October 3, 2022

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS

The Minutes of the

SAN DIEGO COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT:
County of San Diego -
Supervisors Nathan Fletcher, Chair; Nora Vargas, Vice-Chair; Joel Anderson, Terra Lawson-Remer; also, Andrew Potter, Clerk of the Board

City of San Diego -
Councilmembers Sean Elo-Rivera, Council President; Monica Montgomery Steppe, Council President Pro Tem; Joe LaCava; Jennifer Campbell; Stephen Whitburn; Marni von Wilpert; Chris Cate; Raul Campillo; also, Elizabeth Maland, City Clerk.

ABSENT:
County of San Diego – Supervisor Jim Desmond

City of San Diego – Councilmember Vivian Moreno

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Robson Winters, Associated Students Vice President of External Relations

DISCUSSION ITEM

ITEM 1: JOINT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE IMPACTS OF THE LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN SAN DIEGO AND DECLARING INTENT TO WORK TOGETHER TO SUPPORT INCREASING THE REGION’S AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLY (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW
The County Board of Supervisors (Board) and San Diego City Council (City Council) are coming together to jointly acknowledge and address the region’s top issue: the affordable housing crisis. The lack of affordable
housing in our region is negatively impacting our economic growth and is the primary driver of our homelessness problem. The County and the City will commit to working together on innovative and practical steps to help us realize 10,000 new units of affordable housing by 2030.

Today's Board action will express and acknowledge the sense of the Board that a lack of affordable housing is the primary driver of our homelessness crisis and further represents the greatest risk to the long-term economic health and prosperity of the region, and that the Board will support collaborative efforts with the City Council to increase the supply of affordable housing to meet and exceed the goal of 10,000 new units of affordable housing by 2030.

RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHAIR NATHAN FLETCHER
Adopt joint resolution, to the extent legally permissible by the body's respective authority and jurisdiction, that the lack of affordable housing is the primary driver of our homelessness crisis and further represents the greatest risk to the long-term economic health and prosperity of the region. The body will jointly resolve to continuing to work together to support increasing the supply of affordable housing to meet and exceed the goal of 10,000 new units of affordable housing by 2030.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT
The region's affordable housing crisis has only gotten worse since the pandemic with those at the lowest end of the economic spectrum most adversely impacted. Recent studies have found that Black renters in San Diego are the most burdened by rent and spend 18% more of their income on rent compared to Black households nationally. Homeownership rates among Whites still far outpace homeownership rates among Latinos and Black households, and as the region's affordable housing crisis intensifies, it exacerbates racial wealth gaps.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT
This resolution aims to promote sustainable growth and ensure alignment with climate goals set by state and federal law.

FISCAL IMPACT
There are no direct expenditures being authorized by the Board of Supervisors through this action. At this time, there will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.
There may be future fiscal impacts based on recommendations from today’s action. Funding for the costs will need to be identified; Departments will monitor their budgets and return to the Board with mid-year action to adjust the budget as necessary and/or incorporate future budgets as funding becomes available. Staff will return to the Board for consideration and approval of any other future fiscal impacts that may result from the recommendations. Upon return by staff, funding for future costs will need to be identified by the department and will proceed once identified.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT
This resolution will acknowledge the leading role that our housing market is playing in stifling economic growth, squeezing middle and working-class families, and fueling the rise of homelessness in our region. The cost of this housing affordability crisis is measured in lost productivity when the workers supporting our businesses can’t find affordable places to live. This resolution aims to set the foundation for efforts to promote increased regional growth.

ACTION:
ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Reemer, the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, adopting Resolution No. 22-145 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TO FORMALLY EXPRESS THEIR INTENT TO TAKE JOINT ACTION TO INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN OUR REGION CONSISTENT WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE AUTHORITY.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Reemer, Fletcher
ABSENT: Desmond

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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

Notes: 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.

Monday, October 3, 2022
Approved by the Board of Supervisors, on Tuesday, October 25, 2022.

NATHAN FLETCHER  
Chair

Attest:

ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board

10/03/2022 Board of Supervisors Special Meeting