

**September 10, 2024**

**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS**

*The Minutes of the*

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

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

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REGULAR MEETING  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 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 9:02 a.m.

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

**ABSENT:** Supervisor Jim Desmond

- 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 Most Reverend Ramón Bejarano.**

- D. **Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ricardo Rojas III.**

- E. **Presentations or Announcement of Proclamations and Awards:**

Chairwoman Nora Vargas and Vice-Chair Terra Lawson-Remer presented an Adjournment in Memory certificate to honor the life of Rebecca Lynn Taylor.

Chairwoman Nora Vargas and Vice-Chair Terra Lawson-Remer presented a proclamation declaring the Month of September 2024, to be Childhood Obesity Awareness Month throughout the County of San Diego.

Supervisor Joel Anderson and Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe presented a proclamation declaring the Month of September 2024, to be Chaldean Heritage Month throughout the County of San Diego.

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

- G. **Approval of the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the meeting of August 27, 2024.**

**ACTION:** ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors approved the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the Regular meeting of August 27, 2024.

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

**ABSENT:** Desmond

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

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

#### **Board of Supervisors' Agenda Items**

<b>Category</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Public Safety	1.	AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM AND ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS TO SUPPORT MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATES (4 VOTES)
	2.	REQUEST TO ACCEPT THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT FUNDS (4 VOTES)
	3.	RATIFY SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR, AND AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY (4 VOTES)
Health and Human Services	4.	AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR LEGAL CONSULTATION AND LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION APPEALS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RESOURCE FAMILY APPROVAL PROGRAM
	5.	AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL CALFRESH HEALTHY LIVING GRANT FUNDING AND AUTHORIZE APPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
	6.	AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO GRANT FUNDING FROM CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION CENTER FOR FORECASTING AND OUTBREAK ANALYTICS

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| Financial and<br>General<br>Government | 7. FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 APPROPRIATION LIMIT FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  |
|  | 8. PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25   |
|  | 9. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:<br>SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:<br>AN ORDINANCE TO ADD CHAPTER 27 TO DIVISION 1 BUSINESS REGULATIONS, OF TITLE 2 LICENSES, BUSINESS REGULATIONS, AND BUSINESS TAXES OF THE COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES RELATING TO PRIVATE EMPLOYERS' USE OF CRIMINAL HISTORY IN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS (8/27/24 - First Reading; 9/10/24- Second Reading unless ordinance is modified on second reading) |
|  | 10. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:<br>SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:<br>ORDINANCES AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION AND AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (8/27/24 - First Reading; 9/10/24 - Second Reading, unless the ordinance is modified on second reading)   |
|  | 11. APPOINTMENTS: VARIOUS<br>12. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED  |
| Public Safety                          | 13. ADOPTING A BOARD POLICY ON IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT TO ENHANCE COMMUNITY SAFETY  |
| Health and<br>Human Services           | 14. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:<br>FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS  |
|  | 15. PROTECTING AND IMPROVING ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY BY ESTABLISHING A REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH PROGRAM AND EXPLORING THE CREATION OF AN OFFICE OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, JUSTICE, AND EQUITY  |
|  | 16. IMPROVE THE HEALTHSPAN AND LIFESPAN OF RESIDENTS IN THE SOUTH BAY REGION BY PROVIDING AN ASSESSMENT OF HEALTH EQUITY AND WELL-BEING   |
|  | 17. REQUESTING RESOURCES NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT SENATE BILL 43   |

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| Financial and<br>General<br>Government | 18. | NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING (TEFRA):<br>ISSUANCE OF REVENUE OBLIGATIONS BY THE CALIFORNIA<br>ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF<br>EDCO WASTE & RECYCLING SERVICES, INC., EDCO DISPOSAL<br>CORPORATION, EDCO WASTE SERVICES, LLC, EDCO TRANSPORT<br>SERVICES, LLC, AND/OR A RELATED OR SUCCESSOR ENTITY IN<br>AN AGGREGATE MAXIMUM STATED PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT<br>TO EXCEED \$63,500,000 |
|  | 19. | PROTECTING SAN DIEGANS FROM THE IMPACTS OF THE BIG OIL<br>INDUSTRY   |
| Closed Session                         | 20. | CLOSED SESSION   |
| Public<br>Communication                | 21. | NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMUNICATION  |

**1. SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM AND ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS TO SUPPORT MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires all jurisdictions to adopt a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)-approved hazard mitigation plan as a prerequisite to receive pre-disaster and post-disaster mitigation project funding. On February 7, 2023 (17), the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved a resolution to adopt the current County of San Diego Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (Plan). On September 12, 2023 (5), the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution to authorize the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to submit grant applications related to disaster planning and support of emergency responders throughout the region.

Today's requested actions are to authorize the acceptance of \$319,971 in grant funds from FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and establish appropriations of \$100,000 in OES. In addition, today's action includes a request to authorize the Director of the OES, or designee, to sign all grant documents and any annual extensions, amendments, and/or revisions thereof that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level. A waiver of Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, is also included in today's recommendations, which requires full cost-recovery to be requested, as this grant requires a funding match of \$100,000.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Authorize acceptance of \$319,971 in Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the period of June 17, 2024 to May 17, 2027.
2. Establish appropriations of \$100,000 in Office of Emergency Services, Services & Supplies for consultant services, based on Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.  
**(4 VOTES)**
3. Authorize the Director of the Office of Emergency Services, or designee, to execute all grant related documents, including any extensions, amendments, and/or revisions that do not materially impact the services or funding.
4. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires full-cost recovery for grants.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Office of Emergency Services (OES) is responsible for developing and updating Emergency Plans, including the 2023 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, in line with local, state, and federal policies and guidelines. Utilizing FEMA's Whole Community Approach, OES collaborates with the public, emergency management representatives, community leaders, tribal partners, and government officials to assess community needs and determine the best ways to organize and enhance resources, capabilities, and interests. This approach aims to boost

individual preparedness, foster engagement with key community partners, and improve community equity, resilience, and security. OES is dedicated to creating and maintaining a Whole Community Emergency Management System that is inclusive of all individuals and addresses equity impacts.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The 2028 San Diego County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan update will identify potential future hazard mitigation projects that address sustainability impacts from natural and human-caused hazards. The revised 2028 plan will also incorporate the County's 2024-2029 Strategic Plan Sustainability Goals, including actively combating climate change through innovative or proven policies, green jobs, and sustainable facility construction or maintenance and hazard mitigation.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operational Plan for the Office of Emergency Services. If approved, this request will result in one-time costs and revenue of \$100,000 in Fiscal Year 2024-25. Additional costs and revenue of \$219,971 will be included in future years Operational Plan for Office of Emergency Services. The funding source is a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. There is a \$100,000 match requirement for the grant, which will be met through existing General Purpose Revenue in the Office of Emergency Services. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

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

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

ABSENT: Desmond

## **2. SUBJECT: REQUEST TO ACCEPT THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT FUNDS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

Through grant funding made available to California by the National Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) strives to make California roads safe for everyone using the transportation system. The Department of the Medical Examiner applied for the OTS Drug-Impaired Driving grant program to provide toxicology data involving motor vehicle fatalities, which will assist in the development and targeting of more effective prevention strategies. Funding from this program will be used for method development and validation, reporting, and training on new instrumentation. This will enhance the Toxicology Laboratory's turnaround times and expand the scope of testing, thus enabling the laboratory to be at the forefront of identifying emerging drug trends.

Today's request is to accept \$600,000 in grant funds from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant program and establish appropriations for the funding. This is also a request to authorize the Chief Medical Examiner to apply for and accept grant funding from OTS and execute all required or related grant documents in subsequent years, provided there are no material changes to the grant terms and funding levels. A waiver of Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Full Cost Recovery, which requires prior approval of grant applications and full-cost recovery, is requested as the grant funds do not reimburse costs associated with administrative support.

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

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

1. Authorize the Chief Medical Examiner to accept funds from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for Federal Fiscal Year 2024-25 with a performance period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, in the amount of \$600,000.
2. Authorize the Chief Medical Examiner to apply for and accept funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety in subsequent years provided there are no material changes to the grant terms and funding level.
3. Authorize the Chief Medical Examiner, and/or designee, in this year and subsequent years, to review and execute all required grant documents, including any annual extensions, amendments and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.
4. Establish appropriations of \$600,000 in the Department of the Medical Examiner, Services & Supplies, for method development and validation, reporting, and training on new instrumentation based on revenue from the OTS grant program, for the project period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. **(4 VOTES)**
5. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, and Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Full Cost Recovery, which requires full cost recovery for grants.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Department of the Medical Examiner's investigates and determines the cause and manner of death for all homicides, suicides, accidents and sudden and/or unexpected deaths in the county. The Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Drug-Impaired Driving grant programs aims to reduce the injuries and fatalities resulting from drug-involved crashes. To support this initiative, the Medical Examiner will utilize funds from this program to provide data on motor vehicle fatalities, including those involving drivers, passengers, motorcyclists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. The data collected and analyzed through this initiative will help identify trends and patterns in drug-involved crashes, enabling the public and decision makers to develop targeted interventions that equitably addresses this critical public safety issue, protecting residents and preventing the tragedies associated with impaired driving.



## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action to pursue grant funds to improve the scope of toxicology testing for the Medical Examiner's Toxicology Laboratory contributes to the County's sustainability goal of protecting the health and wellbeing of justice-involved individuals and the broader community. By providing the latest data on emerging trends observed in accidents resulting from impaired driving, the Medical Examiner contributes to the county's initiatives in harm reduction, public health, and criminal justice efforts.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operational Plan in the Medical Examiner. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$600,000 in Fiscal Year 2024-25. The funding source is the OTS grant program. The grant award recovers all direct costs but does not include costs associated with administrative support. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **ACTION:**

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

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

ABSENT: Desmond

3. **SUBJECT: RATIFY SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR, AND AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

## **OVERVIEW**

The California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Intensive Probation Supervision for High-Risk Felony and Repeat Driving Under the Influence (DUI) program funds a portion of the County of San Diego Probation Department's DUI Intensive Supervision Enforcement Team to reduce DUI fatalities, injuries, and recidivism through intensive supervision of high-risk felony and repeat DUI Probation clients. This grant is aimed at reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol/drug-related collisions and lowering recidivism rates for individuals on Probation for DUI offenses. Grant funding enhances the ability of the Probation Department (Probation) to support positive behavioral changes in clients on supervision for DUI offenses. This includes case planning, linkage to services, alcohol/drug testing, and community contacts to support court-ordered terms of probation.

Today's request is to ratify the submission of an application for, and acceptance of an estimated \$650,000 in grant funds from OTS for the Intensive Probation Supervision for High-Risk Felony and Repeat Driving Under the Influence (DUI) program and establish appropriations of \$215,566. In addition, today's action will also authorize Probation to apply for and accept OTS DUI grant funds in subsequent years if there are no material changes to the grant terms and

funding levels. A waiver of Board Policy B- 29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires prior approval of grant applications and full-cost recovery, is requested as the grant funds do not reimburse costs associated with administrative support.

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

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

1. Ratify the submission of the grant application for the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Intensive Probation Supervision for High-Risk Felony and Repeat Driving Under the Influence Driving Under the Influence (DUI) program and authorize the Chief of Probation Officer to accept an estimated award of \$650,000 for the period of October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025 and authorize the Chief Probation Officer to execute OTS DUI-related grant documents, including any extensions or annual amendments and/or revisions that do not materially impact the services or funding in subsequent years.
2. Establish appropriations of \$215,566 in the Probation Department, Salaries & Benefits to fund an additional Deputy Probation Officer, based on the Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Intensive Probation Supervision for High-Risk Felony and Repeat DUI offenders program for the period of October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025. **(4 VOTES)**
3. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Full Cost Recovery, which requires prior approval of grant applications and full-cost recovery for grants and revenue contracts.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego Probation Department's Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Unit mirrors the County's effort to support the county-wide initiative as it relates to equity and racial justice. Today's actions will support further advocacy for residents who experience structural and systematic racism and exclusion. Probation Officers assigned to this unit are committed to taking a comprehensive, inclusive, and equitable approach to delivering education and outreach programs to save lives from the dangers of driving while under the influence and reduce recidivism amongst all DUI offenders with a focus on the young population.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's actions contribute to the County of San Diego Sustainability Goals by providing just and equitable services to Probation clients throughout the region, providing resources that help meet the individual needs of Probation's most vulnerable clients, and protecting the health and wellbeing of residents.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds in the amount of \$382,385 are included in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operational Plan for the Probation Department. If approved, this request will establish appropriations of \$215,566 and result in total estimated costs and revenue of \$597,951 in Fiscal Year 2024-25. The funding source is the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Intensive Probation Supervision for High-Risk Felony and Repeat DUI

offenders program. The total grant award recovers all direct costs but does not include costs associated with administrative support of three Probation Officers providing education and outreach. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

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

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

ABSENT: Desmond

4. **SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR LEGAL CONSULTATION AND LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION APPEALS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RESOURCE FAMILY APPROVAL PROGRAM (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

The Resource Family Approval (RFA) Program is a statewide caregiver approval process for children in foster care and juvenile probation. Under the RFA Program, if a prospective caregiver's RFA application is denied or the approved application is rescinded, the family has a legal right to appeal the decision to an administrative law judge. A county and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Legal Division may enter into an agreement for the CDSS Legal Division to provide legal consultation and legal representation related to the RFA Program.

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) first approved an agreement with the CDSS Legal Division for legal representation on December 5, 2017 (5). Most recently, on March 15, 2022 (4), the Board authorized an agreement (21-5040) with the CDSS Legal Division. This agreement permitted legal consultation and legal representation in administrative action appeals associated with the RFA Program through June 30, 2024. A new agreement is required to extend services through June 30, 2027. The purpose of the new agreement (24-5040) is to outline the terms and conditions for the CDSS Legal Division to act as the legal representative on behalf of the County of San Diego (County) for all matters related to appeals of an RFA denial or rescission. The CDSS Legal Division provides these legal services at no cost to the County and there is no fiscal impact associated with the agreement.

Today's action requests the Board authorize a new agreement (24-5040) with CDSS Legal Division for legal representation for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027 and adopt a resolution authorizing legal representation in administrative action appeals associated with the RFA Program.

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 ensuring equity, access, and justice for families applying to be a resource parent, improving outcomes for children and youth and furthering efforts to provide accelerated permanency to children and youth interacting with child welfare and juvenile justice systems.

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

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

1. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, and the County Counsel, or designees to enter into and sign Agreement 24-5040 with the California Department of Social Services for the provision and receipt of legal representation for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027, and to execute any subsequent amendments thereto.
2. Adopt a Resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO AGREEMENT 24-5040 WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR LEGAL CONSULTATION AND LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION APPEALS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RESOURCE FAMILY APPROVAL PROGRAM.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency, Child and Family Well-Being (CFWB) Department, Resource Family Approval (RFA) Program improves the way caregivers (related and non-related) of children in foster care are approved and prepared to parent vulnerable children, whether temporarily or permanently. Since July 2021, the RFA Program has received over 2,167 applications for potential resource families. Over this period, a total of 53 denials were recorded. As of June 2024, there were 1,611 children residing in out-of-home care. The population distribution by ethnicity of the children in out-of-home care includes: 51% Hispanic, 28% White, 17% Black, 2% Asian/Pacific Islander, and 1% Native American.

Prospective caregivers' RFA applications may be denied due to various reasons such as failure to meet the home environment standards, violation of a child's personal rights, or convictions for crimes that pose a risk to children. To ensure equitable caregiver opportunities for applicants to the RFA program, CFWB partners with nonprofit entities to provide items such as beds, dressers, pool fences, and other needed household items that may present as barriers to prospective resource families completing the approval process. Since July 2021, approximately 233 families have been provided car seats, beds, dressers, and other necessary household items. If a prospective caregiver is denied or their application is rescinded, they have a right to due process and may appeal the decision to an administrative law judge.

### **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. The County gathers community feedback throughout the year through Quality Parenting Initiative meetings, Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board meetings, County customer experience surveys, and the assigned social worker. Community feedback is used to learn about the level of satisfaction with customer service, the application process, and to identify areas for improvement. Community feedback is also gathered by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Resource Family Approval (RFA) Program Unit throughout the year through their confidential online RFA satisfaction survey. The CDSS RFA Program Unit encourages RFA families to share their experiences with the RFA process to help improve the program.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, and adopted Resolution No. 24-110, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO AGREEMENT 24-5040 WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR LEGAL CONSULTATION AND LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION APPEALS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RESOURCE FAMILY APPROVAL PROGRAM.

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

ABSENT: Desmond

5. **SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL CALFRESH HEALTHY LIVING GRANT FUNDING AND AUTHORIZE APPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides food-purchasing assistance to improve nutrition for low-income children and adults. The SNAP-Electronic Benefit Transfer (SNAP-EBT), referred to as CalFresh food benefits in California, provides benefits to assist eligible low-income families and individuals purchase nutritious foods. CalFresh food benefits are administered locally by County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Self-Sufficiency Services. Whereas SNAP-Education (SNAP-Ed) is administered in California as CalFresh Healthy Living (CFHL) through the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and locally through County HHSA, Public Health Services, Maternal, Child and Family Health

Services Branch. CFHL provides nutrition education, promotes physical activity, and increases access to healthy foods through policy, system, and environmental (PSE) change and social marketing to improve healthy food choices and increase physical activity among low-income individuals.

Since 2012, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) has authorized the acceptance of CFHL grants. CFHL funding is utilized for staffing and contracted services that are mandated by the State to serve only CalFresh-eligible individuals, families, and communities, predefined by the State (at or below 200% of the federal poverty level).

Today's actions request the Board authorize acceptance of additional CFHL grant funding of \$2,313,065 for the term of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2026, and authorize applications for additional funding opportunities to improve access to healthy foods and increase physical activity opportunities for San Diego County residents.

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, 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 providing nutrition education and supporting the implementation of PSE changes to prevent or reduce diet-related chronic disease and obesity among low-income residents in San Diego County.

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

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

1. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires prior approval of grant applications and full-cost recovery of grants.
2. Authorize the acceptance of \$2,313,065 in additional grant funds from the California Department of Public Health for CalFresh Healthy Living for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2026 for a revised total funding amount of \$14,075,159, and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to execute all required grant documents, upon receipt, including any annual extensions, amendments, or revisions that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.
3. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to apply for additional funding opportunity announcements, if available, to support chronic disease prevention and management efforts.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

San Diego County is a multicultural region with approximately 3.3 million residents. Data from the 2018-2022 United States Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS) shows that the majority of San Diego County residents living in poverty (at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level) includes: Black (19%), Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (14%), Other Races (14%), Hispanic (13%), American Indian and Alaska Native (13%), Asian (9%), and White (8%).

Additionally, County of San Diego (County) data underscores disparities among low-income residents related to food insecurities and diet-related chronic disease. The SNAP-Electronic Benefit Transfer (SNAP-EBT), and SNAP-Education (SNAP-Ed), also known as CalFresh Healthy Living (CFHL) in California, aim to address such disparities. According to 2022 data from Feeding America, the overall rates of food insecurity and child food insecurity were at 10.9% and 14.5%, respectively, and 61% of the food insecure population are below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level threshold in San Diego County. The 2021-2022 California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) indicated that of those eligible for SNAP-Ed in San Diego County, 22% of children, 2-11 years old, are overweight for their age, and 62% of adults are overweight or obese, which can be attributed to unhealthy diet habits and lack of active lifestyles. CFHL programs have positively impacted young children through various policy, systems, and environmental change strategies. For instance, one example includes a partnership with the YMCA Early Childhood Education program which provides training for childcare providers to improve healthy eating and physical activity in children under five. Results included increases in Garden and Nutrition Education (+33%), Physical Activity (+10%), Screen Time (-10%), and Parent/Family Involvement (+31%) for participating families.

CFHL also supports the LiveWell Community Market Program to improve access and availability to healthy products in retail environments. The program saw a 10% change in promotion of healthy items, a 6% change in pricing, and a 2% change in availability of healthy products.

Acceptance of additional funds for CFHL promote health and reduce chronic diseases, by improving access to healthy food environments and increase physical activity opportunities for San Diego County residents.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's actions support the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal #3 to transition to a green and carbon-free economy, Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to County services policy decision-making, and resource allocation in support of sustainable communities, Sustainability Goal #4 to protect the health and well-being, and Sustainability Goal #7 to reduce pollution and waste. CalFresh Healthy Living is designed to improve the nutrition and physical activity among eligible individuals and families, and ultimately aims to reduce rates of obesity, other chronic diseases, and usage of healthcare services among this population. This will be accomplished by: 1) promoting the utilization of locally grown produce in the marketplace through partnering with local farmers and food aggregators to facilitate food distribution pathways to retail settings and various direct sales strategies; 2) assisting municipalities in implementing safety improvements to the built environment to encourage an increase to bicycle and pedestrian-friendly roadways, sidewalks, intersections, and paths to reduce vehicular miles traveled; and 3) reducing food waste and promoting responsible food and beverage consumption through evidence-based education and policy, systems, and environmental supports, thereby reducing methane-producing waste in landfills.

By promoting the utilization of locally grown produce in the marketplace, improving the safety and availability of multiple modes of active transportation within communities, and reducing waste and promoting responsible food and beverage consumption, today's actions will reduce vehicle miles traveled for food production and distribution and improve community access to healthy destinations for residents.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-26 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in costs of \$2,031,064 and revenue of \$1,528,925 in FY 2024-25, and costs of \$1,028,642 and revenue of \$784,140 in FY 2025-26. For a total cost of \$3,059,706 and revenue of \$2,313,065 for FY 2024-25 through FY 2026-27. The funding source is the CalFresh Healthy Living grant through the California Department of Public Health as directed by the United States Department of Agriculture. A waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested because the funding does not offset all costs. These unrecovered costs are estimated to be \$502,139 for FY 2024-25 and \$244,502 in FY 2025-26 for a total of 746,641. The funding source for these costs will be existing Realignment. The public benefit for providing these services far outweighs the B-29 unrecoverable costs as these program services will continue to be maintained in the community without any negative impact in accomplishing the State approved three-year workplan. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

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

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

ABSENT: Desmond

6. **SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO GRANT FUNDING FROM CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION CENTER FOR FORECASTING AND OUTBREAK ANALYTICS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

Infectious diseases are a public health concern that impact San Diego County. The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services (PHS) Epidemiology and Immunization Services Branch received reports of over 600,000 cases of communicable disease in 2022. Detecting future infectious disease outbreaks through analysis of data from past public health emergencies by forecasting future outbreaks and disease modeling is crucial to support infectious disease preparedness and response.

In April 2022, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Center for Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics was established to improve preparedness and response to infectious diseases through data, modeling, and analytics. On October 24, 2023 (3), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) authorized the acceptance of \$1,312,584 in Centers for Outbreak Analytics and Disease Modeling grant funding from the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) and CDC, intended to support State and local leaders in developing and implementing new analytical tools best suited for their respective jurisdictions, based on the best available information. This CDC grant is a subaward from UCSD and supports building and scaling disease outbreak



response capabilities, and working with private sector, academic, and jurisdictional partners to allow communities to more effectively use data to help identify and respond to emerging public health threats.

In June 2024, UCSD notified PHS that an additional funding of \$425,000 was awarded for the period of September 30, 2023 through September 29, 2028. With this addition, the County has exceeded the amount authorized in prior Board action. If approved to accept additional funding, planned activities include the development of a workplan for tuberculosis control and dengue transmission.

Today's action requests the Board authorize acceptance of an additional estimated \$425,000 CDC grant subaward from UCSD, for a revised award amount of \$1,737,584 for the period of September 30, 2023 through September 29, 2028. This additional funding will continue to improve preparedness and response to infectious disease through data, modeling, and analytics; and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to apply for additional funding opportunities to support infectious disease preparedness and response. 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 the ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by using advanced modeling, forecasting, and outbreak analytics to support State and local leaders in infectious disease preparedness and response.

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

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

1. Authorize acceptance of an additional estimated \$425,000 in Centers for Outbreak Analytics and Disease Modeling grant funding from the University of California, San Diego and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, for a revised total of \$1,737,584 for the period of September 30, 2023 through September 29, 2028, to improve preparedness and response to infectious disease through data, modeling, and analytics, and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to execute all required grant documents, including any annual extensions, amendments, and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.
2. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to apply for future funding opportunities to support infectious disease preparedness and response.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services works to identify and prevent infectious diseases in San Diego County. During public health emergencies, the most vulnerable populations are the ones at greatest risk. Because infectious diseases and outbreaks have a greater impact on those who experience barriers in accessing care, this additional grant funding will support accessibility into disease modeling to ensure special attention is made toward equity. In addition, disease modeling will enable several social demographic factors and forecast impacts or benefits to be considered and allow scalability of

modeling results. The program uses historical health and socio-demographic local data to make forecasts of future disease trends, which will take into account the effects of disparities and the differences in health outcomes they lead to.

The County prioritizes efforts to address health disparities by implementing programs to better characterize existing disparities and addressing accessibility during emergencies using such data. The County is a partner to health care groups, providing medical care, emergency response, and prevention services, as well as community groups, including those in communities facing health disparities. If approved, additional funding will help facilitate and communicate outbreak response activities with these long-standing partners.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action supports the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal #1, to engage the community in meaningful ways, and Sustainability Goal #4, to protect health and well-being of everyone in the region. This will be accomplished by utilizing forecasting models and analysis to improve disease outbreak responses and to support State and local leaders in public health decision making during public health emergencies.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-26 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, today's action will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$300,000 for FY 2024-25 and estimated costs and revenue of \$125,000 for FY 2025-26. This additional grant funding of \$425,000 would bring the total grant award to \$1,737,584. The funding source is the federal Centers for Outbreak Analytics and Disease Modeling grant, via the University of California, San Diego. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

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

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

ABSENT: Desmond

**7. SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 APPROPRIATION LIMIT FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

Each year, pursuant to Article XIII B: Government Spending Limitation of the California Constitution and Government Code Section 7910, the Board of Supervisors establishes its appropriation limit for the County of San Diego. Today's action requests adoption of a resolution establishing the County's Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2024-25, calculated to be approximately \$7.3 billion. Only revenues from Proceeds of Taxes (property tax and certain

state subventions) are subject to this limit. The County is substantially under the limit, having approximately \$3.6 billion of appropriations tied to Proceeds of Taxes that are subject to the limit in Fiscal Year 2024-25.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Adopt the Resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO ADOPTING AN APPROPRIATION LIMIT FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Appropriation limit is based on appropriations from tax revenue. It is intended to address potential inequities to the public by capping the growth of County expenditures and returning excess revenue from proceeds of tax to taxpayers.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed expenditure Appropriation limit caps growth of County expenditures. This limit is based on changes in California Per Capita Income and growth of the population in San Diego County. This action contributes to the County sustainability goal of aligning the County's available resources with services while maintain fiscal stability and ensuring long- term solvency.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with adoption of this 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 Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, and adopted Resolution No. 24-111, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO ADOPTING AN APPROPRIATION LIMIT FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25.

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

ABSENT: Desmond

8. **SUBJECT: PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25**  
**(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

This is a request to set the annual countywide ad valorem tax rates and the tax rates for school district debt service funds.

State law requires that these rates be adopted by the Board of Supervisors (Board) on or before October 3rd annually so the rates can be used to prepare the property tax roll and property tax bills. State law also requires that taxes be levied upon the taxable property of the County.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Adopt the resolution entitled: RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX RATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2024 (Attachment B, on file with the Clerk of the Board) incorporating the various rates as computed by the Auditor and Controller for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

General Obligation Bonds are a vital financing mechanism for school districts in our community. The proceeds from the voter approved bonds are used to provide much needed infrastructure and equipment to school districts that might not otherwise have the resources for the acquisition and/or construction of these public improvements. There is strong evidence that high-quality infrastructure facilitates better instruction, improves student outcomes, and reduces dropout rates, among other benefits. School districts must conduct an annual, independent performance and financial audit.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action supports the County of San Diego Strategic Initiative of Sustainability. Supporting school districts by authorizing the Fiscal Year 2024-25 property tax rates will raise the funds necessary to make the annual principal and interest payments on voter approved bonded debt.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with adoption of this 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 Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, and adopted Resolution No. 24-112, entitled: RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX RATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2024.

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

9. **SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:  
AN ORDINANCE TO ADD CHAPTER 27 TO DIVISION 1 BUSINESS  
REGULATIONS, OF TITLE 2 LICENSES, BUSINESS REGULATIONS,  
AND BUSINESS TAXES OF THE COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY  
ORDINANCES RELATING TO PRIVATE EMPLOYERS' USE OF  
CRIMINAL HISTORY IN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS (8/27/24 - First  
Reading; 9/10/24- Second Reading unless ordinance is modified on second  
reading) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

On August 27, 2024 (19), the Board of Supervisors took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on September 10, 2024.

On March 12, 2024 (20), the County of San Diego (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to explore the feasibility of establishing a local enforcement mechanism for the California Fair Chance Act through the Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement (OLSE) and return to the Board in 120 days with a draft ordinance. The action was included as part of the workplan of an agenda item on the Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) program, the County's collaborative focus on actions to increase positive outcomes and reduce incarceration for at-risk and justice-involved individuals who do not pose a public safety threat.

The ATI work plan put into action a previous Board action on October 19, 2021 (3), which directed staff to develop data-driven alternatives to incarceration for people who do not pose a public safety threat. In light of data and community input reflecting high needs and barriers among local justice-involved populations in accessing employment, the work plan included an action item enabling the OLSE to launch employer and job-seeker outreach to increase awareness of the Fair Chance Act (FCA).

In collaboration with community groups and organizations representing business groups who support formerly incarcerated people, OLSE identified efforts the County could take to expand support and reduce the barriers to employment obstacles for people in our region.

Today's request is for the Board to approve the introduction of an ordinance adding Chapter 27 to Title 2 of the County Code of Regulatory Ordinances. If approved, the ordinance will be scheduled for adoption on September 10, 2024. If the proposed ordinance is altered on August 27, 2024, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance's adoption.

Additionally, the ordinance would authorize OLSE to reduce barriers to employment by conducting investigations regarding allegations of violations of the San Diego County Fair Chance Ordinance and providing educational outreach services to businesses in the unincorporated area.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Consider and adopt the Ordinance (second reading):

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADD CHAPTER 27 TO DIVISION 1 BUSINESS REGULATIONS, OF TITLE 2 LICENSES, BUSINESS REGULATIONS, AND BUSINESS TAXES OF THE COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES RELATING TO PRIVATE EMPLOYERS' USE OF CRIMINAL HISTORY IN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS**

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Establishing a local Fair Chance Ordinance (Ordinance) is a crucial step toward providing justice-involved individuals with fair employment opportunities. By creating a streamlined process for lodging complaints about discriminatory hiring practices, the County demonstrates its commitment to supporting those seeking to reintegrate into the workforce. Nationally and in San Diego County, arrest and incarceration disproportionately impact people of color and those who are low-income, disabled, experiencing homelessness, or have behavioral health needs. For example, San Diego County jail data indicate that Black individuals composed more than 21% of the average daily jail population in 2023, while only 5.6% of San Diego County's overall population are Black, according to 2020 Census data.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action to add Chapter 27 to Title 2 of the County Code of Regulatory Ordinances contributes to many of the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals: engage the community, provide just and equitable access, and protect health and well-being. In terms of sustainability in equity, economy, and health/well-being, it will impact the communities and socio-economic groups historically burdened by wage theft by providing thousands of dollars to make ends meet and possible job transition or period of unemployment and help keep the local economy strong.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 CAO Operational Plan. If approved, this request will result in additional costs and revenue for the implementation of a local Fair Chance Ordinance program. Some funding will include revenue generated from penalties associated with the ordinance. As this program is established, the Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement will use existing resources and staff for the outlay of outreach and education related to the Fair Chance Act and the County's ordinance. As the program develops there may be future fiscal impacts to ensure timely response maintains pace with caseload, which staff would bring back to the Board for consideration and approval.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

This Ordinance includes an educational program to provide businesses with the tools needed to adopt fair hiring practices. By participating and engaging with OLSE, businesses will gain valuable insights into the benefits of inclusive hiring practices. Not only does this Ordinance help in reducing recidivism rates by providing opportunities for individuals with criminal records, but it also contributes to fostering workplace diversity, which has been proven to enhance creativity and productivity within companies. By focusing on qualifications and skills rather than past histories, employers can create a more inclusive and equitable work environment that is beneficial to both the employees and the business as a whole.

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, and adopted Ordinance No. 10914 (N.S.), entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO ADD CHAPTER 27 TO DIVISION 1 BUSINESS REGULATIONS, OF TITLE 2 LICENSES, BUSINESS REGULATIONS, AND BUSINESS TAXES OF THE COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES RELATING TO PRIVATE EMPLOYERS' USE OF CRIMINAL HISTORY IN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS.

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

10. **SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:**  
**SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**  
**ORDINANCES AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND**  
**ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION AND AMENDING VARIOUS**  
**SECTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (8/27/24 - First Reading;**  
**9/10/24 - Second Reading, unless the ordinance is modified on second**  
**reading) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On August 27, 2024 (9), the Board of Supervisors took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinances on September 10, 2024.

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 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 ordinance (first reading) to amend the Compensation Ordinance and the Administrative Code. If the Board takes action as recommended, then on September 10, 2024, staff recommends the Board adopt the ordinances (second reading). If the proposed ordinances are altered on September 10, 2024, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the adoption of the ordinances.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Approve the adoption of the Ordinances (second reading):

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND  
ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTIONS

If the proposed ordinance(s) are altered on September 10, 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 ensuring 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 align 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 Operational Plan in the impacted departments. There are no additional costs associated with the new Chief Financial Officer, Chief Binational Affairs Officer, Chief People Officer, or CAO Policy Director. The estimated fiscal impact in current and future years is comprised of increases in supplemental pay, including uniform allowance, auto allowance, and various premiums. If approved, this request will result in an ongoing increase in total estimated costs of \$1.0 million in Fiscal Year 2024-25 and \$1.3 million in Fiscal Year 2025-26. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, and adopted Ordinance No. 10915 (N.S.), entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION; and, Ordinance No. 10916 (N.S.), entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTIONS.

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

ABSENT: Desmond

## **11. 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)****CHAIR NORA VARGAS**

Waive Board Policy A-135, "Process for Board of Supervisors Appointments to the Retirement Board," and appoint Mary Jo Wiggins to the BOARD OF RETIREMENT, Seat No.9, for a term to expire June 30, 2026.

**SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON**

Re-appoint Lisa "Chris" Anderson to the ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD 4, Seat No. 2, for a term to expire September 6, 2027.

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Appoint Patrick Sanchez to COUNTYWIDE REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY OVERSIGHT BOARD, Seat No. 3, for an indefinite term.

Appoint Daniel Troy to COUNTYWIDE REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY OVERSIGHT BOARD, Seat No. 5, for an indefinite term.

Appoint Caroline Smith to FIRST 5 COMMISSION, Seat No. 2, for an indefinite term.

Appoint Skyler Miles to HIV PLANNING GROUP, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, Seat No. 32, for a term to begin September 14, 2024 and expire September 14, 2028.

Appoint Benjamin Santillan Ignalino Jr. to HIV PLANNING GROUP, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, Seat No. 39, for a term to begin September 14, 2024 and expire September 14, 2028.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

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

ABSENT: Desmond

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

**OVERVIEW**

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

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Note and file.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT**

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

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

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

ABSENT: Desmond

**13. SUBJECT: ADOPTING A BOARD POLICY ON IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT TO ENHANCE COMMUNITY SAFETY (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Immigrant communities form an integral part of our County's social fabric. When federal immigration authorities, including the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and U.S. Border Patrol, coerces local law enforcement to carry out deportations, family members are separated and community trust in law enforcement and local government is destroyed. Witnesses and victims who are undocumented or who have loved ones who are undocumented are afraid to come to the County for help, which includes calling local law enforcement. This puts the public safety of all San Diegans at risk. In 2013, Governor Jerry Brown signed California Assembly Bill 4 (AB 4) [(Ammiano), Chapter 570], the TRUST Act, which protected community members from being detained by local law enforcement under immigration holds requested by ICE. Prior to the TRUST Act, ICE requested local jails hold community members until they could be picked up for deportation. From tamale vendors to domestic violence survivors transferred to ICE for deportation, the holds caused significant suffering and further weakened community-police relations as ICE sought to have local police officers and sheriff's deputies help it carry out mass deportation. After TRUST went into effect, a federal court found all immigration holds unconstitutional, but ICE continued to circumvent the protections of TRUST by requesting local law enforcement notify them of personal information, such as release time and location.

The Transparent Review of Unjust Transfers and Holds (TRUTH) Act of 2016, California Assembly Bill 2792 (AB 2792) [(Bonta), Chapter 768], built upon the TRUST Act by requiring a transparent process when local law enforcement provides ICE access to individuals. This includes notifying detained individuals when ICE is requesting an interview and allowing them to choose whether or not to take the interview, keeping record of the requests, and holding a public forum annually to inform the public and allow them to provide feedback on how the department is engaging with federal immigration agencies.

In October 2017, Governor Jerry Brown signed California Senate Bill 54 (SB 54) [(De León), Chapter 495], the California Values Act, into law. The landmark legislation demonstrated the State of California's commitment to making certain that all Californians, including immigrants, feel safe by assuring Californians that state and local resources would not be used to deport them, their families and other members of the community. The California Values Act (SB 54) achieves this by limiting how local and state law enforcement can collaborate with federal immigration agencies, including prohibiting notifying ICE of release dates and transferring individuals to ICE in most circumstances.

Consistent with State law (Government Code 7282.5), the San Diego County Sheriff's Office Detention Services Bureau has a Policy (Q.4 adopted on April 27, 2022) on Verification of Legal Status and Conformance to Immigration Laws. This policy lays out the notification process which ensures that absent a federal warrant, no release will be delayed.

While the California Values Act significantly expanded protection from deportation to California residents, it fell short of protecting all residents because it allowed agencies to still notify ICE of release dates and transfers individuals to ICE without a warrant in some circumstances. This loophole has allowed the transfer of some individuals to ICE and notifications to ICE of release dates, leading to the deportation of our community members and the separation of families in our region. Eight other California Counties have recognized this as a problem and have already taken action to stop ICE transfers and notifications in their regions.

For example, Santa Clara County adopted a Board policy in 2019 that limits the cooperation of County officials and employees with ICE. The proposed Board Policy (L-2) recommended today is similar to that adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Clara County.

San Diego County has a vested interest in maintaining public safety and effective law enforcement while also managing its resources efficiently. By avoiding active cooperation with ICE, including through specific notification to ICE of the release dates of immigrants, the County avoids treating a group of individuals differently solely on the basis of their immigration status. The County likewise avoids providing unequal access to probation programs and re-entry services for certain ex-offenders based on their immigration status. Limiting cooperation focuses our local County resources on local matters, as immigration enforcement is a federal responsibility.

Today's actions will adopt a resolution and Board Policy L-2 to affirm the County shall not provide assistance or cooperation to ICE in its civil immigration enforcement efforts, including by giving ICE agents access to individuals or allowing them to use County facilities for investigative interviews or other purposes, expending County time or resources responding to ICE inquiries or communicating with ICE regarding individuals' incarceration status or release dates, or otherwise participating in any civil immigration enforcement activities. The proposed policy does not limit or prohibit giving assistance with the investigative activities of any local, state, or federal law enforcement agency relating to suspected violations of criminal laws.

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

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

1. Adopt a resolution titled: "RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO ADDING BOARD POLICY L-2 COOPERATION WITH U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT"
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to report back within 180 days on the data related to any transfers or notifications during the past year to federal immigration authorities and provide recommendations on how the Board Policy adopted above can be effectively administered.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action aims to promote fairness and equal treatment in the justice system by preventing discriminatory practices that disproportionately impact immigrant communities. By refusing to honor federal immigration transfer and notification requests, the policy mitigates the risk of a two-tiered justice system where immigrants face harsher treatment and denial of constitutional protections. This approach supports the County's commitment to social justice and

inclusion, fostering trust and cooperation between immigrant communities and local law enforcement, which is essential for effective community policing and public safety.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Refusing to comply with federal immigration notification and transfer requests helps ensure the sustainable allocation of local resources by prioritizing their use for community needs rather than federal immigration enforcement. This policy promotes long-term community cohesion and trust, which are vital for a stable and safe environment. By focusing on rehabilitative programs and the equitable treatment of all residents, the policy supports the social sustainability of the community, fostering an inclusive environment where all individuals can contribute to and benefit from the County's resources and services.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's recommended actions to adopt the proposed Board Policy restricting use of County resources for federal immigration purposes. Staff will return to the Board to identify funding source(s) and seek approval for any future financial impacts related to the Chief Administrative Officer's report back and recommendations on how to effectively administer the Policy.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

This item was withdrawn at the request of Chairwoman Nora Vargas.

- 14. SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:  
FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE  
AND EVALUATION REPORT FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS  
(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego (County), as a recipient of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement program funding, develops a five-year Consolidated Plan for long term planning purposes. Administered by the County Health and Human Services Agency, Housing and Community Development Services (HCDS), funds from four federal entitlement programs serve to support a variety of housing and community development activities in the region. These entitlement programs include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

The current Consolidated Plan covers the period from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2025. For each of the five years included in the Consolidated Plan, HCDS follows an annual cycle, which includes three key documents: the Annual Plan Strategy, the Annual Plan, and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The Fiscal Year 2023-24 Annual Plan Strategy, which prioritizes projects to meet annual goals, was presented to the San Diego County

Board of Supervisors (Board) on October 25, 2022 (19). The Fiscal Year 2023-24 Annual Plan, which recommends project funding, was presented to the Board on April 4, 2023 (24). Today's action is the acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2023-24 CAPER, which reflects program accomplishments from the previous year.

The County prepares a CAPER to summarize yearly program accomplishments through activities that predominantly benefit lower income residents. This process provides opportunities to receive community input through a public comment period and a public hearing before the CAPER is submitted to HUD. The public hearing provides an opportunity for the Board to receive public comment on the Fiscal Year 2023-24 CAPER.

This item supports the County's 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. It aligns with the ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. In addition, the accomplishments described in this item support the five strategic domains outlined in the County's Framework for Ending Homelessness by ensuring accountability towards providing low-income residents healthy and vibrant neighborhoods, safe and affordable housing options, and services supporting housing stability. HUD programs prioritize investments in historically under-resourced communities through creating parks and green spaces, improving streets and sidewalks, and supporting community non-profits.

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

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

Hold this public hearing to receive public comment on the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs were established to meet community development, housing, and public service needs of low-income households and certain limited clientele groups. These limited clientele groups include persons experiencing homelessness, domestic violence survivors, abused or neglected children, seniors, low-income households, and individuals with disabilities.

In Fiscal Year 2023-24, the CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA programs provided housing, support services, resource referral, or data collection for more than 50,000 individuals. These services particularly aid those in the unincorporated County or smaller cities that traditionally do not have access to as many funding sources as larger cities. These programs allow the County of San Diego (County) to provide tailored interventions, such as meal and nutrition delivery services, emergency, short-term, and permanent housing interventions, and health and safety home repairs. Additionally, of the population served, more than 90% qualified as extremely low-income, earning less than 30% of the Area Median Income.

To maximize equitable outcomes and meet the needs of our unincorporated communities, the County Health and Human Services Agency, Housing and Community Development Services (HCDS) conducts robust community engagement to determine the highest priority needs.

To prepare for the 2023-24 Annual Plan, which sets funding priorities, HCDS held community forums in eligible jurisdictions and historically underrepresented communities, as well as developed online engagement efforts to ensure community input and engagement opportunities are available across the region. This input guides the County on how to best utilize its entitlement funds equitably. Engagement efforts included establishing a project page on the Engage San Diego County website, administering online surveys in all County threshold languages, and utilizing the County News Center and County social media platforms. To monitor and evaluate activities determined by the Annual Plan, the 2023-24 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) captures outcomes to ensure that funding positively impacts equity goals and addresses the needs identified, particularly among previously marginalized individuals and communities. Additionally, to ensure transparency, the CAPER undergoes a public comment period and a public hearing where responses to comments received are included in the final version of the CAPER.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's action supports the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal #1 to engage the community, Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access, and Sustainability Goal #4 to protect health and well-being. Sustainability Goal #1 will be accomplished by providing diverse and meaningful engagement opportunities to shape the path of the programs that support housing and community activities. Programs that provide robust community engagement contribute to the development of the Consolidated Plan, as well as priorities determined through annual community forums. Sustainability Goal #2 will be accomplished by ensuring programs prioritize underserved populations and communities and create opportunities for affordable housing, public recreation, shelter, and supportive services for the region's most vulnerable residents. Sustainability Goal #4 will be accomplished through building safe and affordable neighborhoods with access to sidewalks, playgrounds, and green space, assisting non-profits who provide care and services to residents in need, and supporting access to diverse housing options as a social determinant of health. These efforts are designed to improve the overall health and well-being, and reduce barriers for underserved populations, which benefits individuals and communities at large.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

Projects funded through the Annual Plan process positively impact the business community, as some of the recommended projects involve construction that will be implemented by private firms selected through competitive bid processes. Additionally, Annual Plan projects ensure economic stability for much of the region's workforce through affordable housing, community infrastructure, and public services.

#### **ACTION:**

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

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

**15. SUBJECT: PROTECTING AND IMPROVING ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY BY ESTABLISHING A REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH PROGRAM AND EXPLORING THE CREATION OF AN OFFICE OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, JUSTICE, AND EQUITY (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

California and the County of San Diego (County) are leaders on reproductive health care rights. The County's Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) in collaboration with committed staff across agencies is responsible for ensuring that all people have access to reproductive health care services through a fully optimized health and social service delivery system rooted in reproductive justice.

Reproductive justice emphasizes the social, economic, and political conditions necessary for all individuals to have the ability to make decisions about their bodies, families, and communities. It recognizes that reproductive rights alone often do not address the broader systemic inequities that impact people's reproductive lives.

In 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court directly attacked reproductive justice by overturning *Roe v. Wade*. The decision resulted in states throughout the nation placing strict restrictions on abortion health care services, with some banning abortion services entirely. The overturning of *Roe v. Wade* has had severe consequences for individuals seeking lifesaving reproductive health care services.

In addition to the recent restrictions on abortion related health care services, the U.S. is currently facing a maternal mortality crisis. The U.S. maternal mortality rate continues to exceed rates of other high-income nations. The World Health Organization defines a maternal death as "the death of a woman while pregnant or within 42 days of termination of pregnancy, irrespective of the duration and the site of the pregnancy, from any cause related to or aggravated by the pregnancy or its management, but not from accidental or incidental causes." Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander, Black, and American Indian and Alaska Native women have the highest rates of pregnancy-related death. Persistent inequities in health care are a major factor in why Black women in the U.S. are by far the most likely to die from pregnancy or childbirth.

While pregnancy and maternal care are vital aspects of reproductive health, they are not its only components. Reproductive health includes, family planning, fertility services, sexual health services, menstrual health, gynecological care, gender-affirming care, prevention and treatment of gender-based violence, reproductive cancer screening and treatment, and education and counseling. These elements collectively address the diverse needs of individuals across different stages of life and identity, ensuring access to essential care and support. Together, these services reflect a holistic approach, promoting equity, health, and well-being for all individuals.

On May 24, 2022, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors directed staff to conduct a comprehensive assessment (Assessment) of reproductive health care services offered by County and County health contractors, including: barriers to care; opportunities to optimize these services; expanding partnerships with providers; and identifying opportunities to address and reduce health disparities for marginalized communities by advocating for regulatory, budgetary,



and legislative efforts that strengthen access to reproductive rights and health care services, including abortion.

The Assessment focused on prevention, identification, and treatment of pregnancies that are unintended, non-viable, and/or a threat to the pregnant person's health. To complete the Assessment, staff held workgroup meetings and in-depth interviews with County department representatives to collect information on the aspects of reproductive health addressed in their programs. Staff also conducted scientific literature reviews to identify the best evidence-based practices for increasing access to services.

The Assessment found that while many programs and social services are available from the County and from community reproductive health service providers, person-centered referral pathways and procedures needed updates to connect people with these important services.

The Reproductive Health Program will strengthen connections to holistic reproductive health care services and related resources in San Diego County. In addition, establishing an office dedicated to reproductive health is crucial for ensuring comprehensive, accessible, and equitable care for our communities. The office can serve as a centralized hub for coordinating and implementing reproductive health care services and addressing the unique needs of the community through targeted programs and outreach. It can also advocate for policies that improve access to care, support education on reproductive health issues, and facilitate collaboration among local organizations. By focusing on reproductive health, we can reduce disparities in care, promote preventive measures, and provide essential resources for family planning, sexual health, and gender-affirming services. A dedicated office ensures that reproductive health remains a priority, leading to better health outcomes and a more informed, empowered community.

Today's actions establish a Reproductive Health Program including the creation of a public facing webpage which would serve as a central location to access information about potential providers and support options. In addition, today's actions authorize Staff to explore the creation of an Office of Reproductive Health, Justice, and Equity and seek grant and other funding opportunities to support the expansion of reproductive health efforts.

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

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

1. Establish a Reproductive Health Program within the Public Health Services department of the Health and Human Services Agency, including creation of a public-facing webpage.
2. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, to explore the creation of an Office of Reproductive Health, Justice, and Equity, that would support the expansion of County reproductive health effort, as well as to apply for future grant and other funding opportunities to fund these efforts.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Black and Latina women experience higher rates of maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity compared to white women. Specifically, Black women in San Diego face a maternal mortality rate that is 2.5 times higher than their white counterparts. Approximately 20% of

low-income women of childbearing age lack access to necessary reproductive health services, including family planning and prenatal care. Nearly 25% of transgender and non-binary individuals report difficulties in accessing gender-affirming care due to lack of providers and financial barriers. Today's actions represent a transformative step towards advancing equity in reproductive health care. Having an office dedicated to reproductive health, we can identify, target, and address disparities faced by marginalized communities, including communities of color, low-income individuals, and LGBTQ+ populations.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's actions align with the County of San Diego's sustainability goals for providing just and equitable access to County services and engaging the community to develop communications and engagement strategies that include language and cultural considerations to ensure equitable access and participation.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for Recommendation 1 are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-26 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. This would result in costs and revenue of \$19,000 for existing staffing costs and minor operating costs to support overall efforts. This action would be funded by Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH) grant funds and leverage existing County staff, equivalent to 0.15 FTE. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

There may be fiscal impacts associated with Recommendation 2, that would be considered as part of Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-27 Operational Plan as well as future years budgets, for which staff would return to the board for consideration and approval. In addition, staff may apply for grants and other funding opportunities.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

This item was withdrawn at the request of Chairwoman Nora Vargas.

16. **SUBJECT: IMPROVE THE HEALTHSPAN AND LIFESPAN OF RESIDENTS IN THE SOUTH BAY REGION BY PROVIDING AN ASSESSMENT OF HEALTH EQUITY AND WELL-BEING (DISTRICT: 1)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

Throughout the world there are unique regions, named "Blue Zones™" that have reportedly high longevity thanks to the lifestyle habits they practice. These lifestyle habits are known as the "Power 9" that include: engaging in regular, outdoor physical activity; having a sense of purpose; finding healthy ways to reduce daily stress; eating until 80% full to avoid overeating and unhealthy eating habits; having more plant-based foods in your daily diet; drinking alcohol moderately; having a faith-based community; prioritizing connections with family and loved ones; and surrounding oneself with healthy and supporting individuals.

Counties and cities in the U.S. have seen success in implementing these lifestyle principles and other programs focused holistically on public health. Here in the County of San Diego (County), the Board of Supervisors (Board) initiated *Live Well San Diego* in 2010, a comprehensive plan to enhance the health and well-being of the San Diego region through a three-phase approach: Building Better Health (2010), Living Safely (2012), and Thriving (2014). This long-term vision encourages collaboration among individuals, families, communities, and various organizations to improve the quality of life in San Diego. The plan consists of a set of ten indicators across five “Areas of Influence”—health, knowledge, standard of living, community, and social—to measure progress and ensure actions contribute to the region’s well-being. These indicators, designed based on simplicity, data availability, and relevance across all life stages, provide a measurable framework to track the impact of collective efforts under *Live Well San Diego*.

The *Live Well San Diego* model of collective impact has led to numerous initiatives in the South Region, most notably the formation and ongoing actions of the South Region Community Leadership Team (SRCLT). Co-chaired by community leaders and County staff and comprised of more than 100 partners, the SRCLT develops and implements two-year Community Enrichment Plans that reflect community priorities and drive collective strategies and measurable actions to improve health and well-being. The SRCLT is unique in that it is nationally recognized by the Baldrige-based Communities of Excellence Framework for its work to enhance community outcomes, including criteria such as systems change, meaningful collaboration, data-driven planning, and leadership development.

The County has also supported collaborative efforts in federally designated Promise Zones and Neighborhoods, such as a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) focused on improving education, health, and social development outcomes for children in South Region. In addition, the County supports Regional Leadership Academies, community health workers, and public health activities focused on the South Region. These are just some of the examples of the County’s work, and I am proud to have supported and advanced these efforts since I joined the Board in 2020.

The next evolution of this collective impact work in the South Region is the launch of the Community Schools Initiative. In partnership with the San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE), the Community Schools Initiative will leverage *Live Well San Diego* partners, align with the priorities of the regional CLTs, and advance coordination of County and community services. Strategies of the initiative include replicating best practices, deploying targeted resources, enhancing services, implementing innovative approaches and maximizing partnerships to ensure there are supportive and coordinated services in place resulting in improved community outcomes.

The first joint SDCOE/Health and Human Services Agency South County Community Schools Collaborative Network Meeting will occur on September 11, 2024. There is an opportunity to enhance and formalize the County’s role in this innovative initiative that will impact the health and well-being of children and families in the South Region.

Today’s action seeks to advance the work that has already been completed by directing staff to report back on the County’s efforts to promote the health and well-being of residents in the South Bay Region. The report should include progress in the *Live Well San Diego* areas of influence,

address alignment of current efforts with the “Blue Zones™” concept, and recommend ways the County can support the Community Schools Initiative.

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

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

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a report on the County’s efforts to progress the *Live Well San Diego* areas of influence (health, knowledge, standard of living, community, and social) in the South Bay Region within 120 days. The report should include an assessment on the alignment of these efforts to the “Blue Zones™” concept and make recommendations to advance partnerships like the Community Schools Initiative to advance health equity and well-being in the South Bay Region.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

District 1 has a population of approximately 637,912 residents. Of those residents, 60% identify as Hispanic, 13% as Asian/Pacific Islander, 5% as Black, 18% as White, and 4% as other. By 2050, 21% of the San Diego region’s residents will live in District 1. It is expected that District 1 will have almost 80,000 additional residents by 2050, compared to other areas of the region who will only add around 33,000 people. Further, it is expected that 1 in 4 District 1 residents will be 65 years of age or older in 2050. Today’s actions will ensure that we are providing the residents of District 1 with the health equity they need to live long, healthy lives.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today’s actions align with the County of San Diego’s sustainability goals for providing just and equitable access to County services.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There are no fiscal impacts associated with today’s item. At this time, there will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

This item was withdrawn at the request of Chairwoman Nora Vargas.

17. **SUBJECT: REQUESTING RESOURCES NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT SENATE BILL 43 (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

We have seen a sharp increase in homelessness in the State of California over the past 7 years. There is a clear need for additional resources for those who need it most.

Recently, the County of San Diego received a letter from Governor Newsom admonishing the delayed implementation of State Senate Bill 43 (SB 43), which expands the criteria for conservatorship to include those who are gravely disabled due to Substance Use Disorder. Governor Newsom signed this Bill into law in October of 2023, and the Board voted to implement SB 43 on January 1st, 2025. The expanded criteria offer a promising avenue for getting more people into treatment and off the streets.

However, this expansion requires additional resources. It is not enough to simply have more people placed into a conservatorship if we don't have the treatment, programs, and facilities needed.

Governor Newsom issued an Executive Order on July 25th, 2024, urging local jurisdictions to clear homeless encampments. After decades of ineffective state policies-many of which, including the continuation of the failed Housing First policy, increased housing regulations, and the transfer of prison populations to local jails, occurred under his own leadership-the State is now placing the burden of these failures on local governments.

Nonetheless, we share a common goal: getting people off the streets and into the help they need. Achieving this requires more than just policy changes; we need additional resources. With the collaboration of the County of San Diego's department of Behavioral Health Services, today's action directs the Chief Administrative Officer to send a letter to Governor Newsom requesting the funding necessary to implement SB 43. SB 43 implementation is only a part of the solution for clearing homeless encampments, as not all individuals living in encampments will qualify for conservatorship. However, we must use every tool at our disposal to address this challenge.

The funding for resources needed includes:

- The region-wide implementation of SD-Relay, a 24/7 behavioral health peer support program for those in emergency rooms who are placed in an involuntary hold or who have suffered a non-fatal overdose. This program alleviates the overcrowding of emergency rooms.
- Funding for secure Behavioral Health residential facilities.
- Funding for withdrawal management beds.
- Funding for involuntary Substance Use Disorder treatment in hospitals.

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

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

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to send a letter to the Governor of California, in response to his letter dated July 28, 2024, requesting:

- a. \$10 million, ongoing annually, for the regionwide implementation of SD-Relay.
- b. \$12 million, ongoing annually, for secure Behavioral Health residential facilities.
- c. \$26 million, ongoing annually, for Medically Managed Substance Use Disorder Residential treatment beds.
- d. \$3 million, ongoing annually, for Chemical Dependency and Recovery Hospital services.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The implementation of Senate Bill 43 and the effort to address homelessness in San Diego County will disproportionately impact vulnerable populations, particularly those suffering from substance use disorders and mental illness. Expanding conservatorship criteria provides an opportunity to help individuals who are otherwise unable to access necessary treatment and support. However, without adequate resources such as treatment programs and housing facilities, marginalized groups may continue to be underserved. It is essential to ensure that equitable access to these resources is prioritized, with special attention to communities disproportionately affected by homelessness and poverty. This action aims to create a more inclusive and supportive system but must be backed by comprehensive services to achieve meaningful outcomes. Equity will be measured by how well services are distributed and accessed across all affected groups.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed initiative aligns with the County's sustainability goals by addressing homelessness through a holistic approach that improves environmental, social, health, and economic outcomes. By expanding conservatorship under SB 43 and implementing programs like SD-Relay, the County will reduce the strain on emergency services and provide equitable care for vulnerable populations. These measures will not only enhance public health and wellbeing but also create a more sustainable and resilient community in the long term.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's recommendation. We anticipate there will be extensive one-time and ongoing costs for the implementation of SB 43, including costs for services and potential facility improvements. Full potential for billing capacity to offset these costs is unknown at this time. There is currently \$15 million in one-time bridge funding available to support implementation through existing General Purpose Revenue under the Maximize ARPA Revenue Strategy. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

This item was withdrawn.

18. **SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING (TEFRA):  
ISSUANCE OF REVENUE OBLIGATIONS BY THE CALIFORNIA  
ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF  
EDCO WASTE & RECYCLING SERVICES, INC., EDCO DISPOSAL  
CORPORATION, EDCO WASTE SERVICES, LLC, EDCO  
TRANSPORT SERVICES, LLC, AND/OR A RELATED OR  
SUCCESSOR ENTITY IN AN AGGREGATE MAXIMUM STATED  
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$63,500,000  
(DISTRICTS: 1, 3, 4 AND 5)**

### **OVERVIEW**

The County has received a request from the California Enterprise Development Authority ("CEDA" or "Authority") to conduct a public hearing as required by the Internal Revenue Code

and to approve the Authority's issuance of one or more series of tax-exempt and/or taxable revenue obligations in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$63,500,000 (the "Revenue Obligations"), for the benefit of EDCO Waste & Recycling Services, Inc., EDCO Disposal Corporation, EDCO Waste Services, LLC, EDCO Transport Services, LLC (collectively, the "Borrower").

The Borrower has applied for the financial assistance of the Authority. The proceeds of the Revenue Obligations will be loaned to the Borrower to (1) finance, refinance and/or reimburse the cost of (a) the acquisition, construction, installation, improvement and equipping of solid waste disposal facilities including, but not limited to, improvements to existing buildings, conversion of existing diesel fleet to renewable natural gas, transfer stations, waste and recycling terminals, organics facilities, container yards, hauling yards, material recovery facilities, maintenance yards and administrative facilities and (b) the acquisition of collection trucks, transfer trailers and loaders, carts, bins, and other solid waste disposal machinery and equipment, all of which will be located at one or more of the addresses and in the approximate dollar amounts set forth at the below locations, and (2) pay interest on the Revenue Obligations and the costs of issuance and other related costs in connection with the financing (collectively the "Project").

<b>Property Address</b>	<b>Allocable Amounts</b>
3484, 3596, 3618-3628, 3636, 3652, 3660, 3698, and 3704-12 Dalbergia Street, San Diego, California 92113	\$16,500,000
418 and 436-550 W. Aviation, Fallbrook , California 92028	\$16,000,000
9005 Kenwood Drive, Spring Valley, California 91977	\$1,000,000
224 S. Las Posas Road, San Marcos, California 92078	\$4,000,000
6670, 6700 and 6750 Federal Boulevard, Lemon Grove, California 91945	\$8,000,000
1021, 1035, 1044 and 1050 W. Washington, Escondido, California 92025	\$7,000,000
1021 W. Mission Avenue, Escondido, California 92025	\$3,000,000
12637 Vigilante Road, Lakeside, California 92040	\$2,000,000
8173, 8176-8180 Commercial Street, La Mesa, California 91942	\$2,000,000
9790 Olson Drive, San Diego, California 92121	\$4,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$63,500,000</b>

The Authority is authorized to assist in financing of nonprofit public benefit organizations or for-profit corporations with a public benefit project wishing to issue or reissue bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness, including the Borrower. In order to initiate such a financing, the Borrower is asking the County of San Diego, a member jurisdiction in which the Project is located to: (1) conduct a public hearing to satisfy the public approval requirement of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code; and (2) approve the Authority's issuance of the Revenue Obligations. Although the Authority will be the issuer of the Revenue Obligations for the Borrower, the financing cannot proceed without the approval of one of the applicable legislative bodies.

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

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code, hold a public hearing regarding the financing of the Project.
2. Adopt a Resolution entitled:  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ITS REVENUE OBLIGATIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF EDCO WASTE & RECYCLING SERVICES, INC., EDCO DISPOSAL CORPORATION, EDCO WASTE SERVICES LLC, EDCO TRANSPORT SERVICES, LLC, AND/OR a RELATED OR SUCCESSOR ENTITY, IN AN AGGREGATE MAXIMUM STATED PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$63,500,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING, REFINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSING THE COST OF ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPPING OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES, PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SUCH REVENUE OBLIGATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Authority was established to assist in financing of nonprofit public benefit organizations or for-profit corporations with a public benefit project wishing to issue or reissue revenue obligations. The Revenue Obligations issued will be used to (1) finance, refinance and/or reimburse the cost of (a) the acquisition, construction, installation, improvement and equipping of solid waste disposal facilities including, but not limited to, improvements to existing buildings, conversion of existing diesel fleet to renewable natural gas, transfer stations, waste and recycling terminals, organics facilities, container yards, hauling yards, material recovery facilities, maintenance yards and administrative facilities and (b) the acquisition of collection trucks, transfer trailers and loaders, carts, bins, and other solid waste disposal machinery and equipment and (2) pay interest on the Revenue Obligations and the costs of issuance and other related costs in connection with the financing. The Borrower is focused on enhancing community recycling efforts through an extensive network of Material Recovery Facilities, Construction and Demolition Processing Facilities, Commingled Recycling Processing Centers, Recycling Buyback Centers, Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers, and an Anaerobic Digestion Facility. The Facilities will allow the Borrower to continue its investment in diversion facilities to achieve the mandates of AB939, the California Integrated Waste Management Act and SB 1383, a California state mandate aimed at reducing organic waste in landfills by 75% by 2025.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action would result in economic, social, health and wellbeing benefits for the community by allowing the Borrower to meet the waste collection, disposal, and recycling needs of a broad segment of the San Diego population, while ensuring a safe and rewarding career for its employees. The proposed action will contribute to County of San Diego Sustainability Goal No. 3 by minimizing waste and promoting responsible consumption and reuse to create more restorative and regenerative operations. The proposed action will also result in the investment of more energy efficient operations and in a reduction of emissions through the conversion of the Borrower's diesel fleet to renewable natural gas.



The Borrower's commitment to the communities it serves is reflected in the recognition it receives from those communities. For example, the City Council of the City of San Diego declared March 12, 2024 "EDCO Day." And, on June 28, 2024, the Escondido Chamber of Commerce awarded Escondido Disposal the Corporate Business of the Year Award.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

The Borrower will be responsible for the payment of all present and future costs in connection with the financing. The County will incur no obligation of indebtedness as a result of these actions.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors closed the Hearing and took action as recommended, and adopted Resolution No. 24-113, entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ITS REVENUE OBLIGATIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF EDCO WASTE & RECYCLING SERVICES, INC., EDCO DISPOSAL CORPORATION, EDCO WASTE SERVICES, LLC, EDCO TRANSPORT SERVICES, LLC, AND/OR A RELATED OR SUCCESSOR ENTITY, IN AN AGGREGATE MAXIMUM STATED PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$63,500,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING, REFINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSING THE COST OF ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPPING OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES, PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SUCH REVENUE OBLIGATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

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

#### **19. SUBJECT: PROTECTING SAN DIEGANS FROM THE IMPACTS OF THE BIG OIL INDUSTRY (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

For decades, oil and gas companies have known about the dangers and repercussions that burning fossil fuels would have, and yet they proceeded to engage in misleading information <<<https://oag.ca.gov/news/press-releases/attorney-general-bonta-files-amended-complaint-lawsuit-against-five-largest>>> and advertising campaigns, and protect their profit over people. This has resulted in climate change harms across the State of California. Billions of dollars have already been spent by the State to recover from damages, and to support mitigation and adaptation measures.

Fossil fuels are by far the largest contributor to global greenhouse gasses at over 75% and can also be attributed for nearly 90% of carbon emissions according to the United Nations (UN). As greenhouse gas concentrations rise, so too does global surface temperatures which have been shown to cause more severe storms, increase drought and wildfire risk, warm our oceans, cause sea levels to rise, disrupt food supplies, and impact health. California has been hit hard by many of these issues.

Locally, in San Diego County, we have witnessed these harms in real time. There have been historic droughts, flooding, and exacerbated wildfires, as well as increased heat, air pollution, and damage to natural resources in our communities. Some of our residents have experienced the worst repercussions of this, with displacement, loss of homes, and livelihoods.

Attorney General Rob Bonta has filed a lawsuit entitled “*People of California v. Exxon Mobil Corporation, et al.*,” which aims to hold major oil companies and their trade association accountable for their decades of deception, and the harms done to Californians. It is imperative that the County support any effort that aims to hold these companies responsible for their deception and related climate harms. The item today requests that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution in support of Attorney General Rob Bonta's efforts <<<https://oag.ca.gov/news/press-releases/attorney-general-bonta-announces-lawsuit-against-oil-and-gas-companies>>>.

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

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

Adopt a resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO IN SUPPORT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL ROB BONTA'S EFFORTS TO HOLD BIG OIL COMPANIES ACCOUNTABLE

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

All communities have a right to live, work, and play in healthy, clean, and safe environments. Impacts of climate change related to the deception of the big oil companies and their trade association have disproportionately affected those who have historically experienced injustices and inequities. The County is dedicated to ensuring that we protect public health, create equitable and sustainable solutions to mitigate the impacts of climate harm, and invest in our communities so that they have the resources they need.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

This board letter aligns with the County's sustainability goals to protect the environment by holding big oil companies accountable for the climate harm that their deception has caused the State of California and locally in San Diego.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this recommendation. 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 Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, and adopted Resolution No. 24-114, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO IN SUPPORT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL ROB BONTA’S EFFORTS TO HOLD BIG OIL COMPANIES ACCOUNTABLE.

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

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

**OVERVIEW**

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
Flor “Flower” Alvarez-Lopez v County of San Diego;  
San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2023-00013632-CU-CR-CTL
- B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
(Government Code section 54957)  
Title: Chief Probation Officer

**ACTION:**

County Counsel reported that for Closed Session on September 10, 2024, the Board of Supervisors took the following action:

On Item No. 20A, with Board members from Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4 present and voting “AYE,” the Board authorized County Counsel to join nine other counties in filing a petition for a writ of mandate in the California court of appeal challenging the Los Angeles Superior Court’s ruling on the counties’ demurrers. The case involves a claim that county sheriffs charge unreasonably high prices for commissary items in jail.

ABSENT: Desmond

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

**OVERVIEW**

Michael Brando spoke to the Board regarding vaccines and the alleged horse deaths.

Oliver Twist spoke to the Board regarding the impacts of masking and armed security for Supervisors.

Bryant Rumbaugh spoke to the Board regarding immigration issues.

Richard Pavia spoke to the Board regarding the Escondido Renaissance Faire.

Mark spoke to the Board regarding support of House Resolution 8421 regarding the Federal Reserve.

Paul the Bold spoke to the Board regarding public comments and the First Amendment.

Consuelo spoke to the Board regarding health concerns from the Tijuana River.

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

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

Katheryn Rhodes spoke to the Board regarding the Tijuana River Valley Water Shed.

Steven Stonehouse spoke to the Board regarding concerns about the Registrar of Voters preventing candidates from volunteering as poll worker.

Elizabeth Stonehouse spoke to the Board regarding concerns about the Registrar of Voters preventing candidates from volunteering as poll worker.

Luke spoke to the Board regarding government corruption.

Audra spoke to the Board regarding criminal actions by illegal immigrants.

Megan Stuart spoke to the Board regarding concerns of youth vaping.

Peggy Walker spoke to the Board regarding National Suicide Recognition Day.

Kathleen Lippitt spoke to the Board regarding juvenile drug use trends in San Diego County.

Becky Rapp spoke to the Board regarding concerns with the State approving marijuana cafes.

Terri Skelly spoke to the Board regarding concerns regarding secondhand smoke on hiking trails.

Truth spoke to the Board regarding the costs of security for the Board of Supervisors.

**ACTION:**

Heard, Referred to the Chief Administrative Officer.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

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

Consent: Vizcarra

Discussion: Zurita

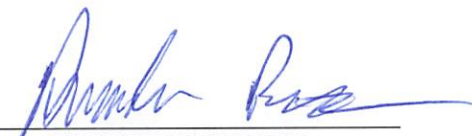
NOTE: This Statement of Proceedings sets forth all actions taken by the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors on the matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.

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Approved by the Board of Supervisors, on Tuesday, September 24, 2024.

  
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NORA VARGAS  
Chair

Attest:

  
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ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board

09/10/2024