



# **COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

## **STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

**July 22, 2025**

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

**TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025, 9:00 AM**  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER  
BOARD CHAMBER, ROOM 310  
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

Order Of Business

- A. REGULAR SESSION: Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Supervisors Terra Lawson-Remer, Vice-Chair; Supervisor-Elect Paloma Aguirre; 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 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Andrew Potter.
- D. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ashley Hilliard.
- E. Item 1: ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING ELECTION RESULTS OF THE JULY 1, 2025 FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION
- F. Swearing In of District 1 Supervisor-Elect Paloma Aguirre  
(Waterfront Park, West Lawn, 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101)
- The Oath of Office was administered by Delio Bacalski.
- G. Presentation or Announcement of Proclamations and Awards: None
- H. Non-Agenda Public Communication: Individuals can address the Board on topics within its jurisdiction that are not on the agenda. According to the Board's Rules of Procedure, each person may speak at only one Non-Agenda Public Communication session per meeting. Speakers can choose to speak during either the General Legislative or Land Use Legislative Session.
- I. Approval of the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the sessions of June 24, 2025 and June 25, 2025.

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors approved the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the sessions of June 24, 2025 and June 25, 2025.

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

- J. Consent Agenda
- K. Discussion Items
- L. 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>
Financial and General Government	1.	ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING ELECTION RESULTS OF THE JULY 1, 2025 FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION
	2.	RESPONSE TO 2024-2025 GRAND JURY REPORTS
	3.	ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS AND THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT PENDING RATIFICATION FOR THE EMPLOYEE BARGAINING UNITS - CM AND CR REPRESENTED BY THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL 986 (TEAMSTERS) (7/22/25 - First Reading; 8/26/25 - Second Reading, unless the ordinance is modified on second reading)
Land Use and Environment	4.	LOCAL EMERGENCY REVIEW: PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR U.S.-MEXICO TRANSBOUNDARY POLLUTION ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION
Communications Received	5.	COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED
Financial and General Government	6.	SELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE CHAIR AND CHAIR PRO TEM OF THE 2025 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
	7.	APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES
	8.	RESPONDING TO POTENTIAL FEDERAL IMPACTS FROM THE "ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL ACT" TO PROTECT FOOD SECURITY, HOUSING, AND HEALTHCARE AND WAIVE BOARD POLICY A-72

9. CONSIDERATION OF RAMONA PUBLIC CEMETERY DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION REQUESTING EXPANSION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FROM THREE TO FIVE MEMBERS
10. PROTECTING SMALL BUSINESSES AND WORKERS: KNOW YOUR  
RIGHTS WHEN ICE ARRIVES
11. CLOSED SESSION
12. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

1. **SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING ELECTION RESULTS OF THE JULY 1, 2025 FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

State law requires that the Board of Supervisors (Board) declare the election results for those offices and measures under its jurisdiction. For the July 1, 2025 First Supervisorial District Special General Election, the Board must declare the results for the office of Board of Supervisors - District 1.

Today's action requests the Board to adopt a resolution declaring these election results.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Adopt a Resolution entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE JULY 1, 2025 COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION (Attachment A, on file with Clerk of the Board).

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

A person's vote can influence policy and who represents them in government, which in turn impacts their environment, health, and quality of life. The Registrar of Voters' conduct of a fair, accurate, and transparent election allows all eligible citizens to have a part in matters that affect them.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

A person's vote has a direct influence on the sustainability of their neighborhood, community, and local region. By voting, San Diego residents have a direct impact on their health, equity, the economy, and environment. With the County's implementation of the vote center model, all active registered voters receive a ballot in the mail as required by current law. This increases accessibility by providing voters with the opportunity to consider the method that is most convenient for them to return their ballot and has the possibility of reducing vehicles miles traveled to cast their vote. In addition, voters have the option of receiving voter information guides electronically to reduce paper waste. The recommended action today aligns with the Governance lens of sustainability and the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal of providing just and equitable access to County services.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the adoption of the Resolution. 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 Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, and adopted Resolution No. 25-079 entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE JULY 1, 2025 COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION.

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

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

**2. SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO 2024-2025 GRAND JURY REPORTS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The 2024-2025 San Diego County Grand Jury recently completed its term and filed one report with recommendations requiring a response from the County.

California Penal Code Section 933(c) requires:

- That the governing body of agencies that are the subject of Grand Jury reports respond in writing to the Findings and Recommendations addressed to such agencies; and
- Elected officials such as the Sheriff respond on behalf of their respective agencies.

Therefore, this is a request for the Board of Supervisors (Board) to review and approve the draft Finding and Recommendation responses prepared by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and authorize the CAO to transmit the responses to the Grand Jury via the Superior Court Presiding Judge. The proposed response addresses the recommendations and findings contained in the following report:

- Fire Country: Forging a United Defense in the Backcountry

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

1. Approve the proposed response and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to transmit the response to the Grand Jury via the Superior Court Presiding Judge.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to submit a copy of the Past Grand Jurors Association Implementation Review Committee's 2026 Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors, no later than December 31, 2026, which provides updates to the County's responses to the 2024-2025 Grand Jury report recommendations.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Grand Jury is a body of 19 residents selected by the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego under the supervision of the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court. Members of the Grand Jury are charged and sworn to investigate county matters of civil concern and may examine any aspect of county government and city government, including special legislative districts and joint powers agencies, to ensure that the best interests of San Diego County residents are being served.

Today's actions to approve the proposed response and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to transmit the response to the Grand Jury continues the County's commitment to transparency, open government, and collaboration across agencies, ensuring that the County continues to function in the best interest of the public it serves.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed actions support the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal of engaging the community in meaningful ways and continually seeking stakeholder input to foster inclusive and sustainable communities. The Grand Jury plays a vital role in providing input on various aspects of County government and its role within the community. This process continues to center the County on the core aspect of Community Engagement within the General Management System.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

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

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

3. **SUBJECT: ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS AND THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT PENDING RATIFICATION FOR THE EMPLOYEE BARGAINING UNITS - CM AND CR REPRESENTED BY THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL 986 (TEAMSTERS) (7/22/25 - First Reading; 8/26/25 - Second Reading, unless the ordinance is modified on second reading) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

Today's actions reflect the compensation changes that have been negotiated with TEAMSTERS and other compensation changes. The County reached a tentative agreement for a three-year Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the TEAMSTERS, which is currently undergoing the Union's ratification process.

Today's recommendations are for the Board to approve the introduction of the ordinance (first reading) to amend the Compensation Ordinance. If the Board takes the action as recommended, then on August 26, 2025, staff recommends the Board adopt the ordinance (second reading). If the proposed ordinance is altered on August 26, 2025, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the adoption of the ordinance (second reading).

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

**On July 22, 2025:**

Approve the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading):

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE SECTIONS  
AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION RELATING TO THE TENTATIVE  
AGREEMENT WITH THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL 986

**If, on July 22, 2025, the Board takes action as recommended in item 1 above, then, on  
August 26, 2025:**

Approve the adoption of the Ordinance (second reading):

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE SECTIONS  
AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION RELATING TO THE TENTATIVE  
AGREEMENT WITH THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL 986

If the proposed ordinance(s) are altered on August 26, 2025, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for adoption of the ordinance(s).

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's actions reflect a strong partnership between the County and TEAMSTERS, demonstrating our shared commitment to equitable salaries, market adjustments, and fair compensation. These efforts support recruitment, retention and benefits for all employees.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Today's recommendations are estimated to result in ongoing costs and one-time costs as noted in the table below. The estimated fiscal impact is comprised of ongoing base salary and benefit increases, ongoing market and range increases, ongoing flex credit increases, and one-time monetary payments. Funding for ongoing costs is included in the Fiscal Year 2025-27 Operational Plan, supported by General Purpose Revenues and various program funding.

One-time lump sum payments are contingent upon a change to the County's Reserve Policy which provides additional one-time funds.

Also included in today's compensation ordinance amendment is a change to the Tier D retention premium. This change would result in future fiscal impacts and will be included in future Operational Plans.



<i>in millions</i>		<b>FY25-26</b>	<b>FY26-27</b>	<b>FY27-28</b>
<b>A</b>	Ongoing Base Salary and Benefit Increases	2.2	2.2	2.2
<b>B</b>	Ongoing Market & Range Increases	1.8	1.5	1.5
<b>C</b>	Ongoing Flex Credit Increases	0.3	0.5	0.5
<b>D (A+B+C)</b>	<b>Total Ongoing Cost (incremental)</b>	4.3	4.2	4.2
<b>E</b>	<b>Total One-time Lump Sum Cost</b>	1.0	0.5	0.2
<b>F (D+E)</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	5.3	4.7	4.4

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on August 26, 2025, on Consent.

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

- 4. SUBJECT: LOCAL EMERGENCY REVIEW: PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR U.S.-MEXICO TRANSBOUNDARY POLLUTION ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

On June 27, 2023 (16), the County of San Diego (County) Board of Supervisors (Board), issued a Proclamation of Local Emergency (Proclamation) as a result of the continued conditions for detrimental impacts to the environment, economy, and property within San Diego county, caused by persistent impacts from cross-border sewage pollution and sewage impacted ocean waters. The Proclamation was issued pursuant to the San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances sections 31.101 et seq. and California Government Code section 8630. The Proclamation further asked the Governor to proclaim a State of Emergency in San Diego County. Government Code section 8630(c) requires local governing bodies to review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every 60 days until the local emergency is terminated.

On July 19, 2023 (4), September 13, 2023 (3), November 8, 2023 (2), December 6, 2023 (2), January 24, 2024 (1), March 13, 2024 (3), May 1, 2024 (4), June 26, 2024 (4), July 17, 2024 (6), September 11, 2024(3), October 22, 2024 (9), December 11, 2024 (1), January 29, 2025 (2), March 12, 2025 (2), May 07, 2025 (2), and June 25, 2025 (4) the Board found that there is a continuing need for the local emergency. This is a request to find that a review of the local emergency has been conducted and that the local emergency will remain in effect.

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

1. Find that the proclamation of local emergency is not subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15060(c)(2) and (3), 15061(b)(3), and 15378(b)(4)&(5) because the action is an administrative action intended to facilitate state and federal funding, does not commit the County to a specific project, and will not have a reasonably foreseeable direct or indirect effect on the environment.
2. Find that there is a need to continue the local emergency and that the local emergency shall continue subject to review requirements until terminated pursuant to Government Code section 8630(d).

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The communities closest to the San Diego International Border, including the communities of Imperial Beach, San Ysidro, Otay Mesa, and Tijuana River Valley are identified by SB 535 (2012) and CalEnviroScreen 4.0 as being Environmental Justice communities having high pollution burdens for impaired water bodies, elevated PM2.5, elevated linguistic isolation, and poverty rates. By supporting the local emergency proclamation, the County of San Diego remains committed to working with local, state, federal, and Mexican authorities to improve conditions for these communities. Local Environmental Justice communities who have decades of suffering from various pollution sources, have been advocating and working to raise their concerns to the various agencies, and have engaged to elevate the need for data collection to document environmental injustices.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

This action letter aligns with the County of San Diego's (County) Sustainability Goals: protect health and wellbeing and the environment. The proposed action contributes to the County's Sustainability Goal No. 6 to protect the environment and promote our natural resources, diverse habitats, and cultivate a natural environment for residents, visitors, and future generations to enjoy.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this request to continue the emergency. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

Increased beach water closures resulting from sewage impacts have a direct effect for the surrounding community due to decreased tourism, patronage of local businesses, and opportunities for youth recreation and camps. By continuing a local emergency, the County of San Diego will be able to engage businesses and non-profit service providers that have been impacted by the restricted access to local beaches and oceans with the goal of assisting in identifying ways to connect them to any state or federal relief programs.

**ACTION:**

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

1. Found that the proclamation of local emergency is not subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15060(c)(2) and (3), 15061(b)(3), and 15378(b)(4)&(5) because the action is an administrative action intended to facilitate state and federal funding, does not commit the County to a specific project, and will not have a reasonably foreseeable direct or indirect effect on the environment.
2. Found that there is a need to continue the local emergency and that the local emergency shall continue subject to review requirements until terminated pursuant to Government Code section 8630(d).
3. Directed the Chief Administrative Officer that when staff next forwards this proclamation to the state, staff includes the following public documents, which the state can also forward to the federal government:
  - a summary of the results of the Assessment of Chemical Exposures (ACE) survey as well as the full report;
  - a summary of the results of the Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER) survey as well as the full report;
  - the findings of the County of San Diego's 2023 study on the Economic Impacts of Transboundary Pollution;
  - and the following academic publications:
    - Tijuana River Contamination from Urban Runoff and Sewage: A Public Health Crisis at the Border by Granados, Sant, et al.
    - Heavily Polluted Tijuana River Drives Regional Air Quality Crisis by Granados, Prather, et al.
    - Health Impacts in Residents Exposed to Tijuana River Pollution A Community-Based Assessment of Environmental and Public Health Risks in the U.S.-Mexico Border Region by Granados et al.
    - Low level exposure to hydrogen sulfide: a review of emissions, community exposure, health effects, and exposure guidelines by Batterman et al.

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

**5. 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:** Aguirre, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

**6. SUBJECT: SELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE CHAIR AND CHAIR PRO TEM OF THE 2025 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**  
The Board of Supervisors will select the Chair, Vice Chair, and Chair Pro Tem for the 2025 calendar year. This item was continued from the January 28, 2025 (14) General Legislative Session and from the April 22, 2025 (8) General Legislative Session.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**  
**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**  
Select a Chair, Vice Chair, and Chair Pro Tem.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**  
The Chair's primary role is to preside at all meetings of the Board and ensure that business is conducted in an orderly fashion and that all have an equal opportunity to observe and participate in the proceedings. The Board promotes civil discourse in public discussion and debate, utilizing the adopted "Code of Civil Discourse" from the National Conflict Resolution Center, as its expression of conduct that should be aspired to by all participants in public meetings.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Officers have opportunities to support sustainability goals that engage the community in meaningful ways and continually seek stakeholder input to foster inclusive and sustainable communities.

**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.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

There is no business impact associated with this action.

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors appointed Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, Chair; Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe, Vice-Chair; and, Supervisor Paloma Aguirre, Chair Pro Tem.

AYES: Aguirre, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

NOES: Desmond

ABSTAINED: Anderson

7. **SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS TO BOARDS,  
COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The Board of Supervisors annually appoints Board Members to the boards, commissions and committees listed in Attachment A.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)****VICE-CHAIR TERRA LAWSON-REMER**

Appoint members of the Board of Supervisors to boards, commissions and committees as proposed in Attachment A.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Annually, the Board of Supervisors must appoint members of the Board to serve on boards, commissions, and committees. This ensures that the County has a voice on regional boards and commissions for opportunities to maximize resources to benefit the region.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed appointments allow stakeholders to plan for community engagement and identify meaningful ways to continually seek input to foster inclusive and sustainable communities.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with these actions.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

There is no business impact associated with these actions.

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended and adopted the following list of appointments to boards, commissions, and committees.

<b>COMMITTEE NAMES</b>	<b>APPOINTED</b>
California Identification System Remote	Anderson
California State Association of Counties (CSAC)	Montgomery Steppe Lawson-Remer (Alternate)
City-County Reinvestment Task Force	Montgomery Steppe
East County Advanced Water Purification JPA	Anderson Director, Department of Public Works (Alternate)
First 5 Commission (Chair)	Lawson-Remer
Goodan Ranch Regional Park JPA Policy Committee	Anderson
Harry Griffen Regional Park JPA	Montgomery Steppe
Indian Gaming Local Benefit Committee	Anderson
Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)*	Aguirre Anderson Montgomery Steppe (Alternate)
Metro Wastewater JPA*	Anderson
Metropolitan Transit System Board*	Montgomery Steppe Aguirre (Alternate)
Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force	Anderson / Montgomery Steppe
Multiple Species Conservation Program Review/North County Multiple Species Conservation Program	Desmond/ Lawson-Remer
National Association of Counties (NACo)	Montgomery Steppe (Primary) Lawson-Remer (Alternate)
North San Diego County Transit Development Board*	Desmond Lawson-Remer (Alternate)
Otay Valley Regional Park Policy Committee	Aguirre
Rincon Shared Benefit Fund Selection Committee	Desmond
San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)*	Aguirre (Seat 1) Anderson (Seat 2) Montgomery Steppe (Primary Alternate) Lawson-Remer (Secondary Alternate) Tally Vote Order: Aguirre, Anderson, Montgomery Steppe, Lawson-Remer
Bayshore Bikeway	Aguirre
Borders Committee*	Aguirre Anderson (Alternate)
Executive Committee*	Aguirre Anderson (Alternate)
Public Safety Committee*	Anderson Aguirre (Alternate)

Regional Planning Committee*	Aguirre Anderson (Alternate)
Selection committee for the TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee	Aguirre Anderson
Shoreline Preservation Working Group	Aguirre
Transportation Committee*	Anderson Aguirre (1st Alternate) Montgomery Steppe (2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate)
San Diego Continuum of Care Board	Lawson-Remer
San Diego County Air Pollution Control District	Aguirre Lawson-Remer
San Diego Regional Community Choice Energy Authority (San Diego Community Power JPA)*	Lawson-Remer Aguirre (Alternate)
San Diego County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council	Montgomery Steppe
San Diego County Behavioral Health Advisory Board	Lawson-Remer
San Diego County Regional Airport Authority*	Montgomery Steppe
San Diego County Water Authority	Aguirre
San Diego Regional Building Authority	Montgomery Steppe
San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation Trustee	Lawson-Remer
San Diego Workforce Partnership, Inc., Policy Board	Montgomery Steppe Aguirre
San Dieguito River Park JPA	Desmond Anderson (Alt. Andrew Hayes)
Santa Margarita River Watershed Management Program Policies Committee	Desmond
Solid Waste Hearing Panel	Desmond
Spent Fuel Solutions Coalition ( <i>ref. San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station</i> )	Desmond
Tobacco Securitization JPA – Sacramento	Lawson-Remer
Tobacco Securitization JPA- San Diego	Lawson-Remer
Unified San Diego County Disaster Council (Chair)	Lawson-Remer
Urban Counties of California	Lawson-Remer Montgomery Steppe (Alternate) Director, Economic Development and Government Affairs (Second Alternate)

\*Receives stipend.

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

NOES: Desmond

**8. SUBJECT: RESPONDING TO POTENTIAL FEDERAL IMPACTS FROM THE  
“ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL ACT” TO PROTECT FOOD SECURITY,  
HOUSING, AND HEALTHCARE AND WAIVE BOARD POLICY A-72**

**OVERVIEW**

On June 24, 2025 (9), the Board of Supervisors considered this item. The motion to adopt recommendation 2 failed due to a tie vote, and the Board did not continue the item. Pursuant to Rule 2(g) of the Board of Supervisors Rules of Procedure, the item was placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting.

H.R. 1, the budget reconciliation bill known as the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act”, is now moving through Congress and represents a significant rollback of long-standing federal commitments-shifting hundreds of millions in new costs and adding new administrative burdens onto local governments like the County of San Diego. This bill is poised to dismantle essential supports for food, housing, and healthcare, just as the community’s needs continue to grow.

San Diegans rely on these federal programs-funded by our own tax dollars-to stay fed, housed, and healthy. If enacted, this bill will directly impact our most vulnerable populations. Families will face longer Medi-Cal renewal times and added reporting requirements, putting children, seniors, and people with disabilities at greater risk of delayed or lost coverage.

Meanwhile, proposed cuts to federal housing and homelessness programs-including a 44 percent reduction to HUD funding-threaten core safety net services. More than 10,000 Section 8 vouchers in San Diego County could be affected, as well as rental assistance for people living with HIV/AIDS and for formerly homeless residents. Behavioral health providers also face steep reductions to substance use and mental health funding as the need for crisis services grows. Proposed cuts to nutrition assistance programs like SNAP could leave thousands of local families struggling to put food on the table-particularly the thousands of seniors and children who rely on these programs to keep food on the table.

Together, these federal actions threaten to erode years of progress in reducing hunger, preventing homelessness, and maintaining access to healthcare.

The CAO Recommended Operational Plan for Fiscal Years 2025-26 & 2026-27 (County Budget) is a balancing act under extraordinary fiscal constraints. Through targeted efficiencies and one-time savings, the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) delivered a structurally balanced plan that protects core services-public safety, infrastructure, environmental health, and basic welfare-without relying on recurring reserves.

However, the recommended County Budget includes reductions to several high-leverage prevention programs: Medi-Cal and CalFresh staffing, tenant legal aid, and LGBTQ+ affirming homelessness prevention. While these reductions closed short-term gaps, they also leave San Diegans more vulnerable just as federal policy changes are set to increase need and administrative workload.



This item directs the CAO to immediately begin planning through a two-part response:

- A **rapid assessment** of service capacity and staffing needs to be reported to the Board of Supervisors by **July 22, 2025**; and
- A **comprehensive strategy** to address the most severe impacts of anticipated federal cuts, including bolstering key programs identified in this item, and report back to the Board of Supervisors with recommendations on **September 30, 2025**. This should include funding strategies that would be sufficient to fully fund the programs, leveraging multiple potential funding sources, including but not limited to: unassigned fund balances made available by a revised reserve policy, state and federal grants, intergovernmental cost-sharing, philanthropic partnerships, and other potential revenue options that will ensure critical programs remain fully operational, protect today's service levels, and prevent harmful delays.

The goal is to ensure that the County of San Diego is equipped to quickly respond and minimize disruptions to food assistance, housing stability, and healthcare and protect core services in the face of significant federal cost shifts.

Key areas of focus include:

- **Health and Self-Sufficiency:** Keep eligibility offices fully staffed so Medi-Cal and CalFresh renewals remain timely. This includes analyzing how many additional workers are needed to handle new administrative burdens such as reduced backdating, twice-yearly re-certifications, and monthly work-reporting requirements. The CAO will report back in July with staffing needs and in September with a hiring and training plan supported with funding options.
- **In-Home Supportive Services:** Assess anticipated service gaps and workforce shortages created by proposed state-level policy changes, including caps on provider hours and immigration-related eligibility restrictions. Identify one-time funds to support the upcoming IHSS contract and ensure continued care for seniors and people with disabilities. Report back with initial analysis in July and funding recommendations in September.
- **Behavioral Health Bridge Housing:** As federal behavioral health funding declines, maintain continuity of care by investing in 220 sober-living bridge housing placements for clients in outpatient treatment. These placements reduce the use of crisis systems and support long-term recovery. Report back in September with funding options.
- **Food Security:** To mitigate the impact of federal SNAP reductions, analyze Self-Sufficiency Services staffing needed to prevent delays in the processing of CalFresh applications. The CAO will report back with a communication plan to notify recipients about final benefit disruptions caused by federal budget changes using multi-channel outreach and community partners.

- **Housing and Homelessness:** Prepare for cuts to federal housing programs by expanding proven local tools: the Innovative Housing Trust Fund, tenant legal services, and LGBTQ+ affirming homelessness prevention program. These programs have helped stabilize vulnerable households at modest cost. Report back in September with funding strategies to sustain and expand local capacity.

As federal funding dries up, our communities will face real hardship. While the County of San Diego cannot backfill every loss, we must mobilize every available tool-unlocking reserve funds, exploring new revenue sources, and forging partnerships-to protect our communities from the worst impacts and hold the line on essential services.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **VICE-CHAIR TERRA LAWSON-REMER AND SUPERVISOR MONICA MONTGOMERY STEPPE**

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a notification plan to alert CalFresh recipients of service levels changes if and when H.R. 1 is finalized and signed into law. Report back by September 9, 2025, with a communications plan that can be implemented once policy details have been formalized. The plan should include a multi-channel communication system-such as text messages, automated calls, emails, and posters-with materials available in multiple languages. It should also identify community partners (e.g., food banks, clinics, and school districts) to help disseminate information about federal service disruptions. (Recommendation 2 on the June 24, 2025 agenda, item 9)

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

This action supports the County of San Diego's ability to advance equity by directing resources toward initiatives that address longstanding disparities in housing, and access to culturally responsive services. By identifying flexible funding options, the County of San Diego can remain responsive to the needs of communities that have too often been underserved. Prioritizing these types of efforts ensures that equity is not sidelined during times of fiscal constraint but centered in how we respond to today's challenges and prepare for the future.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

This action promotes a more sustainable approach to governance by enabling investments that prevent costly downstream interventions and reduce pressure on crisis systems. Stabilizing housing and building institutional capacity to meet residents' needs all contribute to long-term fiscal and environmental resilience. By pursuing diverse funding sources beyond the General Fund-including grants, partnerships, and any unassigned balances-the County of San Diego strengthens its ability to deliver proactive solutions that conserve resources, reduce harm, and support a thriving region over time.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action at this time. This item directs staff to explore potential funding sources. Any future fiscal impacts will depend on the specific options identified. This action does not result in a change to the net General Fund cost and does not require any additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

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

NOES: Desmond

9. **SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF RAMONA PUBLIC CEMETERY DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION REQUESTING EXPANSION OF BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES FROM THREE TO FIVE MEMBERS (DISTRICT: 2)**

**OVERVIEW**

On June 18, 2025, the Ramona Public Cemetery District Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 2025-01 requesting an increase in the number of trustees from three to five. In accordance with California Health and Safety Code Section 9025, the Board of Supervisors must consider the request within 60 days of receipt. The Ramona resolution was formally transmitted to the County on June 24, 2025.

While the District's resolution cites governance considerations, a three-member board remains a standard and effective structure among California public cemetery districts, including those with comparable service areas and responsibilities.

This item recommends denying the request and retaining the District's current three-member board structure.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)****SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON**

1. Find that consideration of this item is not a project pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.
2. Consider the Ramona Public Cemetery District's Resolution No. 2025-01 requesting to increase the number of members of the Board of Trustees from three to five.
3. Deny the request and maintain the current Board of Trustees at three members.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Maintaining the current governance structure supports equitable service delivery by ensuring continued efficiency and accountability within the Ramona Public Cemetery District. No disproportionate impacts to historically underserved communities are anticipated as a result of this action.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

This action supports the County of San Diego's goal of sustaining effective public governance structures by ensuring that the size of special district boards aligns with operational needs and workload. A right-sized board promotes administrative efficiency and long-term governance stability.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact 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 Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended.

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

## **10. SUBJECT: PROTECTING SMALL BUSINESSES AND WORKERS: KNOW YOUR RIGHTS WHEN ICE ARRIVES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

When federal enforcement actions spiral out of control, it's San Diego's workers, small business owners, and neighborhoods who pay the price. That's what happened on May 30, 2025, when federal immigration agents raided Buona Forchetta, a beloved family-owned small business in South Park, during dinner service. Twenty armed Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents in tactical gear stormed the restaurant, detonated flash-bang devices, and handcuffed employees in front of families and children. The raid forced nearby after-school programs to evacuate and prompted the restaurant to shut down all San Diego locations for days.

The chaos left workers shaken, customers traumatized, and the neighborhood reeling. And it made something painfully clear: most small businesses don't have the information they need to respond appropriately during sudden ICE raids, or to protect their workers while staying in full compliance with the law.

In those moments, fear takes over. Legal rights get blurred. Small business owners, who are focused on serving their community and keeping up with payroll, are thrown into crisis without a roadmap.

Small businesses are the backbone of San Diego's local economy, with nearly 380,000 small firms serving as vital anchors in every neighborhood. Many are immigrant-owned, operating on tight margins that leave little room for sudden disruptions. When they're destabilized, entire communities feel the ripple effects.

What happened at Buona Forchetta wasn't an isolated incident-it's part of a dangerous pattern already playing out across San Diego County. And with the passage of H.R. 1, the pattern is set to accelerate. That law delivers the largest ICE funding increase in U.S. history, fueling more raids on small businesses, more fear for immigrant workers, and more disruptions across our neighborhoods.

The County can't stop ICE from carrying out these raids-but we can take a stand, and we can act. This proposal is a critical first step: a direct response to escalating federal threats, and a way for local government to protect our people using the tools we have. By equipping small business owners with clear guidance-developed in partnership with legal experts, worker advocates, and small business organizations-we help shield workers from fear, reduce chaos during enforcement actions, and affirm that San Diego will not be complicit in harm.

Today's action launches a Small Business Know-Your-Rights training program through the Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement (OLSE), so when ICE shows up unannounced, small business owners have a plan. The program will provide clear, accessible, multilingual guidance to help employers respond during workplace raids. The training will offer practical tools to protect workers, reduce legal risk, and preserve workplace stability.

OLSE has a strong track record of supporting employers, with hundreds of businesses trained on wage theft prevention, fair hiring, and labor standards compliance. By building on that foundation, the County can act quickly to meet an urgent need. Employers will gain clarity. Workers will gain protection. And San Diego will lead with values-defending dignity, economic stability, and the rule of law when others fall short.

This initiative is part of a broader local defense, building a forcefield of action to shield our communities from the worst harms of federal overreach. The Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement is well positioned to work with board offices and conduct trainings in all 5 of districts.

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

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

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop and implement a Small Business Know-Your-Rights training program for employers-integrated into the County's labor standards education efforts-to help employers train their staff and respond appropriately to federal immigration enforcement actions. This training should provide clear, accessible guidance on employer rights and obligations, equip businesses with tools to train their employees, comply with the law, and prevent fear-based disruptions in the workplace. The program should be developed in coordination with small business organizations and accessible to businesses in across all five districts.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

This action advances equity by supporting immigrant workers, who are disproportionately vulnerable to workplace disruption and enforcement-related harm. By equipping small businesses with accurate information and training, the County helps ensure that immigrant communities are treated with dignity and that their rights in the workplace are respected. The training program will be developed with input from diverse stakeholders to ensure accessibility, cultural relevance, and language inclusion, particularly for communities historically excluded from legal and economic protections.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

This action supports the County of San Diego's sustainability goals by strengthening the resilience of small businesses, promoting fair labor practices, and reducing the economic instability triggered by chaotic federal enforcement actions. By equipping employers with tools to lawfully respond to immigration-related workplace disruptions, the County helps ensure continuity of operations, preserves jobs, and reduces the risk of abrupt economic dislocation in local communities. Stable, informed workplaces contribute to long-term economic sustainability and help maintain a just, inclusive local economy that reflects the County's broader environmental, social, and governance objectives.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for the actions requested are included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan based on existing staff time in the Chief Administrative Office, Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement funded by General Purpose Revenue. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years. There may be fiscal impacts associated with future related recommendations which staff would return to the Board for consideration and approval.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

This action is expected to positively impact small businesses by providing clear, accessible guidance on how to lawfully respond to federal immigration enforcement actions. Many small employers lack resources and may unknowingly violate workers' rights or disrupt operations during enforcement events. This training program will help address liability, support compliance, and maintain workplace stability. Developed in coordination with business organizations, it will strengthen resilience and promote a safer, more inclusive local economy.

## **ACTION:**

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

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

NOES: Desmond

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

### **OVERVIEW**

#### **A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

(Government Code section 54957.6)

Designated Representatives: Susan Brazeau, Clint Obrigewitch

Employee Organizations: San Diego Deputy County Counsels Association,  
Deputy District Attorney Association

## **ACTION:**

County Counsel reported that for Closed Session on July 22, 2025, the Board of Supervisors took no reportable actions.

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

**OVERVIEW**

William Perno spoke to the Board regarding support in Narcan.

Silvia Irigoyen spoke to the Board regarding drug treatment programs.

Pam spoke to the Board regarding District 1 representation.

Cesar Javier spoke to the Board regarding political corruption.

Truth spoke to the Board regarding political contributions from unions.

Paul the Bold spoke to the Board regarding alleged Brown Act violations.

Consuelo spoke to the Board regarding Board of Supervisors' actions.

Kathleen Lippitt spoke to the Board regarding Board's actions.

Kelly McCormick spoke to the Board regarding the negative health impacts of microplastics from vaping devices.

Laura Luxemburg spoke to the Board regarding the Ssubi Foundation's contract with the County of San Diego.

Alisha Morrison spoke to the Board regarding the District 1 Election turnout and community engagement.

Allegedly Audra spoke to the Board regarding Child Protective Services reporting.

William Adams spoke to the Board regarding the eligible uses of the El Monte Nature Preserve.

Madison Rapp spoke to the Board regarding the negative health impacts of nicotine patches.

Gambler Hermes/Justin Castro spoke to the Board regarding his restraining order.

**ACTION:**

Heard, Referred to the Chief Administrative Officer.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 4:06 p.m. in memory of Mattviel Rodriguez and Councilmember Sitivi “Steve” Faiai.

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

Consent: Valdivia  
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, August 26, 2025.



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TERRA LAWSON- REMER  
Chair

Attest:



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ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board

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