program is necessary to meet the social needs of the County's population and authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, to enter into negotiations with UC San Diego Health for Medi-Cal Managed Care inpatient acute psychiatric services, emergency psychiatric, and crisis stabilization services will enhance the health and social wellbeing of San Diego County residents. In establishing these services, the County of San Diego will improve access to critical behavioral health inpatient and crisis care for vulnerable adults, improve overall health for local populations, and establish more efficient health care resourcing.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There are no immediate fiscal impacts associated with today's item. There would be future fiscal impacts to establish additional capacity for psychiatric services which would depend on outcomes of negotiations with UC San Diego Health. Any recommendations resulting from negotiations would be brought back to the Board for approval and funding. At this time, there will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **ACTION:**

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

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

24. **SUBJECT: ADDRESSING DATA EQUITY FOR ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER PEOPLE AND SUPPORTING EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUPS TO ADDRESS COUNTY LEADERSHIP GAPS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

## **OVERVIEW**

The San Diego region is home to diverse Asian American & Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AA & NHPI) communities comprising over 425,000 people or nearly 14% of the regional population, making up one of the largest AA & NHPI concentrations in the nation. San Diego's growth among AA & NHPI communities follows the larger demographic trends seen across the nation, with AA & NHPI populations more than doubling in size since 2000 and projected to double again in the coming decades.

For the County to work for all, it must represent all of us, and that representation begins with how our communities are reflected in data. Data can hide or highlight unique traits or challenges faced by communities. For AA & NHPI communities, these traits have been hidden for far too long.



Many government programs and data sets make the mistake of lumping people together into the overly broad categories of “Asian” or “Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander”, which masks incredible diversity of lived experiences, encompassing people from over 50 countries and 100 different languages. The distinct cultural, historical, and socioeconomic backgrounds of these populations contribute to varying life expectancies and stark health disparities. For example, the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the way smaller population communities, such as Samoans, faced disproportionate health risks, but the impact was masked by lumping them into larger categories. [A first-of-its-kind 2021 UCLA study](https://healthpolicy.ucla.edu/our-work/publications/disaggregating-californias-covid-19-data-native-hawaiians-and-pacific-islanders-and-asians) [<https://healthpolicy.ucla.edu/our-work/publications/disaggregating-californias-covid-19-data-native-hawaiians-and-pacific-islanders-and-asians>](https://healthpolicy.ucla.edu/our-work/publications/disaggregating-californias-covid-19-data-native-hawaiians-and-pacific-islanders-and-asians) found that the COVID-19 death rate for Samoans was actually twice as high as the overall California population.

The Federal Government has taken recent action to address the problem of data disaggregation, releasing a major revision to federal standards requiring federal agencies to collect detailed race and ethnicity categories as a default. Federal agencies, including the US Census, are currently developing plans for implementing this new directive.

Today’s action directs County staff to begin developing plans for collecting, reporting, and sharing disaggregated race and ethnicity data across all our departments and data systems, in alignment with new federal standards and guidance and create a process to involve community organizations and provide community education about these important changes.

This item also aims to address another long-standing challenge faced by AA & NHPI populations, underrepresentation in leadership and executive level roles. A [2022 McKinsey report](https://www.mckinsey.com/featured-insights/diversity-and-inclusion/asian-american-workers-diverse-outcomes-and-hidden-challenges) [<https://www.mckinsey.com/featured-insights/diversity-and-inclusion/asian-american-workers-diverse-outcomes-and-hidden-challenges>](https://www.mckinsey.com/featured-insights/diversity-and-inclusion/asian-american-workers-diverse-outcomes-and-hidden-challenges) found that while many organizations focus hiring entry-level AA & NHPIs, promotions steadily stall progress on the management ladder due to a variety of factors: model minority myth, workplace bias, cultural misunderstanding, lack of mentorship and sponsorship, as well as management norms that sometimes brush up against AA & NHPI cultural values, such as speaking up, advocating for opinions, and leading with authority.

With over 20,000 employees, the County of San Diego is one of the largest employers in the region and has a strong track record of promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts. Despite these commitments, the County still exhibits a leadership structure that is disproportionately white, while Hispanic, Black, and AA & NHPIs are significantly underrepresented.

The County’s Employee Resource Groups (ERG) are voluntary employee-led organizations founded to support (1) county initiatives, (2) cultural competency and awareness, (3) recruitment, retention, and outreach, and (4) professional development. ERGs are key partners with deep expertise in supporting County employees with career advancement through their professional development workshops, mentorship opportunities, resume reviews, and networking events. The County has 11 ERGs led by an ERG Council.



Today's action directs the Interim CAO to collaborate with the County's ERGs and the ERG Council to identify recommendations on how to enhance support for programs and initiatives aimed at supporting professional development, workforce advancements, and address leadership gaps for all employees. Staff should formulate the recommendations into a strategic plan and return to the Board for deliberation and further direction, including proposed cost and funding sources.

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

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

1. Direct the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to develop an implementation plan for adopting disaggregated race and ethnicity data standards in alignment with federal guidance around Statistical Policy Directive No. 15: Standards for Maintaining, Collecting, and Presenting Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity (March 28, 2024). Such planning should include identifying departmental data systems updates needed to collect, track, report, and share disaggregated race and ethnicity data, as well as monitoring changes in state and federal data guidance. Such planning should also include a process for community engagement and community education around the detailed race and ethnicity categories, that includes, but is not limited to, community and advocacy organizations, such that those involved around AA & NHPI populations.
2. Direct the Interim Chief Administrative Officer collaborate with the County's ERGs and the ERG Council to identify recommendations for enhancing support for programs and initiatives aimed at supporting County professional development, workforce advancements, and address leadership gaps for all employees. Formulate the recommendations into a strategic plan with metrics and timeframes that expand pathways into leadership and return to the Board for consideration and adoption. Report back with an update in 180 days.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

This action advances equity but supporting greater data disaggregation across County data systems to better identify disparities among individuals and populations across racial and ethnic groups.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Tracking disaggregated data can help the County and community stakeholders identify climate justice impacts being felt across racial and ethnic subpopulations and promote greater resiliency for individuals and families to respond and adapt.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years. There may be fiscal impacts associated with future related recommendations which staff would return to the Board for consideration and approval.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

Implementing data disaggregation will play a critical role in fostering broader and more equitable economic development by enabling targeted strategies that address the specific needs and opportunities within diverse communities, including AA & NHPI populations.

**ACTION:**

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

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

25. **SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO OPPOSING STATE FARM AND OTHER INSURANCE COMPANIES ABANDONING HOMEOWNERS, RENTERS, AND SMALL BUSINESSES AMID STATE EFFORTS TO MODERNIZE REGULATIONS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Across California and within San Diego's communities, homeowners, renters, and small business owners are suddenly discovering that their insurance policies are being dropped forcing them to seek new coverage at a time when the available options are growing fewer and more expensive. On March 20, 2024, State Farm announced that it would be dropping coverage for existing policyholders, leaving 72,000 homeowners and rental property owners scrambling to find alternatives before they are dropped starting July 2024. The impact is being felt across San Diego, hitting homeowners and renters alike, in diverse communities like Rancho Sante Fe, Vista, Lakeside, El Cajon, Encinitas, Normal Heights, Tierrasanta, Jamul, Ramona, and Carmel Valley.

The situation is hugely destabilizing, especially for older adults, many of whom were State Farm policyholders for years, and other people on fixed incomes who cannot afford massive rate hikes (in some cases by up to 400%) and are at high risk of displacement. Some homeowners are finding that they cannot sell their properties as prospective buyers are not able to secure the insurance required by mortgage providers.

The timing of this decision to suddenly abandon long-time policyholders is highly questionable as the State is currently working with insurance stakeholders to adopt sweeping updates to State insurance regulations by the end of the year. Some consumer watchdog groups contend that insurance companies are using policy cancellations as leverage to secure friendlier state regulations.

Insurance companies have raised concerns that the California insurance marketplace is broken given wildfire and climate risks, high inflation and construction costs, rising reinsurance rates, and a slow process for rate approvals. In response, Governor Newsom signed an Executive Order on September 13, 2023, calling on State Insurance Commissioner, ~~Richard~~ Ricardo Lara, to spearhead massive regulatory changes aimed at stabilizing and strengthening the insurance marketplace. That same day, Commissioner Lara announced a new "Sustainable Insurance Strategy" effort, bringing stakeholders and insurance companies together to work collaboratively to modernize the insurance system for the first time since 1988. Commissioner Lara released draft regulations on March 14, 2024, and aims to complete the overhaul by December 2024. Governor Newsom added further urgency on May 10, pushing to stabilize the insurance market with expedited rate approvals that could take effect by July 1.

Commissioner Lara and Governor Newsom should be commended for spearheading this important work and moving with urgency to fix the State's insurance system. Given the reality of increasing climate risks, hard decisions need to be made to ensure affordability and availability of coverage. That said, it is imperative that insurance modernization efforts prioritize consumer transparency and insurance company accountability to ensure homeowners are getting a fair price and are not subject to price gouging. The issue is especially relevant when adopting so-called "catastrophe modeling" that can influence insurance premiums based on proprietary algorithms that private insurance companies own. There needs to be transparency in the rate-setting process, so homeowners get a fair deal.

The item today urges the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors to adopt a resolution opposing State Farm and other large insurance companies' decision to abandon homeowners, renters, and small business owners and instead work together with the State Insurance Commissioner in modernizing the insurance marketplace to ensure long-term availability, affordability, and sustainability of coverage. It further calls for Commissioner Lara to ensure transparency and accountability in the rate-setting process, so that homeowners are getting a fair deal and protected from paying exorbitant rates.

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

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

Adopt the resolution entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO OPPOSING STATE FARM AND OTHER INSURANCE COMPANIES ABANDONING HOMEOWNERS, RENTERS, AND SMALL BUSINESSES AMID STATE EFFORTS TO MODERNIZE REGULATIONS.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Climate change, policy cancellations and higher rates disproportionately affect vulnerable communities. Left unchecked, the exodus of larger insurance companies could exacerbate disparities and undermine financial and housing security. Today's action is to further protect vulnerable communities by ensuring they have access to reliable and affordable property insurance options to safeguard their homes and financial well-being.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed actions are aligned with Sustainability Goal #2, assisting in providing just and equitable access to housing. As the risk and costs associated with climate change increase, San Diego communities need continuous and reliable access to affordable property insurance options.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this item. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

1. Adopted Resolution No. 24-044, entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO OPPOSING STATE FARM AND OTHER INSURANCE COMPANIES ABANDONING HOMEOWNERS, RENTERS, AND SMALL BUSINESSES AMID STATE EFFORTS TO MODERNIZE REGULATIONS (DISTRICTS: ALL); and,
2. Directed the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to draft a letter to the Governor and State Insurance Commissioner to explain the County's concerns about insurance coverage in San Diego County, as described in the resolution.

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

**26. SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 THIRD QUARTER OPERATIONAL PLAN STATUS REPORT AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

This report summarizes the status of the County's Fiscal Year 2023-24 Adopted Operational Plan, as measured by projected year-end fund balance from current year operations. The projected year-end balance for the General Fund is \$97.9 million (or 1.3% of the General Fund budget), and \$163.1 million (or 1.5% of the Overall budget) for all budgetary funds combined. The projected fund balance anticipates an overall positive expenditure variance and an overall ~~positive-negative~~ revenue variance from the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Amended Budget. The projection assumes General Purpose Revenue will perform better than estimated, and all business groups will produce operating balances except for the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) which is projecting negative operating balance due to projected slowing of dedicated sales tax receipts for realignment programs and increased costs for the General Relief Program. The projected balance for all other funds combined is \$65.2 million (2.1% of the other funds combined budget).

Transfers and revisions to the amended budget can be made by formal action of the Board of Supervisors in accordance with the California County Budget Act, Government Code (GC) Section 29125. Increases to the overall budget require 4 votes. Transfers of appropriations between departments within the same budgetary fund that do not increase the overall budget, or the cancellation of appropriations require a majority vote. Transfers of appropriations to facilitate transfers between budgetary funds require 4 votes even if the overall budget is not increased.

In the Public Safety Group (PSG), recommendations include appropriation adjustment for the provision of evidence-based treatment and recovery support services for individuals within or transitioning out of detention facilities, for unanticipated decedent transportation costs, for higher animal care costs due to higher inventory levels and staffing support, for the transfer of funds to the City of Santee and Lakeside Fire Protection District, to support increased costs in enhanced collection activities for Trial Courts, and for unanticipated increases in operational costs primarily for higher psychological evaluation costs for a limited pool of clinicians.

In the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), recommendations include appropriation adjustments for County Public Health Laboratory and to utilize a lost revenue strategy under the final American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) guidance for the ARPA Framework Components.

In the Land Use and Environment Group (LUEG), recommendations include appropriation adjustments to fund Road Resurfacing projects, for activities in support of the Climate Action Plan, to support removing hazards from the existing trail corridor and implementing associated trail improvements, to provide funds for the construction of six sports field LED lights and one LED solar powered scoreboard to accommodate softball at Wellfield Community Park, to support the increased costs for the construction of Mt. Woodson Parking Lot, to provide funding for San Dieguito Pathway project, for construction of a water quality basin at 4S Ranch Sports Park, to support the construction of the Village View Park, and for Harmony Grove financing payments.

In the Finance and General Government Group (FGG), recommendations include appropriation adjustments for County Administration Center Major Systems Renovation Project (CAC MSRP), to support the continued increase in contracted services and utilities, to support increased parts and fuel costs, for the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program, for the Community Enhancement Program, and for the Borrego Springs Fire Station design study.

In the Finance Other (FO), recommendations include appropriation adjustments to provide funding for pool repair and equipment and water safety programs and to transfer funds for one-time cost for employee wellness compensation payment to various County Departments.

In the Capital Program, recommendation include appropriation adjustment for projects that are anticipated to be completed and closed at the end of the fiscal year.

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

1. Accept the Fiscal Year 2023-24 third quarter report on projected year-end results.

**Increases to the Overall Budget and/or Transfers Between Budgetary Funds**  
**(Recommendations 2 through 20):**

2. Establish appropriations of \$500,000 in the Sheriff's Department, Services & Supplies, for the provision of evidence-based treatment and recovery support services for individuals within or transitioning out of detention facilities, based on revenue from the Opioid Settlement Framework. **(4 VOTES)**
3. Establish appropriations of \$500,000 in the Medical Examiner, Services & Supplies, for unanticipated decedent transportation costs, based on over-realized General Purpose Revenue. **(4 VOTES)**
4. Establish appropriations of \$450,000 in the Department of Animal Services, Services & Supplies, for higher animal care costs due to higher inventory levels, based on over-realized General Purpose Revenue; *and* transfer appropriations of \$461,000 from the Public Safety Group, Services & Supplies, to Department of Animal Services, Salaries & Benefits for staffing support of animal care. **(4 VOTES)**

5. Establish appropriations of \$1,200,000 in the County Service Area 69, Other Charges, for the transfer of funds to the City of Santee and Lakeside Fire Protection District, based on the available fund balance from County Service Area 69. (4 VOTES)
6. Establish appropriations of \$7,400,478 in the Department of Public Works Road Fund, Service & Supplies, to fund Road Resurfacing projects, based on Road Fund fund balance component decrease - Committed Roadway Major Maintenance and Safety Projects. (4 VOTES)
7. Establish appropriations of \$1,732,298 in Planning & Development Services, Services & Supplies, for activities in support of the Climate Action Plan, based on grant funding awarded by the California Department of Conservation Climate Smart Land Management (CSLM) Program. (4 VOTES)
8. Establish appropriations of \$500,000 in the Capital Outlay Fund for Capital Project 1022915 Potts Trail, to support removing hazards from the existing trail corridor and implementing associated trail improvements, based on grant funding awarded by the San Diego River Conservancy. (4 VOTES)
9. Establish appropriations of \$900,000 in Park Land Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) Area 28 Ramona Fund, Services & Supplies, to provide funds for the construction of six sports field LED lights and one LED solar powered scoreboard to accommodate a softball at Wellfield Community Park, based on available prior year PLDO Area 28 Ramona Fund fund balance. (4 VOTES)
10. Establish appropriations of \$700,000 in PLD Ramona Improvement Impact Fees, Operating Transfer Out, based on available prior year PLD Ramona Improvement Impact Fees Fund fund balance; *and* establish appropriations of \$700,000 in the Capital Outlay Fund for Capital Project 1021983 Mt. Woodson Parking Lot, based on Operating Transfer In from the PLD Ramona Improvement Impact Fees, to support the increased cost for the construction of the project; *and* transfer appropriations of \$200,000 within the Capital Outlay Fund and related Operating Transfer In from the General Fund to provide funding for Capital Project 1021983 Mt. Woodson Parking Lot, based on transfer from Capital Project 1024372 Kumeyaay Valley to support the increased costs for the construction of the project. (4 VOTES)
11. Establish appropriations of \$20,000 in the Department of Parks and Recreation, Services & Supplies, based on grant funding from the San Dieguito River Park JPA, *and* cancel appropriations of \$280,000 and related Operating Transfer In from the General Fund in the Capital Outlay Fund for Capital Project 1022922 San Dieguito Local Park, *and* transfer appropriations of \$280,000 from the Contribution to Capital Outlay Fund, Operating Transfers Out to the Department of Parks and Recreation, Services & Supplies, to provide funding for San Dieguito Pathway project, based on the transfer from Capital Project 1022922 San Dieguito Local Park. (4 VOTES)

12. Establish appropriations of \$217,275, in Harmony Grove CFD 08-01 Improvement, Services & Supplies, for Harmony Grove financing payments, based on revenue from interest earned (\$38,543) and miscellaneous revenue (\$60,325) and available prior year Harmony Grove Improvement Fund fund balance (\$118,407). **(4 VOTES)**
13. Establish appropriations of \$165,836 in Harmony Grove Capital Project, Service & Supplies, for Harmony Grove financing payments, based on revenue from interest earned (\$9,299) and miscellaneous revenue (\$54,495) and available prior year Harmony Grove Capital Project Fund fund balance (\$102,042). **(4 VOTES)**
14. Transfer revenue of \$2,615,917 in the County Health Complex Fund, for Capital Project 1024604, County Public Health Laboratory, to do a funding swap from proceeds from the 2023 Public Health Lab and Capital Improvements, Certificates of Participation to Future of Public Health Sustainable funding; *and* transfer revenue of \$2,615,917 in the Capital Outlay Fund, for Capital Project 1021162, County Administration Center Major Systems Renovation Project (CAC MSRP), to do a funding swap from Operating Transfers In from the General Fund to proceeds from the 2023 Public Health Lab and Capital Improvements, Certificates of Participation; *and* transfer appropriations of \$2,615,917, in Contributions to Capital Outlay, Operating Transfers Out, to Countywide General Expense, Services & Supplies, from Capital Project 1021162, CAC MSRP. There is no change to either project's total budget, as noted in Appendix H. **(4 VOTES)**
15. Establish appropriations of \$24,200,000 in the Department of General Services Facilities Management Internal Service Fund (ISF), Services & Supplies, to support the increase in contracted services and utilities based on unanticipated revenue from client departments (\$23.8 million) and the Judicial Council of California (\$0.4 million). **(4 VOTES)**
16. Establish appropriations of \$2,000,000 in the Department of General Services Fleet Internal Service Fund (ISF) Parts and Fuel, Services & Supplies, to support increased parts and fuel costs based on unanticipated revenue from client departments. **(4 VOTES)**
17. Establish appropriations of \$2,137 in the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (\$222 in Org 15660 for District 3 and \$1,915 in Org 15665 for District 4) based on the return of unused portions or prior year allocations so the funds can be allocated to other projects. **(4 VOTES)**
18. Establish appropriations of \$12,382 in the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900 for District 4) based on the return of unused portions or prior year allocations so the funds can be allocated to other projects. **(4 VOTES)**
19. Transfer appropriations within departments between Services & Supplies and Operating Transfers Out, as noted in Appendix D, in the net amount of \$6,720,920 for major maintenance projects listed in Appendix D that were subsequently reclassified, based on capitalization thresholds, for financial reporting purposes; *and* establish and cancel appropriations, as noted in Appendix D for a net increase of \$6,720,920 in the Major Maintenance Capital Outlay Fund and adjust related funding sources as noted to accurately classify major maintenance projects for financial reporting purposes. **(4 VOTES)**

20. Transfer appropriations of \$12,814,126 from Finance Other, General Miscellaneous Expense, Other Charges, to Public Safety Group (\$5,332,136), Health and Human Services Agency (\$4,997,351), Land Use and Environment Group (\$1,247,276) and Finance and General Government Group (\$1,237,363), Salaries & Benefits (\$12,294,123) and Operating Transfers Out (\$520,003), for one-time cost for employee wellness compensation payment as listed in Appendix E, based on previously allocated General Purpose Revenue redirected through a lost revenue strategy of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds allocated to the Evergreen component of the ARPA Framework as approved by the Board of Supervisors on January 9, 2024 (14); *and* establish appropriations of \$520,003, in Land Use and Environment Group, Salaries & Benefits, based on Operating Transfers In from the General Fund. (4 VOTES)

**Transfers Within Budgetary Funds and/or Cancellation of Appropriations  
(Recommendations 21 through 33):**

21. Transfer appropriations of \$350,000 from the Public Safety Group, Services & Supplies, to Contribution for Trial Courts, Other Charges, to support increased costs in enhanced collection activities.
22. Transfer appropriations of \$1,350,000 from the Public Safety Group, Services & Supplies, to the Public Defender, Services & Supplies, for unanticipated increases in operational costs.
23. Transfer appropriations of \$495,470 from the Department of Public Works (DPW) General Fund Watershed Protection Program, Services & Supplies to Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) Park Development, Services & Supplies, for construction of a water quality basin at 4S Ranch Sports Park.
24. Transfer appropriations of \$308,269.82 within the Capital Outlay Fund and related Operating Transfers In from the General Fund to provide funding for Capital Project 1022921 Village View Park, to support costs incurred due to historic storm events in early 2024, based on transfer from Capital Project 1021742 Ildica Park Development (\$8,269.82) and Capital Project 1024372 Kumeyaay Valley (\$300,000).
25. Transfer appropriations of \$10,125 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15670 for District 5), Services & Supplies, to County Fire (Org 30231), Services and Supplies, for the Borrego Springs Fire Station design study.
26. Cancel appropriations of \$350,000 in the Capital Outlay Fund for Capital Project 1025464 Collier Park Community Garden, to match the actual funds received for community garden projects from the American Rescue Plan Act.
27. Cancel appropriations of \$94,236.62 and related Operating Transfer In from the General Fund in the Multiple Species Conservation Program Acquisition Fund, to properly record related non-capital pre-acquisition expenses; *and* transfer appropriations of \$94,236.62 from the Contribution to Capital Outlay Fund, Operating Transfers Out to the Department of Parks and Recreation, Services & Supplies, to properly record related non-capital pre-acquisition expenses.



28. Cancel appropriations and related revenue of up to \$2,973,818.32 as noted in Schedule C for Capital Projects that will be completed and closed by the end of Fiscal Year 2023-24. This is composed of \$42,433.17 in the Capital Outlay Fund, \$1,118,387.63 in the County Health Complex Fund, and \$1,812,997.52 in the Justice Facility Construction Fund.
29. Direct the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to utilize a lost revenue strategy under the final ARPA guidance for the ARPA Framework Components, based on previously allocated General Purpose Revenue (GPR) totaling up to \$117.3 million in the following departments:
  - a. Within the Public Safety Group (PSG - up to \$81.0 million)
  - b. Within the Land Use and Environment Group (LUEG - up to \$30.0 million)
  - c. Within the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA - up to \$6.3 million)
30. Transfer revenue of \$117.3 million from Health and Human Services Agency (\$57.6 million), Finance Other (\$51.3 million) and Land Use and Environment Group (\$8.4 million), all in Intergovernmental Revenue, based on ARPA Revenue to replace previously allocated GPR for the PSG (\$81.0 million), LUEG (\$30.0 million) and HHSA (\$6.3 million) departments as noted in Recommendation 29 (Appendix F).
31. Transfer revenue of \$4.0 million from the Office of Evaluation, Performance and Analytics (OEPA), Intergovernmental Revenue, based on ARPA Revenue to replace previously allocated General Purpose Revenue in Finance Other to fund the Enterprise Integrated Data Platform and staff time; *and* transfer revenue of \$43.1 million within HHSA, all in Intergovernmental Revenue, based on ARPA Revenue to replace previously allocated GPR for items eligible for use of ARPA including locally funded Behavioral Health Services costs and Regional Homeless Assistance Program costs. The available GPR of \$43.1 million will be used to fund items under the ARPA Framework within HHSA previously allocated using ARPA. This is a technical adjustment necessary to Maximize ARPA Revenue Strategy. (Appendix G).
32. Recognize revenue of \$1.6 million within HHSA, based on ARPA Local and Tribal Consistency Fund to replace previously allocated GPR for General Relief which will be used to fund items under the ARPA Framework within HHSA previously allocated using ARPA (Appendix G).
33. Allocate \$1,000,000 from Finance Other, General Miscellaneous Expense, to the Border View Family YMCA upon successful negotiation of a grant agreement to be administered by the Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs. This grant agreement will provide funding for pool repair and equipment and water safety programs.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

After the Board of Supervisors adopts the Operational Plan, it is monitored by the departments, Groups, and the Board. Departments are expected to work within their respective budgets. Budgets may, however, be modified during the year as circumstances warrant. In conjunction with the fund balance projection process, the Chief Administrative Officer meets with each Group to review accomplishments, emergent issues, and budget status. Department heads are required to communicate any potential problems or errors to the appropriate authority. Groups

complete fund balance projections quarterly providing explanations of significant variances of their budget. The recommended actions are intended to provide resources to address inequities in County services and to identify disparities, develop meaningful outcomes, and create a County government culture of equity, belonging, and racial justice.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's actions support the sustainability measures across the County considering the environment, economy, health/wellbeing, and/or social aspects of the community by aligning the County's available resources with services to maintain fiscal stability and ensure long-term solvency.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds associated with today's recommendations are partially included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan. If approved, in the General Fund these actions will result in an increase to the overall budget of \$3,216,817, transfers between budgetary funds of \$9,537,056, transfers within budgetary funds of \$15,574,958, and no cancellation of appropriations. The funding sources for the increase are based on California Department of Conservation Climate Smart Land Management (CSLM) Program (\$1,732,298), over-realized General Purpose Revenue (\$950,000), Opioid Settlement Framework (\$500,000), San Dieguito River Park JPA (\$20,000) and prior year NRP & CE program allocations that were returned in the current fiscal year (\$14,519).

In all other funds combined, these actions will result in a net increase to the overall budget of \$41,526,487, transfer between budgetary funds of \$79,781, transfers within budgetary funds of \$508,270, and cancellation of appropriations of \$10,220,840. The funding sources for the net increase are Revenue from client departments (\$25,800,000), Road Fund fund balance component decrease - Committed Roadway Major Maintenance and Safety Projects (\$7,400,478), Future of Public Health Sustainable funding (\$2,615,917), Operating Transfers In from the General Fund (\$2,498,612), available prior year CSA 69 fund balance (\$1,200,000), available prior year PLDO Area 28 Ramona Fund fund balance (\$900,000), available prior year PLD Ramona Improvement Impact Fees Fund fund balance (\$700,000), Operating Transfer In from the PLD Ramona Improvement Impact Fees (\$700,000), San Diego River Conservancy (\$500,000), Judicial Council of California (\$400,000), available prior year Harmony Grove Improvement Fund fund balance (\$118,407), Miscellaneous Revenues (\$114,820), available prior year Harmony Grove Capital Project Fund fund balance (\$102,042), and Interest Revenues (\$47,842). These are offset by decreases in AB109 Trust Fund (\$858,351), Sheriff RCS Trust Fund (\$343,061), American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) (\$350,000) and Operating Transfers In from the Library Fund (\$20,219).

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

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

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

27. **SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, SHELTER AND SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT; AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT FOR A MIGRANT TRANSITION DAY CENTER; AND WAIVE BOARD POLICY B-29 (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Omnibus Appropriations Bill was signed into law on March 23, 2024, and provided \$640.9 million for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Shelter and Services Program (SSP). The SSP provides funding to non-federal entities to provide services to migrants released from Department of Homeland Security (DHS) custody. Subsequently, on April 12, 2024, FEMA released the FY 2024 SSP - Allocated (SSP-A) Notice of Funding Opportunity and informed that the County of San Diego (County) is an eligible applicant for a non-competitive award of up to \$19,592,554 in funding. Following this notification, on April 26, 2024, the County Health and Human Services Agency, Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities applied for the allocated funding to operate a Migrant Transit Day Center focused on providing essential support services to migrants released from DHS into San Diego County as they continue their onward travel to their final destination.

On April 30, 2024 (34), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) directed to: 1) Move forward with programming efforts to provide essential services and support to migrants, while pursuing FEMA FY 2024 SSP-A funding; 2) Return on May 21, 2024 with a request to appropriate funds from the General Fund Reserve to continue those efforts; and 3) Apply for any grant funds and/or allocations for migrant sheltering and services.

Today's actions request the Board authorize acceptance of the FY 2024 FEMA SSP-A grant funding, authorize the Department of Purchasing and Contracting to issue a competitive solicitation for a Migrant Transition Day Center, and waive Board Policy B-29. Today's 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, particularly our immigrant communities. These actions also support the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by providing essential support services to migrants released from DHS custody through the proposed Migrant Transition Day Center.

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

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

1. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Full Cost Recovery, which requires prior approval of acceptance of grants and full-cost recovery.
2. Authorize the Interim Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, to execute plans and any other action necessary as required for acceptance of up to \$19,592,554, and any other additional allocations that may be awarded from the Federal Emergency Management Agency Shelter and Services Program - Allocated grant for the period of October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2026.

3. In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to issue a competitive solicitation for a Migrant Transition Day Center, and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award a contract for an initial term of up to 18 months, with four one year option years and up to an additional six months if needed; and to amend the contract to reflect changes in program, funding or service requirements, subject to the availability of funds and the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego (County) is a thriving binational region, home to the San Ysidro Port of Entry, and the largest land border crossing in the western hemisphere. Establishing a Migrant Transition Day Center reinforces the County value as a welcoming community and will provide an average of 550 migrants released in San Diego County daily from Department of Homeland Security with essential support services as they continue their journey to their final destination.

To develop a sustainable and impactful Migrant and Transition Day Center in San Diego County, the County Health and Human Services Agency, Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities solicited input from various non-governmental organizations, most of whom have been providing critical aid and services to migrants in San Diego County, on how to best capitalize on federal funding allocated to the County from Federal Emergency Management Agency Shelter and Services Program. This collaborative approach to directly engaging the community underscores how the County prioritizes equity through the delivery of services to San Diego County residents and individuals in vulnerable situations. Through collaborations with these organizations, the County has gained increased awareness and appreciation for migrants passing through San Diego County fleeing violence, political persecution, and trauma. The feedback received from the community will inform the strategies, planning, and implementation of the Migrant Transition Day Center, and delivery of services such as temporary shelter, food, transportation, personal hygiene supplies, translation, and staffing. With the federal funding opportunity, the County, along with community partners, will bridge a significant gap and assist migrants with critical support and services as they continue their path to a new future.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed actions support the County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goal #1 of engaging the community, Sustainability Goal # 2 of providing just and equitable access to services and resources, and Sustainability Goal #4 to protect the health and well-being of everyone in the region. This will be accomplished by soliciting and incorporating community partner feedback on strategy, planning, and implementation of a Migrant Transition Day Center. This feedback will inform optimal strategies to maximize available funding and provide essential aid and support to the migrant transition process in the region.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the FY 2024-26 CAO Recommended Operational Plan Change Letter for the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request is estimated to result in costs of \$13,127,240 and revenue of \$13,061,703 in FY 2024-25 and costs of \$6,563,620 and revenue of \$6,530,851 in FY 2025-26. The funding source is Federal Emergency Management Agency Shelter and Services Program - Allocated. A waiver of B-29 is requested

because the funding does not offset all costs associated with the program. These costs which will not be recovered are estimated at \$65,537 for FY 2024-25 and \$32,769 for FY 2025-26. The funding source for these costs is existing General Purpose Revenue. The public benefits of providing these services outweigh the required contribution for uncovered costs. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

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

1. Waived Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Full Cost Recovery, which requires prior approval of acceptance of grants and full-cost recovery.
2. Authorized the Interim Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, to execute plans and any other action necessary as required for acceptance of up to \$19,592,554, and any other additional allocations that may be awarded from the Federal Emergency Management Agency Shelter and Services Program - Allocated grant for the period of October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2026.
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4. Directed the Chief Administrative Officer, as part of the competitive solicitation process, to ensure all contractors understand that they must accept everyone that they encounter.

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

NOES: Desmond

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

##### **OVERVIEW**

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph 4 of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9: (Number of Cases - 1)

- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
Valenzuela Ochoa v. Haskell and County of San Diego;  
Riverside Superior Court Case No. CVSW2109638
- C. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT  
(Government Code section 54957)  
Title: Chief Administrative Officer

**ACTION:**

Noting for the record that Closed Sessions matters were heard on May 22, 2024; County Counsel reported that for Closed Session, the Board of Supervisors took the following action:

On Item 28C, with all Board members present and voting "AYE," the Board selected a final candidate. The Board anticipates bringing the appointment and employment agreement for approval next month.

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

**OVERVIEW**

Michael Brando spoke to the Board regarding injuries from the COVID vaccine and the horse abuses in Rancho Santa Fe.

Mark spoke to the Board regarding government control and the gas tax.

Richard Abraham spoke to the Board to request a Veterans Memorial in Lakeside.

Danny Brunner spoke to the Board to request an investigation into the Sheriff's Department's response to protestors at UCSD and requested a resolution for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

Jeri Newell-Davis spoke to the Board to request an investigation into the Sheriff's Department's response at UCSD and requested a resolution for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

Paul the Bold spoke to the Board regarding the importance of the Brown Act.

Consuelo spoke to the Board regarding censorship at government meetings.

Shane Harris spoke to the Board about support of National Foster Care Month and the high statistics of Black and Brown children in foster care.

Sherita Kirkland spoke to the Board regarding concerns of foster care data provided at the Budget Presentations.

Peggy Walker spoke to the Board regarding the negative health impacts of marijuana use on youth.

Audra spoke to the Board regarding rape victims.

Barbara Gordon spoke to the Board regarding the negative impacts of marijuana use and not increase the number of marijuana businesses.

Terri Skelly spoke to the Board regarding the negative impacts of marijuana businesses on the community.

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

Ann Riddle spoke to the Board regarding the negative impacts of marijuana use on youth.

Megan Stuart spoke to the Board regarding underage substance abuse of marijuana and tobacco.

Kenia Peraza spoke to the Board regarding a meeting of Superintendents in Chula Vista on May 22, 2024 to request an audit of the special education fund.

Truth spoke to the Board regarding fundraisers for Supervisor Lawson-Remer and grant funds.

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

**ACTION:**

Heard, Referred to the Chief Administrative Officer.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 8:31 p.m. in memory of Jean Volmar and Joan Jacobs.

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

Consent: Vizcarra

Discussion: Zurita

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

Approved by the Board of Supervisors, on Tuesday, June 4, 2024.

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NORA VARGAS  
Chair

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Potter', written above a horizontal line.

ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board

05/21/2024