

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS  
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 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 9:01 a.m.

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

ABSENT: Supervisor Nora Vargas, Chair

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

C. Invocation was led by Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Andrew Potter.

D. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kaitlin So.

E. Presentations or Announcement of Proclamations and Awards:

Vice-Chair Terra Lawson-Remer presented a proclamation declaring September 24, 2024, to be Wellness Together Day throughout the County of San Diego.

Vice-Chair Terra Lawson-Remer and Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe presented a proclamation declaring September 21, 2024 through September 29, 2024, to be Blue Star Welcome Week throughout the County of San Diego.

Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe presented a proclamation declaring September 24, 2024, to be Friends of the Rancho San Diego Library Day throughout the County of San Diego.

Supervisor Joel Anderson presented a proclamation declaring September 24, 2024, to be Meals on Wheels of San Diego County Day throughout the County of San Diego.

Supervisor Jim Desmond presented a proclamation declaring September 24, 2024, to be Palomar Family Counseling Services Day throughout the County of San Diego.

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

G. Approval of the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the meeting of September 10, 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 September 10, 2024.

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

- 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**

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Health and Human Services	3.	AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF PERINATAL EQUITY INITIATIVE FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND AUTHORIZE APPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
	4.	AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT TO EXTEND EXISTING SERVICES FOR THE NO-COST TRANSPORTATION FOR OLDER ADULTS PROGRAM
	5.	APPROVE COMPENSATION AGREEMENT REGARDING BALBOA THEATRE PROPERTY RETAINED BY THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT
	6.	APPROVE COMPENSATION AGREEMENT REGARDING 6901-6921 LINDA VISTA ROAD (LINDA VISTA PROPERTY) RETAINED BY THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

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|  | 7.  | RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON HOMEKEY PROGRAMS  |
| Financial and<br>General<br>Government | 8.  | BIENNIAL REVIEW OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES-<br>APPROVAL OF FIRST BATCH OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE<br>AMENDMENTS RECEIVED THROUGH AUGUST 29, 2024: VARIOUS<br>DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES                           |
|  | 9.  | APPOINTMENTS: VARIOUS  |
|  | 10. | COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED  |
| Health and<br>Human Services           | 11. | REQUESTING RESOURCES NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT SENATE BILL<br>43   |
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|  | 13. | UPDATE ON AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS<br>FOR THE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA,<br>SAN DIEGO HEALTH FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES<br>WITHIN THE EAST CAMPUS MEDICAL CENTER<br>(4 VOTES) |
|  | 14. | RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE AGING ROADMAP  |
| Financial and<br>General<br>Government | 15. | UPDATE ON THE COUNTYWIDE FOOD PROCUREMENT  |
|  | 16. | ASSESSOR/RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK – APPOINTMENT OF<br>JEFFREY OLSON TO RETIREE REHIRE POSITION  |
| Closed Session                         | 17. | CLOSED SESSION   |
| Public<br>Communication                | 18. | NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMUNICATION  |

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**1. SUBJECT: SHERIFF - RATIFY ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS FROM KATHRYN ROBINSON (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

County of San Diego Administrative Code Article III, Section 66 Acceptance of Gifts and Board of Supervisors Policy A-112, Acceptance and Use of Gifts and Donations, provide a process for accepting gifts by the administrative heads of each department in the County, subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors. This is a request to ratify the acceptance of donations from Kathryn Robinson for Padres tickets with VIP parking valued at \$14,200.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**SHERIFF**

1. In accordance with County of San Diego Administrative Code Article III, Section 66 Acceptance of Gifts and Board of Supervisors Policy A-112, Acceptance and Use of Gifts and Donations, ratify the acceptance of Padres tickets with VIP parking valued at \$14,200 from Kathryn Robinson for the Sheriff's Office.
2. Authorize the Chairwoman of the Board of Supervisors to sign a letter of appreciation on behalf of the Board of Supervisors and the County of San Diego to Kathryn Robinson.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The acceptance of donations from Kathryn Robinson serve to enhance service delivery of our workforce. These donations help support our employees from diverse backgrounds and identities by giving them access to resources and opportunities to attend morale boosting services and events. The acceptance and use of these donations demonstrates our commitment to enhance employee wellness, both inside and outside the workplace. Good employee health and well-being ensures that continuity of operations remains at its best.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The donations by Kathryn Robinson support the County of San Diego's sustainability goals to engage the community in meaningful ways and to provide just and equitable access by developing a culture of learning that looks at the impacts of employees' work on individual lives and health. The department's recipient relationship with donors such as Kathryn Robinson increases stakeholder engagement and community participation.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's request to ratify the acceptance of donations valued at \$14,200 from Kathryn Robinson. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

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

**2. SUBJECT: DISTRICT ATTORNEY - REQUEST APPROVAL FOR A SINGLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT OF A SOFTWARE LICENSE TO DETECT FRAUDULENT INSURANCE ACTIVITY (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The San Diego County District Attorney’s Insurance Fraud and Workplace Justice Division (Division) proactively investigates and prosecutes complex insurance fraud prosecutions and brings awareness and education throughout San Diego County. In California, insurance fraud costs consumers approximately \$15 billion a year, and is the second-largest economic crime in the United States, exceeded only by tax evasion. The Division’s multiple, reinforcing strategies seek to reduce insurance premiums for consumers, lower workers’ compensation premium rates for employers, ensure injured workers receive the benefits they are entitled to collect, and ultimately protect all San Diego communities by deterring this form of criminal behavior.

The District Attorney’s Office (DAO) is seeking to procure Verisk Analytics Inc.’s Anti-Fraud One - Government (AF1- Gov) software license, with access to the *ISO ClaimSearch* proprietary database containing claims information from 97% of all property and casualty carriers and third-party administrators throughout the United States. The software aggregates, in real-time, key information from questionable claims, including: the loss history for each party involved in a claim, investigation details and outcomes for the parties’ prior claims, patterns of previous losses, network analytics, and evaluation of suspected fraud. Insurance fraud activity has far-reaching implications, and leveraging comprehensive industry data and analytics would enhance the DAO’s ability to assess and mitigate emerging fraud risks, as well as increase effectiveness and efficiency in the identification, prioritization, and investigation of fraud. An AF1- Gov software license will grant the DAO automated access to the largest claims database and insights to triage investigations - a unique combination not available from other sources where competition is also precluded because of the existence of proprietary information, pursuant to Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement: A-87 (D.3) and (D.1).

This is a request to authorize the Director of Purchasing and Contracting to enter into a single source procurement and contract with Verisk Analytics Inc. (Verisk) for an AF1- Gov software license and user training for investigations of insurance fraud and related criminal activities.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, approve and authorize the Director of the Department of Purchasing and Contracting to enter into negotiations with Verisk, and subject to successful negotiations and a determination of a fair and reasonable price, award a contract for an AF1- Gov software license and user training for

up to three years, and an additional six months if needed, and to amend the contract as needed to reflect changes to service needs or funding requirements subject to the approval of the District Attorney.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The District Attorney’s Office is constitutionally responsible for the investigation and prosecution of all criminal violations of state law and county ordinances. The District Attorney’s Insurance Fraud and Workplace Justice Programs specialize in prosecuting fraudulent activity - activity that affects all San Diego communities regardless of zip code. As part of the District Attorney’s ongoing dedication to public safety, the DAO anticipates that the implementation of the Verisk AF1- Gov software license will enhance local law enforcement operations, resulting in strategic allocation of resources, and ultimately equitable outcomes throughout San Diego communities.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Reducing the instances of insurance fraud will reduce the cost for consumers and employers, directly contributing to the County of San Diego’s Sustainability Goals by creating sustainable enhancements for the economy. In addition, investments in robust investigative techniques and the overall prosecutorial process not only increases organizational capacity but leads to social and economic enhancements - contributing to overall regional sustainability.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2024-26 Operational Plan for the District Attorney’s Office. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of approximately \$405,000. The funding source is the California Department of Insurance. Subsequent year costs and revenues will be included in future Operational Plans. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

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

ABSENT: Vargas

- 3. **SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF PERINATAL EQUITY INITIATIVE FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND AUTHORIZE APPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) has authorized the acceptance of California Department of Public Health Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Division Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block Grant funding since Fiscal Year 1997-98. MCH Block Grant

funding addresses health disparities in African-American birth outcomes by implementing the Black Infant Health (BIH) Program in San Diego County. The 2018-19 California State Budget Act established the California Perinatal Equity Initiative (PEI) to expand the BIH Program and improve birth outcomes and reduce mortality in Black infants through evidence-based interventions. Counties that implement BIH Programs were eligible to receive PEI funding. On June 27, 2023 (3), the Board approved acceptance of the PEI allocation in the amount of \$484,310 for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

Today's item requests the Board to authorize acceptance of the PEI grant allocation of \$484,310 for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. Additionally, today's item requests the Board authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to apply for additional funds to help improve health equity for San Diego County residents.

Today's actions support the County of San Diego 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 improving access to quality healthcare for mothers, infants, children, adolescents, and families.

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

1. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, and 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 \$484,310 in grant funds from the California Department of Public Health, Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Division for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, for the Perinatal Equity Initiative grant, 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.
3. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to apply for additional funding opportunities that address improving health equity for San Diego County residents.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Infant mortality is an important indicator of overall population health. It is a product of social well-being, disease rates, access to healthcare, economic development, and general living conditions. Prematurity and low birthweight are among the leading causes of infant death and are also associated with illness and disability in survivors. National average data from 2019 to 2021 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates that the African-American infant mortality rates are much higher than all other race/ethnic groups. Additionally, data from the California Department of Public Health, from 2000 through 2021, suggests that the African-American infant mortality rates in San Diego County were two to five times higher than the White infant mortality rates. Many factors are responsible for this gap, including institutional



racism, class oppression, and gender discrimination, which have trickled down to negatively influence social determinants of health such as job security, availability of healthy food, transportation, and quality education in this population.

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services agency, Public Health Services administers the Black Infant Health (BIH) Program and the Perinatal Equity Initiative (PEI) to reduce perinatal morbidity and mortality among disadvantaged populations. These programs work to address inequities in maternal and infant health outcomes and ensure access to quality prenatal and postpartum health care and community resources through individual, family, and group-based support. Both programs also host Community Advisory Board meetings that are attended by stakeholders, health care professionals and providers, as well as community residents, with lived experience. Attendees offer guidance and insight into the needs of families served by the programs.

The BIH Program provides culturally appropriate support services and resources to African-American women and their families throughout the county to address health disparities and improve the birth outcomes noted above. The PEI, therefore, complements programs and services and supports eligible local health jurisdictions in the implementation of evidence-based interventions that reduce racial health disparities in birth outcomes among African-American women. For example, through the BIH Program, 313 African-American women were able to participate in client centered and empowering group sessions and/or received case management where they increased their knowledge on developing life skills, reducing stress, and strengthening social support.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed actions support the County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goal #1 to engage the community; Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access; and Sustainability Goal #4 to protect the health and well-being of everyone in the region. This will be done by ensuring vulnerable populations in all communities are given access to resources provided by the Black Infant Health (BIH) Program and the Perinatal Equity Initiative (PEI), which promote the overall health and well-being of those disproportionately impacted. The County Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services continues to engage with and seek community input through the BIH Advisory Board, PEI Community Advisory Board, and the Family Support Connection collaborative.

#### **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 estimated costs of \$560,282 and revenue of \$484,310 in FY 2024-25. The funding source is the Perinatal Equity Initiative grant from the California Department of Public Health. A waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested because the funding does not offset all costs. These unrecovered costs are estimated to be \$75,972 for FY 2024-25. The funding source for these costs will be existing Realignment. The public benefit for providing these services far outweighs the B-29 unrecoverable costs. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

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

**4. SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT TO EXTEND EXISTING SERVICES FOR THE NO-COST TRANSPORTATION FOR OLDER ADULTS PROGRAM (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On June 8, 2021 (3), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) took critical action to advance support to San Diego County residents by approving the framework for the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. Several projects were approved under the Senior and Youth Services component of this framework including the No-Cost Transportation for Older Adults program.

The No-Cost Transportation for Older Adults program created by the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Aging & Independence Services (AIS) provides an equity-centered approach to transportation services for vulnerable low-income older adults residing in priority communities. These older adults are provided with up to 100 miles of transportation to and from much needed medical appointments, social engagements, and necessary errands like grocery shopping. Many of the older adults enrolled in this program would otherwise not have a mechanism to engage in their daily activities due to the cost and limited accessibility of transportation services. Importantly, these critical transportation services help reduce social isolation for program participants, allowing them to retain their independence and access community resources.

On June 25, 2024 (9), the Board adopted the Fiscal Year 2024-25 County budget including a Change Letter addendum that allocated an additional \$250,000 to the No-Cost Transportation for Older Adults program. This funding will be leveraged to increase the contract amount and extend the contract term to support current program participants who may benefit from the No-Cost Transportation for Older Adults program services, including curb-to-curb, door-to-door, and wheelchair accessible transportation.

Today's action requests the Board authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to amend contract #567644 with Jewish Family Service of San Diego to extend the contract term for one year and an additional six months as needed, and amend the contract as required to reflect changes to services and funding allocations.

This item supports the County vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by supporting older adults through providing safe and reliable transportation.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, and Administrative Code Section 401, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to amend contract #567644 with Jewish Family Service of San Diego to extend the contract term for one year and an additional six months as needed, subject to the availability of funds; and amend the contract as required to reflect changes to services and funding allocations, subject to the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

As adults age, they face unprecedented challenges in maintaining their quality of life. These challenges are only heightened for lower income older adults. They become more dependent on social safety net programs like Social Security and less dependent on career growth for increases in income. This may lead to challenges in affording basic necessities like housing, transportation, food, and healthcare. Lacking the ability to maintain a quality of life that supports the ability to have access to food and healthcare, or stable access to transportation and housing, greatly increases health disparities and reduces quality of life. The No-Cost Transportation for Older Adults program was created with equity at the forefront, to ensure low-income older San Diegans living on fixed incomes and residing in health equity zip codes and the California Healthy Places Index least healthy quartiles for San Diego county, continue to have access to basic services when they require it most. Accessible and reliable transportation ensures older adults are able to go grocery shopping, get to medical appointments, or attend social gatherings which reduces social isolation. This program supports the County of San Diego's commitment to equitable practices for all San Diegans by restoring independence for older adults who do not have access to basic public transportation and who might otherwise fall into isolation.

The No-Cost Transportation for Older Adults program is evaluated monthly. Participants complete the survey outlining the strengths and challenges encountered by riders. Since the inception of the program in October 2022, more than 95% of survey participants indicated the program increased their ability to complete routine or social activities independently.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Working with partners to provide programs and services that contribute to the safety and welfare of older adults will advance the County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goal #1 to engage the community in meaningful ways; Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to County services; and Sustainability Goal #4 to protect the health and well-being of everyone in the region. Specifically, the No-Cost Transportation for Older Adults program provides older adults living on a low-income with access to safe and reliable transportation.

### **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 \$250,000 in FY 2024-25. The funding source is supported by resources budgeted in Countywide Finance Other. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

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

**5. SUBJECT: APPROVE COMPENSATION AGREEMENT REGARDING BALBOA THEATRE PROPERTY RETAINED BY THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On February 1, 2012, California redevelopment agencies were dissolved, and successor agencies were appointed to wind down redevelopment affairs, including the disposition of real estate owned. ABX1 and AB 1484 (collectively known as the “Dissolution Act”) provide the methods of disposition available to successor agencies after a Long Range Property Management Plan (LRPMP) is prepared and approved.

The California Department of Finance approved a final, amended version of the City of San Diego (City) Successor Agency’s LRPMP on October 15, 2015. One of the properties included in the approved LRPMP is the Balboa Theatre property. The Balboa Theatre is an approximately 44,000 square-foot, five-story building, located on an approximately 15,000 square foot parcel at 868 Fourth Avenue in Downtown San Diego. This property has been retained by the City for future development in accordance with its LRPMP.

According to California Health and Safety Code Section 34180, a compensation agreement must be established between the city retaining ownership of a future development site and the other affected taxing entities associated with the former redevelopment area, wherein the affected taxing entities receive payments from the city in proportion to their shares of the base property tax for the value of the property retained by the city for future development. The County of San Diego (County) is one such affected taxing entity associated with the Balboa Theatre property. Today’s action is to approve the compensation agreement between the City and the County, and direct the Clerk of the Board to execute the agreement.

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 negotiating a fair compensation agreement and providing one-time funding for County programs.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Approve the Compensation Agreement regarding the Balboa Theatre property retained by the City of San Diego for future development and direct the Clerk of the Board to execute the Agreement.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The dissolution of redevelopment agencies throughout the State has assisted local jurisdictions to better preserve funding for core public services by allowing them to have more decision-making input of the development of communities, as well as resulting revenues. A compensation agreement for the Balboa Theatre property, retained by the City of San Diego for future development, will provide the County of San Diego with revenue that can be used toward investments back into the community which includes, but are not limited to, programs and services to help improve the health and public safety of residents.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today’s proposed action supports the County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goal #1 to engage the community. The Balboa Theatre redevelopment has the potential to become a focal point for the local community by enhancing commercial activity in the area. The project aligns with the County goal of engaging the community by creating spaces that encourage social interaction, local commerce, and community events. By revitalizing this area, the development can help build a stronger sense of community identity and foster active participation from residents in shaping the future of their neighborhood.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

As part of the terms of the compensation agreement, the allocation of proportional share of revenue would only be disbursed to the affected taxing entities 30 days after the close of escrow. Funds for this request are not typically included in the annual Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request may result in one-time revenue of approximately \$625,247 in the affected fiscal year, upon successfully meeting terms of the compensation agreement. The estimate is based on the compensation amount allowed by Health and Safety Code, which is calculated using the 2011 appraised value of \$4,070,000, less \$85,000 in appraisal, escrow and closing costs, multiplied by the County of San Diego’s proportional share of the base property tax for the property (approximately 15.69%). The funding source is a payment from the City of 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 Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

ABSENT: Vargas

6. **SUBJECT: APPROVE COMPENSATION AGREEMENT REGARDING 6901-6921 LINDA VISTA ROAD (LINDA VISTA PROPERTY) RETAINED BY THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On February 1, 2012, California redevelopment agencies were dissolved, and successor agencies were appointed to wind down redevelopment affairs, including the disposition of real estate owned. ABX1 and AB 1484 (collectively known as the “Dissolution Act”) provide the methods of disposition available to successor agencies after a Long Range Property Management Plan (LRPMP) is prepared and approved.

The California Department of Finance approved a final, amended version of the City of San Diego (City) Successor Agency’s LRPMP on October 15, 2015. One of the properties included in the approved LRPMP is the property commonly referred to as 6901-6921 Linda Vista Road (APNs 431-320-19, and 15). The Linda Vista property is comprised of a vacant lot of approximately 17,115 square feet, and an approximately 52,708 square foot lot improved with a 29,000 square foot multi-tenant retail center including a roller-skating facility, and other uses. This property has been retained by the City for future development in accordance with its LRPMP.

According to California Health and Safety Code Section 34180, a compensation agreement must be established between the city retaining ownership of a future development site and the other affected taxing entities associated with the former redevelopment area, wherein the affected taxing entities receive payments from the city in proportion to their shares of the base property tax for the value of the property retained by the city for future development. The County of San Diego (County) is one such affected taxing entity associated with the Linda Vista property. Today’s action requests to approve the compensation agreement between the City and the County, and direct the Clerk of the Board to execute the agreement.

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 negotiating a fair compensation agreement and providing one-time funding for County programs.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Approve the Compensation Agreement regarding the Linda Vista property retained by the City of San Diego for future development and direct the Clerk of the Board to execute the Agreement.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The dissolution of redevelopment agencies throughout the State has assisted local jurisdictions to better preserve funding for core public services by allowing them to have more decision-making input of the development of communities, as well as resulting revenues. A compensation agreement for the Linda Vista property, retained by the City of San Diego for future

development, will provide the County of San Diego with revenue that can be used toward investments back into the community which includes, but are not limited to, programs and services to help improve the health and public safety of residents.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today’s proposed action supports the County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goal #1 to engage the community. The Linda Vista Property redevelopment has the potential to become a focal point for the local community by enhancing commercial activity in the area. The project aligns with the County goal of engaging the community by creating spaces that encourage social interaction, local commerce, and community events. By revitalizing this area, the development can help build a stronger sense of community identity and foster active participation from residents in shaping the future of their neighborhood.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

As part of the terms of the compensation agreement, the allocation of proportional share of revenue would only be disbursed to the affected taxing entities 30 days after the close of escrow. Funds for this request are not typically included in the annual Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request may result in one-time revenue of approximately \$333,726 in the affected fiscal year, upon successfully meeting terms of the compensation agreement. The estimate is based on the compensation amount allowed by Health and Safety Code, which is calculated using the 2011 appraised value of \$2,149,000, less \$22,000 in appraisal, escrow and closing costs, multiplied by the County of San Diego’s proportional share of the base property tax for the property (approximately 15.69%). The funding source is a payment from the City of 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 Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

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

ABSENT: Vargas

- 7. **SUBJECT: RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON HOMEKEY PROGRAMS  
(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

In March 2023, the California Department of Housing and Community Development announced the availability of the third round of Homekey program funds to rapidly expand the inventory of housing for people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. Upon this announcement, the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC), and City of San Diego expanded on prior efforts and partnered to ensure this funding opportunity was secured and leveraged to provide additional housing resources to the most vulnerable members in the San Diego region.

Subsequently on May 23, 2023 (25), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) approved recommendations to authorize up to \$32 million in capital loans to SDHC and issue competitive solicitations for behavioral health supportive services at up to four Homekey developments; all actions contingent upon successful award of Homekey funds. Additionally, at this meeting, the Board directed the Chief Administrative Officer return to the Board within one year with benchmarks to measure the effectiveness of the programs.

In late 2023 and early 2024, SDHC received awards for three of the four developments securing over \$55 million in Homekey Round 3 funding. Although the Homekey program aims to expedite the process of producing affordable housing, the time from application to having the units fully operational may still be over two years. Construction and rehabilitation are currently underway at the three Homekey Round 3 developments.

Today's item provides an update on the Homekey Round 3 developments, inclusive of procurement status of behavioral health supportive services contracts, an overview of the general outcomes and benchmarks anticipated through the Homekey Round 3 programs, and an update on the progress of other developments supported by previous rounds of Homekey funding. This item supports the County vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities by supporting housing stability for people with behavioral health conditions, including those who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

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

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

Receive an update on Homekey programs including status of behavioral health supportive services contracts.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

In the 2024 Point-in-Time Count, 10,605 people were identified as unsheltered or in shelters throughout the county. Of those who were unsheltered, 44% were identified as chronically homeless. The County of San Diego (County) is committed to finding equitable solutions to prevent and end homelessness by providing preventative and supportive services and permanent supportive housing. The Homekey program allows the County to expeditiously utilize a key funding resource that was established to meet the needs of historically underserved populations, specifically persons experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.

The Homekey program is funded through the California Department of Housing and Community Development and continues a statewide effort to sustain and rapidly expand housing for people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, and who are, thereby, inherently impacted by COVID-19 and other communicable diseases. Once operational, Homekey Round 3 funding will provide needed housing and supports to residents who are disproportionately represented in the homeless system, including justice-involved individuals and individuals with a range of health and social needs, as well as Black, Indigenous and People of Color. Homekey is an opportunity for the County to increase permanent supportive housing options for of the most vulnerable populations, providing not just housing, but ensuring that resources for supportive service are made available to the residents.



**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today’s proposed action supports the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access by ensuring affordable housing developments are restricted to individuals and families experiencing homelessness and chronic homelessness. This is supported by cultivating strong relationships with other local governmental entities and community partners, thereby allowing a symbolic relationship that has, at its core, a mutual, mission-driven goal to serve the communities that have been disproportionately impacted by poverty.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

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

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

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

**8. SUBJECT: BIENNIAL REVIEW OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES- APPROVAL OF FIRST BATCH OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE AMENDMENTS RECEIVED THROUGH AUGUST 29, 2024: VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The Board of Supervisors serves as the Code Reviewing Body for any local agency, other than cities, with jurisdiction wholly within the County, pursuant to Government Code Section 82011. Pursuant to Government Code Section 87306.5, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors coordinated, on behalf of the Board, the Biennial Review of Conflict of Interest Codes for all County Departments and local agencies. The recommended action would approve the proposed amendments to the Conflict of Interest codes as received through August 29, 2024 from respective agencies as part of the Biennial Review of Conflict of Interest Codes.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Approve the amended Conflict of Interest Codes adopted by the following agencies (Attachment A):

- Del Mar Union School District
- Diego Plus Education Corporation
- Encina Wastewater Authority
- Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District
- Leucadia Wastewater District
- Rainbow Municipal Water District

- San Diego Community Power
- San Diego County Law Library
- San Ysidro School District
- Santee School District
- South Bay Irrigation District
- South Bay Union School District
- Vista Fire Protection District
- Vista Irrigation District
- Water Conservation Garden Authority

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

The recommended action would approve the amended Conflict of Interest codes. The Conflict of Interest codes in this Board Letter enables the County of San Diego to provide transparency and accountability to individual residents, ensuring equitable operations of the government that are free from undue influence.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The funding source for administration of this task is included in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Adopted Budget for the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

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

ABSENT: Vargas

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

**OVERVIEW**

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

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHAIRWOMAN NORA VARGAS**

Appoint Manisha Sharma to the EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE, Seat No. 24, for a term to expire September 24, 2028.

Appoint Malcolm Gettmann to the SPRING VALLEY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP, Seat No. 12, for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

**VICE-CHAIR TERRA LAWSON-REMER**

Re-appoint Robin Sales to the BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, Seat No. 10, for a term to start October 20, 2024, and to expire October 20, 2027.

Re-appoint Stuart Gaiber to the BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, Seat No. 12, for a term to start October 20, 2024, and to expire October 20, 2027.

**SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON**

Appoint Julie Hayden to the BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, Seat No.7, for a term to expire September 24, 2027.

Appoint Lisanna Lopez to the POTRERO COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP, Seat No. 2, for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

**SUPERVISOR MONICA MONTGOMERY STEPPE**

Appoint John Davis to the CSA NO. 026 - RANCHO SAN DIEGO LOCAL PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, Seat No. 3, for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

Appoint Matthew Craig to the FISH AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, Seat No. 7, for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

Appoint Samantha Guzzardo to the FISH AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, Seat No. 8, for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

Appoint Jonathan Kimble to the PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, Seat No. 7, for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Appoint Adele Fasano to the CITIZENS LAW ENFORCEMENT REVIEW BOARD (CLERB), Seat No. 7, for a term to expire June 30, 2027.

Appoint Kimberly Trammel to the TREASURY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, Seat No. 6, for an indefinite term.

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

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

ABSENT: Vargas

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

**OVERVIEW**

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

**RECOMMENDATION(S)  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Note and file.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT**

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

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

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

ABSENT: Vargas

**11. 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:**

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

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

ABSENT: Vargas

12. **SUBJECT: CREATING A CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND TRANSITION AGE YOUTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONTINUUM FRAMEWORK FOR SAN DIEGO COUNTY (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

The youth behavioral health crisis is now well-documented, and evidenced through innumerable health advisories, surveys, and research from leading institutions including the U.S. Surgeon

General, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Psychological Association, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) among many others.

Since 2010, nearly every indicator of mental well-being among children and youth has deteriorated. Ensuring access to prevention and intervention services and to primary care clinicians and behavioral and mental health specialists are critical components of any plan to address the youth behavioral health crisis and to support children and youth as they navigate these challenges. Additionally, the long-lasting benefits of early detection and intervention extend beyond the individual themselves with estimates that for every dollar invested in early childhood prevention and intervention returns \$2 to \$13 in long-term public savings.

Yet, the broader public and private behavioral health system of care has struggled to meet the needs of our children and youth. The Children's Report Card 2024, which grades California's ability to support better outcomes for kids from prenatal to age 26 has consistently awarded the state a D grade for mental health supports. Additionally, California ranked 51 (out of 50 states and D.C.) in 2024 for parents reporting it was not possible to obtain mental healthcare for their child, citing denials by health plans as a major barrier. Locally, the UCSD Health Partnership Community Engagement Annual Report (FY 2023 -24) found that mental health and substance use across the county were of major concern with youth-specific challenges cited as vaping, anxiety, depression, bullying, suicide risk, and social media influence and/or peer pressure.

The County plays a critical role in caring for the well-being of children, youth, and transition age youth (TAY) and focuses on serving, primarily through partnerships with community-based organizations (CBOs), children, youth, and TAY from 0 up to age 25 who are Medi-Cal members or who have no insurance. While the County has a robust system of care in place, the growing needs among youth and families for behavioral health services and the mounting pressure on schools and CBOs to provide these services, are proving untenable. These needs are exacerbated by a wider behavioral health workforce shortage. Furthermore, these challenges are playing out in the context of state-level policy and programmatic shifts in behavioral health and other youth-focused programs, including shifts in First 5 programs, recent changes to the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) via the passage of Proposition 1, and Medi-Cal Transformation efforts.

The convergence of these factors, plus demographic trends, and historic public spending focused on expanding behavioral health services all raise major concern our region is not prepared to meet the specialized behavioral health needs of our children, youth, and TAY. This presents a major opportunity to develop a Children, Youth, and Transition Age Youth Behavioral Health Continuum Framework for our region.

Today's actions request that the Chief Administrative Officer work with the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) to create a Children, Youth, and TAY Behavioral Health Continuum Framework across the 0 to 25 age continuum that considers current changes within the broader behavioral healthcare system and that is based on data analytics, consistent with the previous work performed on the Optimal Care Pathways Model (OCP) developed by Behavioral Health



Services (BHS), that will quantify optimal service levels to inform a comprehensive long-term plan to address identified gaps in services. Additionally, today's action requests the engagement of stakeholders during the development process.

The County has already taken bold action to move our behavioral health continuum from a model of care driven by crises to one centered on continuous care and prevention. We have focused on adding capacity and recalibrating the Continuum of Care to more appropriately service the behavioral health needs of adults, particularly those experiencing homelessness and/or experiencing concurrent diagnoses of serious mental illness and substance use disorders.

With this progress well underway, the County is now poised to turn its attention to the child and youth behavioral health crisis and to build upon the work done for adults. Specifically, BHS' development of the OCP model, which uses data-informed algorithms to quantify optimal utilization across the behavioral health system.

If approved, today's actions will enable the transformative vision required during a time of crisis and ensure the equitable investment of resources placing the County on an accelerated path to operating a Continuum of Care that supports San Diegans' behavioral health across the entire lifespan.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

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

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to work with the Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) to create a Children, Youth, and Transition Age Youth Behavioral Health Continuum Framework across the 0 to 25 age continuum. This effort will consider current changes within the broader behavioral healthcare system and identify strategies to maintain and/or enhance services, including but not limited to leveraging Payment Reform through Medi-Cal Transformation and workforce development investments. The Framework will be based on data analytics and evidence-based research, consistent with the previous work performed on the Optimal Care Pathways (OCP) Model conducted by the Behavioral Health Services Department, and will quantify optimal service levels to inform a comprehensive long-term plan to address identified gaps in services. This effort will also be in collaboration with other respective HHS departments, with each deliverable reflecting a planful approach to community input and feedback with a report back to the Board in six months (1.1) and return to the Board in 18 months (1.2):
  1. Six (6) months with an outline of any interim strategies to maintain and/or enhance services and an outline of a long-term plan approach for creating a comprehensive framework, timeline for deliverables, report drafting, methods for community engagement, and any estimated costs, identified funding, and resourcing necessary for the creation and/or implementation of the plan, and
  2. Eighteen (18) months with a final report to include prioritized recommendations for action and investment, contingent upon the approval of resourcing and funding identified at the report back under Recommendation 1.1.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to seek out methods to optimize payments for all payers that hold Medi-Cal products to support the implementation of prioritized actions identified in Recommendation 1.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

If approved, today's actions will support County efforts to enhance behavioral health services for children, youth, and TAY throughout San Diego County. The stark economic, gender, racial, and ethnic disparities shaping American childhoods today are disproportionately resulting in and contributing to troubling behavioral health issues among many subsets of children and youth. Included here are the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic which brought children trauma and tremendous loss with research showing the pandemic amplifying disparities with certain minority groups.

Comparing pre-pandemic to the first year of the COVID-19 crisis, the share of children struggling to make it through the day due to anxiety and depression rose nearly 26% - from 9.4% (5.8 million kids) in 2016 to 11.8% (7.3 million kids) in 2020. In 2021, 9% of all high school students had attempted suicide. This rate rose to 12% for Black students, 13% for students of two or more races, and 26% for American Indian or Alaska Native high schoolers. Among LGBTQ+ youth, the statistics were similarly skewed, with 23% of gay, lesbian or bisexual students reportedly having attempted suicide compared to just 6% of their heterosexual peers.

Furthermore, recent data suggests that 44% of youth are struggling with their mental health versus an estimated 39% of adults. Prioritizing every child's ability to access the mental health care they need - when and where they need it - and bolstering a health continuum framework that considers young people's experiences and identities is imperative to ensuring equity and well-being throughout the lifespan in the County.

BHS already has plans to weave in efforts currently underway through the Community Experience Partnership (CEP). The CEP is a collaboration between BHS and the University of California San Diego to integrate data and community engagement to advance behavioral health equity. Behavioral Health Equity Index allows the public to view behavioral health equity data through dashboards that include data from surveys, vital records, hospitalization, and emergency departments, along with service and outcome data for individuals receiving services through BHS. It also includes indicators of equity over time and across neighborhoods by race/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, justice involvement and more.

BHS will pursue efforts to connect the Behavioral Health Equity Index work to the OCP model and now the Child and Youth Behavioral Health Continuum Framework integrating three immensely impactful bodies of work to inform where the highest priority area of future investment to address current inequities exists. This will support regional distribution of services across the communities most in need to ensure they have access to behavioral health care in close proximity to where they live.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Transforming the children, youth, and TAY behavioral health continuum of care in San Diego County will result in sustainability enhancements in terms of health, wellbeing, and equity as we advance access and the regional distribution of services that will allow children, youth, and TAY to receive care that is in close proximity to their support systems and provides a wider availability and range of connections to care.

Today's actions will evaluate and allow for a strategic approach to supporting children, youth, and TAY with behavioral health needs in order to prevent individuals from not receiving the right care at the right time in the right place. Additionally, the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Services will continue to explore thoughtful and sustainable designs for infrastructure, programs, and service delivery that are in alignment with the County's Sustainability Goals.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

***Recommendation #1***

For Recommendation 1.1, it is anticipated that the Health and Human Services Agency can absorb the impact to staffing and consultant needs in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operational Plan to address the six month return back. For Recommendation 1.2, it is anticipated that the final report will require a significant investment in staffing costs and consultant needs to report back with prioritized recommendations for action and investment. The resource needs to address Recommendation 1.2 is contingent upon the approval of resourcing and funding identified at the report back under Recommendation 1.1. At this time, there will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years associated with today's actions.

**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.

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

ABSENT: Vargas

- 13. **SUBJECT: UPDATE ON AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS FOR THE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO HEALTH FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES WITHIN THE EAST CAMPUS MEDICAL CENTER (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

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

On May 21, 2024 (23), the Board advanced this vision by approving actions to enter into negotiations with University of California, San Diego Health (UCSD Health) to establish psychiatric acute inpatient services, a crisis stabilization unit (CSU), and an emergency psychiatric unit (EPU) at the East Campus Medical Center (ECMC) to provide care for Medi-Cal beneficiaries within the specialty care system. Today's item provides an update on this partnership to negotiate toward the establishment of a new inpatient behavioral health facility and CSU at the ECMC. Today's item also requests authorization to execute agreements with UCSD Health, including a letter of intent and an unsecured loan of up to \$32.0 million for necessary facility improvements at ECMC, and to establish appropriations of \$32.0 million to cover costs for the facility improvements.

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 through further strengthening the continuum of behavioral health services in San Diego County.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find that the proposed actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines sections 15301 and 15302.
2. Receive the 120-day update on the partnership between the County of San Diego (County) and the University of California, San Diego Health (UCSD Health) for future behavioral health services within the East Campus Medical Center (ECMC) as directed by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on May 21, 2024 (23).
3. Pursuant to Government Code section 26227, authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, upon successful negotiations, to execute an agreement or agreements with UCSD Health for a new inpatient behavioral health facility and crisis stabilization unit within the ECMC, to include the attached letter of intent and an unsecured loan agreement of up to \$32.0 million to UCSD Health for necessary facility improvements.
4. Establish appropriations of \$32,000,000 in the County and Human Services Agency, Services & Supplies, from the General Fund Reserve to cover costs for facility improvements related to psychiatric acute inpatient and crisis stabilization services within ECMC to promote the long-term fiscal health and stability of the County. **(4 VOTES)**

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

As the Specialty Mental Health Plan, County of San Diego (County) Behavioral Health Services provides mental health and substance use services for residents eligible for Medi-Cal, ensuring resources are allocated equitably and reaching communities most impacted by behavioral health disparities with high quality services.

The partnership between the County and University of California, San Diego Health through the establishment of the East Campus Medical Center will help address health disparities by improving access to behavioral health services, enhancing the quality of care, and providing more effective care coordination aligned with upstream prevention and continuous care. These services will not only reduce unnecessary hospitalizations and divert individuals from hospital emergency departments but also increase connection of individuals discharged from crisis stabilization units and emergency psychiatric units to resources and support systems, enhance care coordination, and increase Medi-Cal enrollment, further advancing the County vision for a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's action supports the County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to County services by establishing an array of acute psychiatric and emergency psychiatric care at the East Campus Medical Center (ECMC) to serve all residents in need of critical behavioral health care, particularly those impacted in the East Region. Additionally, these actions align with Sustainability Goal #4 to protect the health and well-being of everyone in the San Diego County region. By enhancing the quality of care and providing more effective care coordination, the expansion of the ECMC behavioral health infrastructure aims to reduce unnecessary hospitalizations and divert individuals from hospital emergency departments. This not only alleviates the burden on local healthcare facilities but also ensures that residents receive timely and appropriate care. The focus on upstream prevention and continuous care will increase connections to resources and support systems for individuals discharged from these acute psychiatric and emergency settings which further contribute to the overall health and well-being of San Diego County residents.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for these requests are not included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-26 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency (HHS). If approved, today's recommendations will result in one-time costs of \$32,000,000 in FY 2024-25 to cover facility improvements related to psychiatric acute inpatient services and crisis stabilization unit within the East Campus Medical Center. The funding source is the General Fund Reserve. In accordance with the San Diego County Code of Administrative Ordinances (Administrative Code) Section 113.1, related to General Fund Balances and Reserves, all appropriations of the General Fund Reserve will require at least four votes of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors. Up to \$32,000,000 of funding would be provided to University of California, San Diego Health (UCSD Health) as an unsecured loan, which would be repaid by UCSD Health over an anticipated term of 30 years, including interest, through its rate structure that would be factored into the replenishment plan. UCSD Health will also pursue grant funding under the Proposition 1 Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Grant program and, if awarded, the loan amount may be lower.

Today's recommended use of the General Fund Reserve will reduce the Reserve to below the minimum required balance, and restoration of the Reserve to the minimum balance will take place over the next one to three years, pursuant to the County of San Diego (County) Administrative Code. A plan and amounts to support the replenishment of the Reserve will be included in the FY 2025-26 Operational Plan, based on available funding sources, which may include anticipated FY 2024-25 budgetary operational results, General Purpose Revenue generated by growth in the County's assessed value, and loan payments made from UCSD Health. There will be no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

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

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

ABSENT: Vargas

## **14. SUBJECT: RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE AGING ROADMAP (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

According to population estimates from San Diego Association of Governments, of the nearly 3.3 million people currently residing in San Diego County, approximately 710,000 are adults aged 60 years and older. By 2029, the number of adults aged 60 years and older who reside in the county is expected to increase to more than 824,000. Additionally, the fastest growing age group in the county, those 85 years and older, is projected to increase from an estimated 64,850 in 2022 to 75,740 in 2029. Therefore, it is crucial that we take the needs of our region's older adults into account as we plan for the future.

Launched at the direction of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) on September 24, 2019 (4), the Aging Roadmap is the County of San Diego's (County) plan to ensure that the region has programs and communities that equitably support the needs of older adults. The Aging Roadmap serves as the County framework for aging and identifies goals and action steps in ten priority areas of: Health & Community Support; Housing; Social Participation; Transportation; Dementia; Caregiver Support; Safety; Preparedness; Silver Economy; and Medical & Social Services System.

The Aging Roadmap annual report provides an update on each of the ten priority areas to include the current landscape, accomplishments, and next steps for each priority area. The annual report also describes the programs and initiatives for Fiscal Years 2024-28 through an updated Aging Roadmap Action Plan. Today's action requests the Board receive the fifth annual report of the Aging Roadmap.

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, 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 supporting older adults and persons with disabilities through various programs and initiatives and ensuring a community that is livable for people of all ages. This item aligns with and advances the State of California's Master Plan for Aging, which prioritizes advancing local and statewide goals to include person-centered and equity-focused age- and disability-friendly policies, programs, and services.

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

Receive update on the Aging Roadmap.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Recognizing the increasing diversity of San Diego County’s population, the Aging Roadmap represents the commitment to ensure that all residents can age well while accessing needed services, regardless of their race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender identity, and/or sexual orientation.

Principles of equity guide the County of San Diego’s (County) ongoing community engagement efforts. The County Health and Human Services Agency, Aging & Independence Services (AIS) invited input from the community to share their needs and express input on issues relevant to the Aging Roadmap. Starting in September 2023, AIS conducted 17 community feedback sessions with older adults, caregivers, persons with disabilities, and service providers across a range of topic areas and localities throughout the county. The sessions were held at senior centers, community centers, and similar locations with support from partner and service organizations. Eight of these sessions were fully open to the public while the remaining nine involved groups that had been specifically invited by the host organization (e.g., attendees of a day program for persons living with dementia, people living with disabilities). Some sessions included multi-lingual support or were conducted in a language other than English. A few examples include, Spanish interpretation services for the Congregational Tower Chula Vista community feedback session, Arabic interpretation services for the Salvation Army El Cajon community feedback session, and Arabic and Chaldean interpretation services during the Silvercrest Senior Residence community feedback session in El Cajon. Equity considerations throughout the planning process ensured that sessions would capture the voices of diverse cohorts of older adults. Attendees included people from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds, non-English speakers, people with disabilities, people with dementia, caregivers, refugees, people from the LGBTQI+ population, housing insecure older adults, and those living on a low-income.

By convening community coalitions, collaborating with community-based organizations, and conducting programming within diverse neighborhoods, the County ensures that the voice of the community informs the development of Aging Roadmap programs and initiatives. One example from Fiscal Year 2023-24 is the creation of a food resource guide for non-English-speaking residents who took a CalFresh Healthy Living course at the Villa Alta Apartments in City Heights. The program participants shared that they lacked awareness of community resources due to language barriers and they desired a resource guide to know where to access various food resources. As a result, a food resource guide was created, and it is now available in the eight languages spoken in that apartment complex.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today’s action supports the County of San Diego’s (County) Sustainability Goal #1 to engage the community in meaningful ways; Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to County services, and Sustainability Goal #4 to promote the health and well-being of everyone in the region. Specifically, the Aging Roadmap represents the County’s comprehensive system of care, including both person-centered and community-wide efforts. Engaging the community through ongoing convenings with community coalitions ensures that diverse input and

contributions from impacted stakeholders inform Aging Roadmap priorities. Additionally, equity and service accessibility are prioritized across all ten priority areas within the Aging Roadmap. Specific efforts that contribute to this goal include ensuring resources are available in multiple languages; closing the digital divide through resources and services offered through the Technology for Social Inclusion and Well-Being program such as iPad distribution and one-on-one, in-home instructional classes; and administering programs that keep older adults healthy and housed. Utilizing the Aging Roadmap as the guide, the County and community organizations leverage impactful partnerships to improve and expand services that contribute to the safety and well-being of older adults.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this recommendation. 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 Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended.

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

ABSENT: Vargas

**15. SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THE COUNTYWIDE FOOD PROCUREMENT  
(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego (County) established a countywide food contract to provide food and related services to those that are in the care or custody of the County, including those individuals in the Sheriff's Office's custody and at the Health and Human Services Agency's Edgemoor Distinct Part Skilled Nursing Facility. However, all County departments can use the countywide food contract. On December 5, 2023 (26), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted Board Policy B-75, *County of San Diego Sustainable, Equitable, and Local Food Sourcing Policy*. Board Policy B-75 outlines six value categories to guide the County's food procurement process: local sourcing, equity-informed sourcing, elevated labor standards, organic or regenerative certification, low-carbon intensity, and nutritional co-benefit.

On March 12, 2024 (12), the Board authorized a competitive solicitation for a contract for food, food preparation supplies, and equipment that incorporates the six value categories of Board Policy B-75. This authorization also required that the supplier selected track data and metrics regarding fulfillment of these six value categories. In addition, the Board directed the development of an action plan to find, uplift, and cultivate local businesses to serve as providers for these larger food contracts through working in partnership with local stakeholders.

Today's action requests that the Board receive an update on the progress from the March 12, 2024 (12) action.



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

Receive an update on the countywide food procurement.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego (County) provides millions of meals annually to some of the most vulnerable people in the region. Multiple departments across the County enterprise purchase food, food preparation supplies, and equipment on a large scale to meet its food provision obligations, in part governed by State and Federal law, and to those within the County’s care. In order to meet the various food services requirements across the County, a countywide contract was established to allow multiple County departments to purchase these services and supplies in bulk and on an as needed basis. Establishing a countywide contract that incorporates Board Policy B-75, *County of San Diego Sustainable, Equitable, and Local Food Sourcing Policy*, focuses County operations to positively impact the food system for local food producers, workers, and businesses owned and/or operated by underserved communities. Sysco Foods, the countywide food contractor, will include local suppliers in their catalog that are committed to local sourcing, equity-informed sourcing, elevated labor standards, organic or regenerative certification, low-carbon intensity, and nutritional co-benefit. Additionally, in order to develop the action plan to connect local businesses as providers to larger food contracts, staff will leverage community partnerships to engage and connect suppliers in the food system to information on how to do business with the County and procurement technical assistance resources to increase participation of local, small, and diverse suppliers on the countywide food contract and on future food related contracts.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today’s proposed action is part of the implementation of Board Policy B-75, *County of San Diego Sustainable, Equitable, and Local Food Sourcing Policy*, which supports the County’s Sustainability Goal #2, to provide just and equitable access to County services, policy decision making, and resource allocation in support of sustainable communities; the County’s Sustainability Goal #4, to protect the health and wellbeing of everyone in the region, with a focus on collaborating with community partners and advocating for environmental justice for communities that have been disproportionately impacted; and the County’s Sustainability Goal #7, to reduce pollution and waste and demonstrate reduction in consumption of resources.

**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**

The County purchases food, food preparation supplies, and equipment on a large scale to provide millions of meals annually. The countywide food contract with Sysco Foods requires local suppliers to be included in Sysco Foods’ catalog, which will have a positive impact on the local business community. Sysco Foods will work with County departments to establish a training program that builds the capacity and trains future generations, of local, small, and diverse businesses.

**ACTION:**

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

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

**16. SUBJECT: ASSESSOR/RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK - APPOINTMENT OF JEFFREY OLSON TO RETIREE REHIRE POSITION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

According to California Government Code section 7522.56, any retired person receiving a pension from a public retirement system shall not be employed by an employer in the same retirement system for a period of 180 days following the date of retirement. There is an exception to this rule when the governing board of a public agency certifies the nature of employment, and that the appointment of the retired person is necessary to fill a critically needed position before the end of the 180-day waiting period.

Today, we recommend the approval of the appointment of Mr. Jeffrey Olson to a retiree/rehire position within the Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk (ARCC) Office. Mr. Olson will be assigned to the Taxpayer Advocate Program within the Assessor Division of ARCC. This program plays a crucial role in providing public education to the community, property owners, and other local government entities within San Diego County. Specifically, the program assists these stakeholders in navigating complex assessment scenarios, such as the Disaster Relief and Navigating Loss programs.

Today's action will approve the temporary employment of Jeffrey Olson within ARCC, to perform work of limited duration and which is critically needed before 180 days have passed since Mr. Olson's retirement date as the vital position will become vacant. Furthermore, Mr. Olson's expertise will continue to be leveraged in highly advanced property assessment work, and he will play a key role in training staff to ensure that the department maintains full functional redundancies.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**ASSESSOR/RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK AND CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Pursuant to California Government Code section 7522.56 approve the appointment of Jeffrey Olson to a retiree-rehire position as a chief deputy in the Taxpayer Advocate Program for the Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk Office before the 180 days have passed since his retirement date.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

This recommendation supports the Board of Supervisors' commitment to racial justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion. By expanding the Taxpayer Advocate Program, we are taking meaningful steps to assist individuals who have historically lacked representation and access to vital resources.

This expansion will enhance our ability to engage with various community groups, including welfare institutions, disabled veterans' organizations, and small business associations-particularly those that represent diverse backgrounds. The Assessor's research has shown that while the property tax system is designed to be impartial, disparities in access to representation and information still exist. By strengthening the Taxpayer Advocate Program, we aim to bridge these gaps and ensure that everyone in our community has the support they need.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action is in alignment with the County's strategic initiative to promote economic sustainability for all. It also ensures our ability to respond effectively to the immediate needs of individuals, families, and the broader region. By enhancing the resources and outreach of the Taxpayer Advocate Program, we are strengthening our commitment to supporting the economic well-being of our community, providing crucial assistance where it is most needed, and fostering a more equitable environment for all residents.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operational Plan for the Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk Office. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs of \$70.20 per hour for no more than 120 workdays/960 hours for the fiscal year. The funding source is existing General Purpose Revenue. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

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

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

ABSENT: Vargas

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

### **OVERVIEW**

#### **A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**

(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)

Yvonne Bareno v. County of San Diego, et al.;

San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2023- 00046997-CU-OE-CTL

#### **B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**

(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)

Hazard Construction v. County of San Diego; Office of Administrative Hearing

Public Works Contract Arbitration Case No. A-0006-2023

**ACTION:**

County Counsel reported that for Closed Session on September 24, 2024, the Board of Supervisors took no reportable actions.

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

**OVERVIEW**

Michael Brando spoke to the Board regarding toxic positivity.

John Hammerstrand spoke to the Board regarding the Request for Proposals (RFP) for hangers at Gillespie Field.

Mark spoke to the Board regarding the U.N. World Health Organization.

Bryant Rumbaugh spoke to the Board regarding engaged citizens.

Steven Cash spoke to the Board regarding being wrongfully prosecuted.

Consuelo spoke to the Board regarding public engagement.

Paul the Bold spoke to the Board regarding the Brown Act and public comment rules.

Justin Castro spoke to the Board regarding elections fraud.

Madison Rapp spoke to the Board regarding health risks of marijuana use on youth.

Terri-Ann Skelly spoke to the Board regarding the health risks of secondhand smoke on youth.

Luke Slywaker spoke to the Board regarding issues at the border.

Audra spoke to the Board regarding issues at the border.

Jim Ellis spoke to the Board regarding the Board's actions and the toxic environment in the Chamber.

Megan Stuart spoke to the Board regarding support of restrictions for hemp products.

Barbara Gordon spoke to the Board regarding support of National Suicide prevention Month.

Becky Rapp spoke to the Board regarding concerns regarding marijuana products being marketed to youth.

Kelly McCormick spoke to the Board regarding the negative health impacts of youth vaping.

Kathleen Lippitt spoke to the Board regarding the negative impacts of the marijuana industry on youth.

Truth spoke to the Board regarding sewage issues at the Tijuana River Valley, and also spoke about campaign contributions.

Peggy Walker spoke to the Board regarding negative impacts of high potency THC products on youth.

**ACTION:**

Heard, Referred to the Chief Administrative Officer.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 3:45 p.m., in memory of James “Eric” Hereford.

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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