

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, HOUSING AUTHORITY, IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE
SERVICES PUBLIC AUTHORITY, SANITATION DISTRICT, SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT, COUNTY SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021, 9:00 AM
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, ROOM 310
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Order of Business

A. REGULAR SESSION: Meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

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

B. Invocation was led by The Very Reverend Penny Bridges, St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral.

C. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Patricia Huntington class from Farb Middle School.

D. Presentation or Announcement of Proclamations and Awards:

Chair Fletcher presented a proclamation declaring October 2021, to be Breast Cancer Awareness Month throughout the County of San Diego.

Chair Fletcher and Vice-Chair Nora Vargas presented a proclamation declaring October 5, 2021, to be Gompers Teachers' Association Day throughout the County of San Diego.

Vice-Chair Nora Vargas and Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer presented a proclamation declaring September 15, 2021 through October 15, 2021, to be Latino and Hispanic Heritage Month throughout the County of San Diego.

Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer presented a proclamation declaring October 5, 2021, to be Senior Alliance Day throughout the County of San Diego.

E. 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.

F. Approval of the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the meeting of September 14, 2021.

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors approved the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the meeting of September 14, 2021.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

G. Formation of Consent Calendar

H. Discussion Items

- I. 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

Category	#	Subject
Public Safety	1.	NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING: INITIATION OF DISSOLUTION OF COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 69 AND TRANSFER OF FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES TO THE CITY OF SANTEE AND LAKESIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AS SUCCESSOR AGENCIES
	2.	NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DEFENSIBLE SPACE FOR FIRE PROTECTION ORDINANCE [FUNDING SOURCE: UNASSIGNED GENERAL FUND FUND BALANCE IN FISCAL YEAR 2021-22] (4 VOTES)
	3.	COMMUNITIES SHOULD NOT HAVE TO LIVE IN FEAR OF SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS
	4.	EXPLORING FIREFIGHTING OPPORTUNITIES WITH HELI-HYDRANT TECHNOLOGY AS PART OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY'S RAPID AERIAL RESPONSE
	5.	SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE - ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF ROADSIDE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT FOR EVACUATION PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM - PROCUREMENT AND APPROPRIATIONS [FUNDING SOURCE: UNASSIGNED GENERAL FUND FUND BALANCE IN FISCAL YEAR 2021-22] (4 VOTES)
	6.	SHERIFF - INCREASE TO VEHICLE LICENSE FEE TO FUND CALIFORNIA IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM FINGERPRINT EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES [FUNDING SOURCE: STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTRATION FEES]

Health and
Human Services

7. FUNDING AFGHAN REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT COSTS FROM FROZEN AFGHANISTAN GOVERNMENT ASSETS AND DEVELOPING A COMPREHENSIVE COUNTY RESPONSE PLAN
8. RECEIVE UPDATE ON CREATING THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE AFFAIRS AND AUTHORIZATION TO PURSUE FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES RELATED TO SUPPORTING THE IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE COMMUNITY
9. ADDRESSING THE CARE CRISIS: IMPROVING IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS) TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

(RELATES TO IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PUBLIC AUTHORITY AGENDA NO. IA01)
10. RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE COVID-19 RESPONSE, RATIFY ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY AND LOCAL EMERGENCY, AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF IMMUNIZATION LOCAL ASSISTANCE FOR COVID-19 GRANT FUNDING, ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TELECONFERENCE PUBLIC MEETINGS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953, AND AUTHORIZE ANY OTHER ACTION NECESSARY TO ADDRESS THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
11. RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 ANNUAL UPDATE [FUNDING SOURCE: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA)]

Land Use and
Environment

12. TRIBUTE TO THE FIFTH DISTRICT'S UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES: COMMUNITY IDENTIFICATION SIGNAGE PROGRAM IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY
13. ALLOCATE \$13 MILLION IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS FOR INVESTMENTS IN STORMWATER, SEWER, AND DRINKING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE (4 VOTES)
14. ALLOCATE \$2.0 MILLION IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS FOR INVESTMENTS IN YOUTH SPORTS AND CAMPS

15. SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF GIFTS AND DONATIONS AND RATIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS AND DONATIONS EXCEEDING \$5,000 TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY LIBRARY; ACCEPT GRANT AWARDS AND ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS
[FUNDING SOURCE: GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY]
(4 VOTES)
- Financial and
General
Government
16. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:
APPROVAL OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES FOR BAYPOINT PREPARATORY ACADEMY, MAAC COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL (MCCS), AND THE SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SANDAG)
17. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:
ISSUANCE OF REVENUE OBLIGATIONS BY THE CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF CORONADO HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED IN AN AGGREGATE MAXIMUM AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500,000
18. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:
ISSUANCE OF REVENUE OBLIGATIONS BY THE CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GILLISPIE SCHOOL IN AN AGGREGATE MAXIMUM AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,000,000
19. FRAMEWORK FOR THE FUTURE: CREATING A COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY THAT IS INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE
20. ASSESSMENT OF ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
21. NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM & COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT GRANTS (DISTRICT: 4)
[FUNDING SOURCES: GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE AND TRANSIT OCCUPANCY TAX]
22. NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT AND COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM GRANTS (DISTRICT: 3)
[FUNDING SOURCE: GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE AND TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUES]

- 23. COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANTS (DISTRICT: 1) [FUNDING SOURCE: GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE AND TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUES]
- 24. STAFF REPORT ON PROPOSED WORKING FAMILIES ORDINANCE [FUNDING SOURCE: UNASSIGNED GENERAL FUND FUND BALANCE]
- 25. RESCISSION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARLSBAD AND COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO REGARDING THE MCCLELLAN-PALOMAR AIRPORT MASTER PLAN UPDATE
- 26. AUTHORIZATION FOR COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION AND AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR TEMPORARY HELP SERVICES
- 27. APPOINTMENTS: VARIOUS
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- 30. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Communications
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Closed Session

Public
Communication

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1. **SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:
INITIATION OF DISSOLUTION OF COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO.
69 AND TRANSFER OF FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATIVE
OVERSIGHT FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES TO THE CITY OF
SANTEE AND LAKESIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AS
SUCCESSOR AGENCIES (DISTRICT: 2)**

OVERVIEW

On August 31, 2021 (01), the Board of Supervisors continued the item to October 5, 2021.

Established by the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors (Board) in 1974, County Service Area No. 69 (CSA 69) provides funding and administrative oversight for Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance transport services within the City of Santee, Lakeside Fire Protection District, and the surrounding unincorporated communities of Pepper Drive and Bostonia, covering approximately 63 square miles of unincorporated East County. Under governance of the Board, administrative oversight is provided by the County of San Diego Emergency Medical Services Office (County EMS). Through a contract with the County, the City of Santee and the Lakeside Fire Protection District receive funding from the County to provide ALS ambulance transport services to CSA 69.

In April 2019, County EMS retained a consultant to evaluate the effectiveness and sustainability of the current management system and service delivery model and present their findings in a white paper. The review indicated a fundamental transformation of the CSA structure was long overdue and proposed the dissolution of CSA 69 and transfer of funding and administrative oversight for ALS ambulance transport services to the City of Santee and Lakeside Fire Protection District. The dissolution will align responsibilities and provide local control for administrative oversight, management of tax revenue, and provision of services.

Today's request seeks approval to take the necessary actions to initiate the dissolution of CSA 69 and transfer funding and administrative oversight for ALS ambulance transport services to the City of Santee and Lakeside Fire Protection District as successor agencies.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON

1. Find that adoption of the proposed resolution of application for dissolution of County Service Area No. 69 is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) but exempt from further review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. Sections 15378(b)(4) and (5) also apply because the proposed action involves government fiscal activities that do not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment and because the proposed action involves organization or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. Additionally, CEQA Guidelines Section 15320 applies because the proposed actions involve a reorganization of local governmental agencies where the changes do not alter the geographical area in which existing powers are exercised.

2. Adopt the Resolution entitled: RESOLUTION OF APPLICATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TO INITIATE PROCEEDINGS WITH THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR A REORGANIZATION TO INCLUDE THE DISSOLUTION OF COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 69 (Attachment C, on file with the Clerk of the Board).
3. Authorize County departments to take all actions necessary to develop and adopt a County Service Area No. 69 Transition Plan (Attachment C - Exhibit B, on file with the Clerk of the Board) with the City of Santee and Lakeside Fire Protection District.
4. Authorize the Auditor and Controller, and other County departments, to take all actions necessary to transfer funding and administrative oversight for ambulance services from County Service Area No. 69 to the City of Santee and Lakeside Fire Protection District.
5. Direct the Clerk of the Board to provide a certified copy of the Resolution of Application to the San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The San Diego County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Office is committed to assuring that equity is considered in policy development, EMS resource availability, and EMS service provision in all areas where the County has jurisdictional influence and/or authority. Community feedback received at public meetings indicates residents support the dissolution of County Service Area No. 69 and the transfer of funding and administrative oversight for Advanced Life Support ambulance transport services to local jurisdictions.

FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years with this action. If a dissolution is approved by the San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), this request will transfer County Service Area No. 69 (CSA 69) reserves and future property tax revenue received from CSA 69 to the City of Santee and Lakeside Fire Protection District. The property tax and benefit fee revenue generated for CSA 69 totaled approximately \$3,492,662 in Fiscal Year 2020-21. CSA 69 reserves will be used for any costs related to the reorganization process. It is estimated that County Fire/EMS administrative functions will continue over a three-year period after the dissolution. A portion of the reserves will cover these General Fund administrative costs estimated at \$383,000. A review of the assets and liabilities will be conducted as due diligence by LAFCO.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors closed the Hearing and took action as recommended, adopting Resolution No. 21-155, entitled: RESOLUTION OF APPLICATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TO INITIATE PROCEEDINGS WITH THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR A REORGANIZATION TO INCLUDE THE DISSOLUTION OF COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 69.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

2. **SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DEFENSIBLE SPACE FOR FIRE
PROTECTION ORDINANCE (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

The County of San Diego (County) is no stranger to the risk and long-term effects of large-scale wildfires. Following significant local wildfires in 2003 and 2007, the County adopted several local building and fire code amendments that exceed state requirements to increase fire safety and wildfire prevention within the region. These requirements apply concurrently alongside the County's Defensible Space for Fire Protection Ordinance, which was adopted in its current form on May 10, 2011 (9).

Defensible Space is an area where materials that will readily ignite, burn, and transmit fire have been treated, cleared, or modified to slow the rate and intensity of an advancing wildfire and to create an area for fire suppression operations to occur. Creating defensible space around structures in the unincorporated area can save lives and property. Several state and local codes address the requirements for defensible space, including the California Public Resources Code, County Consolidated Fire Code, and Defensible Space for Fire Protection Ordinance. On July 13, 2021 (1), the Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Chief Administrative Officer to continue stakeholder outreach and return to the Board with a proposal to amend the Defensible Space for Fire Protection Ordinance to align with the County Consolidated Fire Code. The proposed amendments in today's action are meant to align these codes to increase the safety of residents during a wildfire and improve the survivability of homes, other structures, and critical infrastructure.

Today's requested actions are for the Board of Supervisors to find that the proposed actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), approve funds to increase contracted capacity to engage with residents and enforce the Defensible Space for Fire Protection Ordinance, and to amend the Defensible Space for Fire Protection Ordinance, Chapter 4 of Division 8 of Title 6 of the San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

On October 5, 2021:

1. Find that the proposed action is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15304. The proposed action is to amend an ordinance that will require minor alterations to land by responsible parties through fuel management activities and prohibits the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species, significant erosion, or sedimentation of surface waters.
2. Establish appropriations of \$600,120 in San Diego County Fire, Services & Supplies, for one contracted Battalion Chief, one contracted Fire Captain, five seasonally contracted Defensible Space Inspectors, and associated operational costs to engage with residents about the defensible space requirements and to enforce local and state fire codes and regulations based on Unassigned General Fund Fund Balance. **(4 VOTES)**

3. Approve the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading), read title, and waive further reading of the Ordinance:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF DIVISION 8 OF TITLE 6 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES RELATED TO DEFENSIBLE SPACE REQUIREMENTS.

If, on October 5, 2021, the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors takes action as recommended, then on October 19, 2021, consider and adopt (second reading):
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF DIVISION 8 OF TITLE 6 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES RELATED TO DEFENSIBLE SPACE REQUIREMENTS.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Taking the proposed action will result in increased community resilience and decreased likelihood of the need to rebuild whole communities after devastating wildfires. A total of 79 percent of the unincorporated area in San Diego County is designated as High or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones. In addition, 41 percent of the unincorporated area has burned at least once since 2000.

Today's recommendations revise the defensible space requirements for unincorporated areas outside of independent fire protection or municipal water districts. For fire protection or municipal water districts that contract with the County to provide defensible space related services, County Fire works with local fire safe councils and other community organizations to assist individuals who are differently abled, elderly, or do not have the financial resources to perform defensible space work themselves. County Fire and CAL FIRE San Diego Unit staff refer individuals to grant-funded programs that assist in performing this work.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year 2021-23 Operational Plan for San Diego County Fire. If approved, this request will result in an estimated current year cost of \$440,120 and \$160,000 for one-time costs associated with the procurement of vehicles and equipment. Subsequent year costs are estimated at \$774,679 for contracted services. The funding source for this request is Unassigned General Fund Fund Balance in Fiscal Year 2021-22. Subsequent years costs and funding sources will be included and identified in future Operational Plans for the San Diego County Fire. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years for the current year.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors closed the Hearing and took the following actions:

1. Found that the proposed action is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15304. The proposed action is to amend an ordinance that will require minor alterations to land by responsible parties through fuel management activities and prohibits the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species, significant erosion, or sedimentation of surface waters.

2. Established appropriations of \$600,120 in San Diego County Fire, Services & Supplies, for one contracted Battalion Chief, one contracted Fire Captain, five seasonally contracted Defensible Space Inspectors, and associated operational costs to engage with residents about the defensible space requirements and to enforce local and state fire codes and regulations based on Unassigned General Fund Fund Balance.
3. Approved the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading), read title, and waived further reading of the Ordinance to be adopted October 19, 2021.
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF DIVISION 8 OF TITLE 6 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES RELATED TO DEFENSIBLE SPACE REQUIREMENTS.
4. Make conforming changes to the proposed ordinance to refer vegetation height criteria back to County Fire/Cal Fire, to work with LUEG staff and Biodiversity Working Group, establish vegetation height limits, to enable residents to establish defensible space that is safe, fire resistant, and provide co-benefits of native landscape.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

3. SUBJECT: COMMUNITIES SHOULD NOT HAVE TO LIVE IN FEAR OF SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

San Diegans should not live in fear of knowing a Sexually Violent Predator could be placed to live in their neighborhoods.

There are 1,000 diagnosed Sexually Violent Predators (SVP) in California, and, according to Liberty Healthcare, 51 have been placed in neighborhoods through the Conditional Release (CONREP) program. In San Diego County, there are five SVPs placed in housing and three more are awaiting placement hearings.

An SVP is an individual who has been convicted of a sexually violent offense against one or more victims and who has a diagnosed mental disorder that makes the person a danger to the health and safety of others. The SVPs placed or proposed to be placed in the San Diego Region have committed crimes that include lewd acts upon children under 14 (as young as four years old), child molestation, forcible rape, and forcible sodomy, among others. Many of these were repeat crimes over the course of years.

The State of California's process to place convicted SVPs with Sexual Sadism and Paraphilic disorders in neighborhoods puts our communities at needless risk. Even after "clearance" determinations there are examples of SVPs in San Diego that have had their clearances revoked.

Two Sexually Violent Predators cleared by the California Department of State Hospitals (DSH) for placement in the San Diego region have had their clearance revoked and the two men have been remanded back to custody for more treatment. A third SVP was cleared for release in San Diego County in 2018 but had a request of revocation of the release in 2019 by Liberty Healthcare. Liberty Healthcare later withdrew its petition. More than half of the 51 SVPS on release have been sent back to the Department of State Hospitals.

When an SVP has been granted prison or hospital release, the DSH and their contractor, Liberty Healthcare work together to find a location for the SVP to be housed. Liberty Healthcare is known to pay two to three times the market rent. Once DSH and Liberty Healthcare have identified a location that meets their criteria, the Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) Task Force, and thereby the Sheriff's Department, are notified of the intended placement via a letter from DSH. SAFE then coordinates the generation and dissemination (typically within a day or two of each other) of the initial press release to the public with the District Attorney's Office, including proposed placement location, the court hearing the case, and placement hearing date and time. SAFE collects all public comments during the allotted period and tallies those who approve and disapprove of the placement location as indicated. Those results are documented in a letter addressed to the Director of DSH, Liberty Healthcare, and the court hearing the case. All submitted comments are also sent to the court hearing for judges to review prior to the hearing taking place.

Over the past 13 months, my office has worked with four community groups concerned about proposed SVP placements. The current 15-day window to submit correspondence to the Court via the SAFE Task Force is woefully short, and more time is needed to fully engage and educate community stakeholders. Additionally, there is no required SVP placement-related engagement with Planning & Development Services and other County departments. Several of the proposed placement locations in my district have had major code violations and even a major multi-agency drug bust. If Liberty Healthcare engaged with local jurisdictions ahead of time to ensure there is full compliance with zoning, permitting, code violations and law enforcement history with the property a great deal of community concerns and frustrations could be alleviated. Additionally, many of the communities most impacted are in rural communities who must travel a great distance to participate in court proceedings, often passing by other courthouses in the North and East portions of the County. These placement hearings should be held in the closest courthouse to the proposed location.

California Code, Welfare and Institutions Code - WIC § 6608.5 addresses the placement of SVP's and calls for a person who is released pursuant to this article shall be placed in the county of the domicile of the person prior to the person's incarceration, unless both of the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1) The court finds that extraordinary circumstances require placement outside the county of domicile.
- (2) The designated county of placement was given prior notice and an opportunity to comment on the proposed placement of the committed person in the county, according to procedures set forth in Section 6609.1 .

Code also states the “county of domicile shall designate a county agency or program that will provide assistance and consultation in the process of locating and securing housing within the county for persons committed as sexually violent predators who are about to be released under Section 6608. Upon notification by the Department of State Hospitals of a person's potential or expected release under Section 6608, the county of domicile shall notify the department of the name of the designated agency or program, at least 60 days before the date of the potential or expected release.”

While code states the County will “provide assistance and consultation”, this process does not allow for the County of San Diego to weigh in on determination of release and placement, including assessments of release readiness nor veto of placement locations. This is a flaw in the code. Since there is no meaningful opportunity for the County and staff, including

clinicians, to fully vet nor offer substantial information and have a real voice in the placement process, the County of San Diego, along with other Counties, have disengaged with this non-participatory process.

The process is broken and should be immediately halted. Today, I am asking for the Board to take a position and reassure San Diego County communities that they should no longer have to live in fear of releases and placements of SVPs in their neighborhoods, and request that the State of California update the California Welfare and Institutions Code - WIC § 6608 d to allow a local jurisdiction to fully participate in the placement process with full veto authority. The proposed action also requests that the State of California Department of State Hospitals declares San Diego County off-limits for Sexually Violent Predator placements until the process is improved.

RECOMMENDATION(S)
SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to take necessary actions to oppose any further placements of Sexually Violent Predators in San Diego County until the California Welfare and Institutions Code - WIC § 6608 d has been updated to allow a local jurisdiction full participation in the release and placement process, including full veto authority.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to send a letter communicating the County's position to the State of California Department of State Hospitals and other relevant agencies.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The action proposed supports San Diegans' right to live in communities where they feel safe. The placement of a Sexually Violent Predator creates a sense of fear and will have a detrimental impact on our residents and the safety of our communities. This action is necessary to protect our most vulnerable populations.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

4. **SUBJECT: EXPLORING FIREFIGHTING OPPORTUNITIES WITH HELI-HYDRANT TECHNOLOGY AS PART OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY'S RAPID AERIAL RESPONSE (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

The San Diego County Fire Protection District (SDCFPD) covers approximately 1.5 million acres of San Diego County's unincorporated areas. SDCFPD continues to enhance firefighting strategies and have worked diligently to keep San Diegans safer from major fires. SDCFPD's strategic plan calls for exploring new technology infrastructure to enhance firefighting capabilities. The recently developed Heli-Hydrant technology provides a new opportunity for aerial water drops to rapidly halt the spread of a fire.

Last month, the Rainbow Municipal Water District, North County Fire Protection District and CalFire partnered to launch the first Heli-Hydrant in San Diego County and second in the community of Rainbow. The Heli-Hydrant is a pilot-controlled, remotely activated, 12' by 5' deep open tank that is only filled when needed. The Heli-Hydrant is connected to a water distribution system and helicopter pilots will have efficient, permanent access to water and be able to rapidly make substantial water drops. Heli-Hydrants are similar to an above ground swimming pool that can be filled with approximately 5,000 gallons of water in 6 minutes. It will allow a firefighting helicopter to fill its water tank within a matter of seconds and return to the fire quickly.

Heli-Hydrants provide a reliable water source that is strategically placed near high fire danger areas. Currently, seasonal ponds are often used, however, they are unreliable sources of water and can often clog suction lines with debris. Additionally, there are other factors, like power lines and water depth that can complicate the use of these types of water sources. Currently, SDCFPD has access to three helicopters year-round and nine helicopters during fire season to aid in fighting fires and Heli-Hydrants could reduce the risk of destruction to life and property.

Today's action will direct the CAO to work with staff to determine the feasibility of placing additional Heli-Hydrants in San Diego County and report back to the Board of Supervisors in 120 days with potential locations, partnerships, cost analysis and strategy to implement this innovative firefighting program.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)
SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND**

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to work with staff to determine the feasibility of placing additional Heli-Hydrants in San Diego County and report back to the Board of Supervisors in 120 days with potential locations, partnerships, cost analysis and strategy to implement this innovative firefighting program.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

California is known for its volatile Fire Season, a time when wildfires tend to rage across the state. Since the beginning of 2021, over 2 million acres have burned in California. The installation of Heli-hydrants will help to make water accessible during a wildfire to our most vulnerable communities, as well as provide much needed help to firefighters battling from the ground. The requested action supports the safety of our County as a whole. The recommendation will help ensure an added measure of protection and provide a sense of security to our communities during an unpredictable time.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact. Heli-Hydrants cost approximately \$150,000 per unit.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

5. **SUBJECT: SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE - ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF ROADSIDE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT FOR EVACUATION PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM - PROCUREMENT AND APPROPRIATIONS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

As wildfire incidents burn more acreage and exhibit more extreme behavior across the western United States, the County of San Diego (County) is focused on protecting its communities. One priority is to increase the County's efforts on vegetation management along roads that serve as key evacuation corridors. This will decrease the risk of life-threatening scenarios such as entrapment, when wildfire overtakes a road. The recommendations before the Board of Supervisors (Board) today are in response to the Board's direction on July 13, 2021 (1) to identify a funding source for an expanded countywide approach to roadside vegetation management that will include increasing the lane-miles maintained by the Department of Public Works (DPW) using current vegetation management methods, identifying critical evacuation corridors and communities with single entry and exit points to conduct additional vegetation management as needed, and conducting community engagement on these efforts. As an initial step, San Diego County Fire (County Fire) proposes to conduct an environmental review of areas requiring vegetation management, which will consider any mitigation actions needed to protect the existing environment while preparing for future wildfire events.

DPW's current practice is to manage vegetation along certain County-maintained roads in the unincorporated areas, up to 10 feet from the edge of the pavement within the public right-of-way. This allows for motorists to safely pull off the side of the road in an emergency. DPW's vegetation management work is limited to the unincorporated public roadway right-of-way typically in areas that are previously disturbed and where environmental concerns are apparent and can be avoided. DPW's maintenance operations consist of mowing and application of herbicide for weed control. In prior years, DPW mowed up to 10 feet of public right-of-way along 500 lane-miles a year of unincorporated County-maintained roadways for roadside safety. During Fiscal Year 2021-22, DPW is increasing mowing to 800 lane-miles as part of their workplan.

In response to the Board's July 13, 2021 (1) direction, County Fire proposes to further increase the number of lane-miles mowed to a maximum of 1,000 lane-miles, which includes new locations and locations that may need to be treated twice each year.

County Fire proposes to identify critical evacuation corridors and communities with single entry and exit points in which to conduct vegetation management for fire safety, which could include additional work in the right-of-way beyond the work done by DPW and up to 20 feet from the road. County Fire may also propose to conduct vegetation management on roads not already managed by DPW. As an initial step, County Fire proposes to conduct an environmental review of areas requiring vegetation management, which will consider any mitigation actions needed to protect the existing environment while preparing for future wildfire events. Environmental review must be completed and considered before a commitment to conduct vegetation management for fire safety can be made.

Today's requested actions are to approve the addition of 2.00 (two) staff years, procurement authority, and funding for County Fire and DPW to determine the scope and potential environmental impacts of a proposed countywide roadside vegetation management program for fire safety, which will then be presented to the Board for consideration upon completion of the environmental review process.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Find that today's actions are not subject to CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15060(c)(2) and (3) because they constitute organizational or administrative activities of a local government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and do not constitute a "project" pursuant to the definition in CEQA Guidelines section 15378.
2. Approve the request to add 1.00 (one) staff year to support San Diego County Fire and 1.00 (one) staff year in Department of Public Works for coordination with County Fire, including developing/reviewing the list of roads and establishing/managing contracts for planned work, and direct the Department of Human Resources to classify the positions at the appropriate level.
3. Establish appropriations of \$69,235 in San Diego County Fire, Salaries & Benefits, for one staff year based on Unassigned General Fund Balance. **(4 VOTES)**
4. Establish appropriations of \$484,437 in San Diego County Fire, Services & Supplies, for one contracted Fire Captain, one-time costs related to environmental reviews of the proposed project, and associated vehicles based on Unassigned General Fund Balance. **(4 VOTES)**
5. Establish appropriations of \$61,492 in Department of Public Works, Salaries & Benefits, for one staff year based on Unassigned General Fund Balance. **(4 VOTES)**
6. In accordance with Board Policy F-40, Procuring Architectural, Engineering, and Related Professional Services, for the purposes of roadside vegetation management in unincorporated San Diego County, designate County Fire as an Administering Department and approve and authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to procure any necessary as-needed professional services.
7. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to return to the Board with the proposed project, including the results of the environmental review and the proposed work plan for implementation.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Approximately 79 percent of the unincorporated area in San Diego County is designated as High or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones and is at risk of devastating wildfires. In addition, the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission in May 2020 found that more than 80 percent of the San Diego County Fire Protection District jurisdictional area qualifies as a disadvantaged unincorporated community, based on annual median income. Increased vegetation management for fire safety will benefit these communities by decreasing the likelihood of entrapment, loss of life, and loss of property for residents and visitors of wildfire-prone unincorporated areas.

County Fire will continue to work with local jurisdictions and community organizations to identify critical roadways and communities that could most benefit from this work. County Fire will prioritize any future vegetation management activities based on wildfire risk assessments.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Operational Plan for San Diego County Fire. If approved, this request will result in an increase of 1.00 full-time staff year and estimated costs and revenue of \$553,672 in San Diego County Fire in Fiscal Year 2021-22, which includes \$380,000 of one-time costs and \$173,672 in operational costs. The funding source for this request is Unassigned General Fund Balance in Fiscal Year 2021-22. Subsequent year costs and revenue are estimated at \$347,344, which includes \$138,470 for staffing and \$208,874 for contracted services. Costs and funding sources for subsequent years will be included and identified in future Operational Plans for San Diego County Fire.

Funds for Department of Public Work's roadside vegetation management program are partially included in the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Operational Plan for the Department of Public Works, Road Fund. If approved, this request will result in costs of \$61,492 and 1.00 additional full-time staff year in Department of Public Works in Fiscal Year 2021-22. The funding source is Unassigned General Fund Fund Balance in Fiscal Year 2021-22. Costs and funding sources for subsequent years will be included and identified in future Operational Plans for the Department of Public Works.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

6. **SUBJECT: SHERIFF - INCREASE TO VEHICLE LICENSE FEE TO FUND CALIFORNIA IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM FINGERPRINT EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

On September 30, 1997, the State of California enacted Senate Bill 720 (SB720), adding Section 9250.19 to the California Vehicle Code (VC). This section authorizes, upon the adoption of a resolution by the County Board of Supervisors, that a fee of one dollar (\$1) shall be paid at the time of registration, renewal, or supplemental application for vehicle registration and two dollars (\$2) for commercial vehicle registration, in addition to any other specified fees. On April 16, 2002 (2), June 28, 2011 (3), and December 6, 2011 (2) the Board of Supervisors adopted resolutions authorizing the collection of a one-dollar (\$1) registration fee pursuant to California VC 9250.19 to purchase and maintain fingerprint identification equipment and fund personnel to support operations through January 1, 2012. On September 1, 2011, California Assembly Bill (AB674) was signed into law removing any sunset clause and making the collection of these fees permanent.

On February 21, 2014, California Assembly Bill 2393 (AB2393) amended VC 9250.19 and authorized a county, that has already adopted the resolution to impose the one dollar (\$1) fee, to increase that fee to two dollars (\$2) for vehicle registrations and four dollars (\$4) for commercial vehicle registrations in the same manner that it imposed the initial one-dollar (\$1) fee.

Today's request is for the Board of Supervisors to adopt a Resolution to increase the one dollar (\$1) fee to two dollars (\$2) as outlined in AB2393 and to establish a sunset clause of five (5) years. At the end of the five-year period the fee collected will revert back to the initial one-dollar (\$1) fee. The funds collected pursuant to this legislation will continue to support the San Diego County Cal-ID program to provide automated mobile and fixed location fingerprint identification to benefit all law enforcement agencies in San Diego County. The revenue from the increased vehicle fee will fund the replacement of the regional Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), mobile fingerprint identification system, and Cal-ID network infrastructure. Revenues collected pursuant to VC 9250.19 enable all law enforcement agencies in San Diego County, including the Sheriff's Department, to purchase fingerprint identification equipment and fund services and personnel used to identify individuals involved in crimes.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

SHERIFF

1. Waive Board Policy B-29 (Fees, Grants and Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery) as it relates to costs associated with administrative overhead and support.
2. Adopt a Resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO AUTHORIZING THE ADJUSTMENT TO VEHICLE LICENSE FEE TO FUND CALIFORNIA IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM FINGERPRINT EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Offender identification is crucial in the criminal justice process to deliver accountability and bring justice and healing to victims. Maintaining fingerprint identification systems and programs is essential to this process so all citizens can feel safe in their communities. The increased revenue from the vehicle registration fee increase will specifically be used by law enforcement agencies to purchase fingerprint identification equipment to identify individuals involved in crimes in all communities. This recommendation is anticipated to have minimal impact on the residents of San Diego County. It is anticipated that the increased vehicle fee will not make registering vehicles cost prohibitive or disproportionately impact any segment of vehicle owners across the county. The current one-dollar (\$1) fee represents less than 0.5% of the total vehicle registration fee and the proposed increase of \$1, an additional 0.5%, will not result in any vehicle registration fee inequities since it is a flat rate increase. The sunset clause of five years that is also stipulated in the recommendation further diminishes the possibility of any long-term vehicle registration fee inequities among county residents.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are partially included in the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Operational Plan for the Sheriff's Department. If approved, the Resolution, pursuant to AB2393, will increase the one dollar (\$1) fee to two dollars (\$2) to be deposited into the Sheriff Fingerprint ID Trust Fund, and establish a sunset clause of five (5) years. This request will result in an estimated increase in annual receipts of \$3,000,000 through Fiscal Year 2026-27 for a total of \$6,000,000 annually to be deposited into the Sheriff Fingerprint ID Trust Fund. Total estimated increase for all five (5) years is \$15,000,000. The proposed fee change ensures full cost recovery of direct costs but does not reimburse costs associated with administrative overhead and support for which a waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested. The funding source is the State of California, Department of Motor Vehicles registration fees. 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 Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, adopting Resolution No. 21-156, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO AUTHORIZING THE ADJUSTMENT TO VEHICLE LICENSE FEE TO FUND CALIFORNIA IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM FINGERPRINT EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher
NOES: Desmond

7. **SUBJECT: FUNDING AFGHAN REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT COSTS FROM FROZEN AFGHANISTAN GOVERNMENT ASSETS AND DEVELOPING A COMPREHENSIVE COUNTY RESPONSE PLAN (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

Following the Taliban's resurgence and the withdrawal of the U.S. military from Afghanistan on August 31, 2021, a majority of the \$9.5 billion in Afghanistan government assets were frozen by the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control and the Treasury Secretary. These frozen funds are primarily held by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and mirror previous actions taken by the U.S. against the governments of Venezuela, Libya and Iran after leaders hostile to our government assumed power in those nations.

The Taliban resurgence in Afghanistan resulted in a massive airlift involving the departure of tens of thousands of Afghans who fled their homes fearful of living under the return of Taliban rule. Although efforts to free more people from Afghan continue, an initial 58,000 Afghans are expected to arrive in the U.S. - many of whom were forced to depart their homes quickly, without any of their possessions. According to staff from the California Department of Social Services Refugee Programs Bureau, the number of Afghans resettling in California is still unknown. However, because Afghan refugees are likely to settle in locations where their relatives and friends live, San Diego County - and particularly East County - is expected to serve as a popular region for refugees to permanently relocate due to the large number of former Afghan residents now living here. It is, therefore, vital that the County be prepared for the anticipated influx of Afghanistan refugees coming to San Diego in the coming weeks and months.

There are currently four resettlement agencies in San Diego that assist refugees during their initial resettlement in the United States. These agencies find initial housing for the refugees, including furnishings, food and other basic necessities. Some of the housing may be provided by hotels, working in partnership with the California Refugee Programs Bureau. The four resettlement agencies also help refugees enroll in employment services and apply for social security cards, help them register children for school, and connect them with necessary social or language services. Other organizations have started to organize donations of furniture, clothing and other goods that will ultimately be provided to the refugees. Although the County may assist with the administration of self-sufficiency programs, non-government organizations are seeking County assistance in additional areas such as the coordination of long-term housing options, enhanced mental health resources and assistance completing Emergency Rental Assistance Program applications.

Although the County does not have a role in determining the number of refugees who will resettle in San Diego, it is critical for the County, through the new Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (OIRA), to coordinate with the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement and the state Refugee Programs Bureau to identify the number of Afghan refugees expected to resettle in our County. OIRA should work closely with these departments and the local non-government agencies that provide assistance to refugees to ensure the County has a comprehensive plan in place to address the anticipated influx of Afghan refugees into our region.

As the current Afghan refugee situation is a direct result of decisions and actions taken by the federal government and the Taliban's takeover, frozen Afghanistan government assets should be used to reimburse the State and County for the costs associated with resettlement activities. Accordingly, this item would call upon the Administration and Congressional leaders to take the necessary action to allow for the use of Afghanistan government assets currently frozen by the Administration to ensure the State of California and County of San Diego are fully compensated for any and all costs associated with Afghan refugee resettlement activities.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to have the County Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs work with the Refugee Resettlement Agencies and other key stakeholders to coordinate a response plan to successfully address the anticipated influx of Afghanistan refugees into the County.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to coordinate with the County's federal legislative representatives to advocate for the use of the Afghanistan government assets frozen by the Administration to fund any and all costs to the State and County, resulting from the resettlement of Afghan refugees.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's actions. Additional appropriations or staff years will be requested in future Board meetings if needed based on any recommendations resulting from the stakeholder planning and coordination work. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years."

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Resettled refugee families face many barriers upon entry into the United States. Clear communication and coordination among government and non-government organizations is vital to ensure equitable access to resources necessary to protect the health and well-being of these vulnerable individuals.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

By proactively developing a comprehensive plan to successfully address the anticipated resettlement of Afghan refugees into the County and advocating for the resources to implement the plan, we can ensure those arriving in San Diego are well-positioned to contribute to the regional economy. According to the Washington, DC-based Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a higher percentage of foreign-born adults participate as members of the labor force than native-born adults. Additional research has found that immigrants also help native-born workers by filling gaps that could otherwise make their jobs impossible or reduce their productivity and lower their wages. Also, as a result of the low U.S. birth rate, combined with our aging population, immigrants are vital to improving our ratio of workers to retirees.

ACTION 7.1:

A motion was made by Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, for the Board of Supervisors to take the following actions:

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to have the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency work with the Refugee Resettlement Agencies and other key stakeholders to coordinate a response plan to successfully address the anticipated influx of Afghanistan refugees into the County.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to coordinate with the County's federal legislative representatives to pursue all funding and advocate for the use of the Afghanistan government assets frozen by the Administration to fund any and all costs to the State and County, resulting from the resettlement of Afghan refugees.

(Substitute motion was introduced.)

ACTION 7.2:

A substitute motion was made by Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, for the Board of Supervisors to take the following actions:

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to have the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency work with the Refugee Resettlement Agencies and other key stakeholders to coordinate a response plan to successfully address the anticipated influx of Afghanistan refugees into the County.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to coordinate with the County's federal legislative representatives to pursue all funding and advocate for the use of the Afghanistan government assets frozen by the Administration to fund any and all costs to the State and County, resulting from the resettlement of Afghan refugees.
3. Instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to create an Afghanistan Task Force to convene and coordinate efforts with cities impacted; coordinate with HHSA; include entities in County refugee forums that were impacted; not coordinate with organizations designated by the Treasury Department as Terrorist Organizations.

ACTION 7.3:

ON MOTION by Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action to direct the Chief Administrative Officer to have the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency work with the Refugee Resettlement Agencies and other key stakeholders to coordinate a response plan to successfully address the anticipated influx of Afghanistan refugees into the County.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

ACTION 7.4:

ON MOTION by Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action to direct the Chief Administrative Officer to coordinate with the County's federal legislative representatives to pursue all available funding to advocate for the use of the Afghanistan government assets frozen by the Administration to fund any and all costs to the State and County, resulting from the resettlement of Afghan refugees.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

ACTION 7.5:

ON MOTION by Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action to direct the Chief Administrative Officer to create an Afghanistan Task Force to convene and coordinate efforts with cities impacted, coordinate with the Health and Human Services Agency, include entities in County refugee forums that were impacted, and not coordinate with organizations designated by the Treasury Department as Terrorist Organizations.

AYES: Vargas, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

NOES: Anderson

- 8. SUBJECT: RECEIVE UPDATE ON CREATING THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE AFFAIRS AND AUTHORIZATION TO PURSUE FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES RELATED TO SUPPORTING THE IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE COMMUNITY (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

Immigrant populations in San Diego have been disconnected from services they need to be safe, healthy, and thriving, in some cases because of their immigration status, and in others out of lack of awareness of their eligibility for services or out of fear of interaction with a government agency.

On June 8, 2021 (9), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) established an Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (OIRA) within the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency. Additionally, the Board directed the Chief Administrative Officer to return with a report back in 90 days with the proposed overall scope, roles and responsibilities of OIRA.

By this new direction, the Board is advancing the Framework for Our Future. Transparency and open government will be strengthened by regular community stakeholder convenings, input, collaboration, and sharing of knowledge to promote greater access to programs and services. In addition, an annual report to the Board of all efforts and accomplishments will be available to the public. The Office will use data to gain a better understanding of specific service needs of immigrant populations. To help combat racism, OIRA will help identify and address disparities, develop equitable approaches to support integration into society by relying on data and community stakeholder input. This approach guided by the Framework aligns with the County's vision of building a region that is healthy, safe, and thriving by ensuring immigrant populations have the full opportunity to *Live Well*.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Receive an update on the creation of the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.
2. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency to apply in the current and future fiscal years for future funding opportunities related to supporting the immigrant and refugee community.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs recognizes the impacts of inequitable policies towards the immigrant and refugee communities. Just over 20 percent of the county population are immigrants including refugees. Historically, programs and services for these communities have been limited or unavailable because of immigration status. In addition, lack of outreach and community involvement have led to disconnects between services and eligible populations. This newly created office will advance equity and opportunity for immigrant and refugee communities by seeking community stakeholder input and applying regional academic research, data, and best practices to develop a strategic action plan that centers the needs and priorities of immigrant and refugee populations and will guide efforts to equitably support newcomers in the region and remove barriers to help them integrate into society and thrive. This office will help inform the community of resources, programs and services as well as align regional efforts for greater community impact. A report summarizing efforts, achievements, and other data will be provided to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors yearly.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's action. 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 Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Fletcher, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher

NOES: Desmond

9. **SUBJECT: ADDRESSING THE CARE CRISIS: IMPROVING IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS) TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

In the last ten years, use of the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program has doubled statewide. Population projections indicate that the senior population of the state of California is expected to double with the next generation. By the numbers, there are almost half a million people in San Diego County over the age of 65 and the number will hit 1 million by 2030.

San Diego has always been a hospitable place for seniors. Seniors and people with disabilities are an integral part of our community. If San Diego seeks to be a truly age-friendly county, we must prepare to meet the needs of seniors and people with disabilities with a focus on diseases affecting memory and cognition. For example, in 2019, Alzheimer's was reported as the third leading cause of death in California. We need an IHSS workforce that is trained and ready to meet the needs of this expanding and complex population, prepared to meet the challenges faced by individuals afflicted by memory and cognition disorders. California will need 500,000 more caregivers in the next ten years to meet the needs of the current senior population.

The Board of Supervisors (Board) is the Governing Body of the County of San Diego In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority (Public Authority). In 2001, the Board established the Public Authority as a legal entity separate from the County. Pursuant to an Interagency Agreement with the Public Authority, the County provides certain administrative support services to the Public Authority including monitoring the Public Authority's programs, budget, and finances on behalf of the Governing Body.

We as a County have a narrow window to get ahead of the demand by addressing workforce development through training, recruitment, and wages. There is a shortage of IHSS caregivers, which creates a de facto barrier to care for many who need it most. Today's action calls for a prompt, collaborative approach to improve the IHSS program. I urge your support for this proposal.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

SUPERVISOR TERRA LAWSON-REMER

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to work with the Public Authority in accordance with the Interagency Agreement to maximize the State match for In-Home Supportive Services funding and improve health care benefits as part of the County's commitment to quality of care in future labor negotiations.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to work with the Public Authority in accordance with the Interagency Agreement to address the care crisis (caregiver shortage and access to care issues) by developing a plan for recruitment and retention of IHSS caregivers to ensure the supply of caregivers is appropriate for the growing aging population and demand. The plan shall consider, at minimum, wages and benefits including healthcare in accordance with the County's negotiation process, respite care, training opportunities, and workforce development. Other counties in California shall be consulted for best practices and opportunities for innovation including job ladder development and specialty training for high need consumers. Report back to the Board and Governing Body with a memo on a semi-annual basis with the first report scheduled for March 2022.
3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to work with the Public Authority in accordance with the Interagency Agreement to continue to engage with stakeholders and gather feedback and input from organizations including, but not limited to Aging & Independence Services, the Public Authority, United Domestic Workers, the IHSS/Public Authority Advisory Committee, and community stakeholders. The engagement shall proactively identify training needs and an implementation plan for State funding allocated to train IHSS caregivers to serve special populations, such as those that require memory care.

4. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to work with the Public Authority in accordance with the Interagency Agreement to develop a data framework regarding IHSS caregivers in San Diego. Framework should include goals, indicators, and benchmarks that track the progress of the County's efforts to address the care crisis. The Plan specified in Recommendation Two should utilize this data framework.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

In-Home Supportive Services provides care for some of our most vulnerable neighbors. Many older adults are living on a fixed income and unexpected illness can result in an immediate need for IHSS. Women and workers of color disproportionately make up the caregiving workforce. Frequently, family members will become the caregiver for a relative. In San Diego County, approximately 79% of caregivers are female, 75% are relatives of the recipients, and nearly 35% have a primary language other than English. Without equitable pay for their work, the result is not only burnout and turnover, but can also perpetuate a cycle of poverty for the household. Acknowledging the value of care work is overdue.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's actions. Additional appropriations or staff years will be requested in future Board meetings if needed based on any final recommendations resulting from the planning work. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

(RELATES TO IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PUBLIC AUTHORITY AGENDA NO. IA01)

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Lawson-Remer, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, directing the Chief Administrative Officer to explore options to increase the reach and effectiveness in the respite care program.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

10. **SUBJECT: RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE COVID-19 RESPONSE, RATIFY ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY AND LOCAL EMERGENCY, AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF IMMUNIZATION LOCAL ASSISTANCE FOR COVID-19 GRANT FUNDING, ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TELECONFERENCED PUBLIC MEETINGS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953, AND AUTHORIZE ANY OTHER ACTION NECESSARY TO ADDRESS THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

A novel coronavirus (COVID-19) was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province in China in December 2019. Since then, the virus has rapidly spread across the globe, resulting in the World Health Organization (WHO) declaring COVID-19 a pandemic on March 11, 2020.

On February 14, 2020, the San Diego County Public Health Officer issued a Declaration of Local Health Emergency, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 101080. Additionally, on that day, pursuant to California Government Code 8630, the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), serving as the County of San Diego (County) Director of Emergency Services and as the Coordinator of the Unified San Diego County Emergency Services Organization, issued a Proclamation of Local Emergency regarding COVID-19.

The County continues to make significant efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19. Today's actions request the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) to receive an update on the local COVID-19 response and ratify all actions taken by the CAO, Public Health Officer, Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting and Director, Department of General Services in response to the local health emergency and local emergency. Additionally, the Board is requested to take the following actions:

- Authorize the acceptance of \$12,070,009 in supplemental Immunization Local Assistance for COVID-19 grant funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- Adopt a resolution entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TELECONFERENCED PUBLIC MEETINGS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953.
- Take any other action necessary to address the COVID-19 pandemic emergency response.

Today's proposed actions support the County's *Live Well San Diego* vision by protecting the health of residents against the COVID-19 pandemic.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Receive an update on the COVID-19 response.
2. Ratify all actions taken by the Chief Administrative Officer, Public Health Officer, Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, and Director, Department of General Services in response to the local health emergency and local emergency, including ratifying that the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting acted within the Director's authority under San Diego County Administrative Code section 402 when the Director negotiated and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price made emergency purchases with Sharp Healthcare (Contract #565300) and Tri-City Healthcare (Contract #565301) for COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody Treatment and Post-Exposure Prophylaxis.
3. Authorize the acceptance of \$12,070,009 in supplemental grant funding through the California Department of Public Health, from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for Immunization Local Assistance for COVID-19 vaccination services for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024, and authorize the Clerk of the Board to execute all required documents, upon receipt, including any annual extensions, amendments, and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.

4. Adopt a resolution entitled: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TELECONFERENCED PUBLIC MEETINGS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953.
5. Take any other action necessary to address the COVID-19 pandemic emergency response.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the lives of individuals, businesses, and communities across San Diego County. In order to support the most vulnerable, an equity lens was used to prioritize, when appropriate, the distribution of COVID-19 response and recovery-related federal, State, and local funding and resources based on a data-driven approach, identifying communities that have the highest need for support in relation to the number of positive COVID-19 cases.

Through press conferences and presentations at San Diego County Board of Supervisors meetings, the County of San Diego (County) has been able to disseminate critical information about the efforts being done to address and combat the COVID-19 pandemic to a wide audience, as well as providing a forum to receive public comment. To continue the County's commitment to transparency and open government and remove traditional barriers to access and participation in government affairs, today's actions provide the mechanism to present an update on the current COVID-19 response efforts that have an impact on the lives of Black, Indigenous, People of color, women, people with disabilities, immigrants, youth, the LGBTQ community, and economically disadvantaged.

FISCAL IMPACT

It is estimated that through the end of fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the County of San Diego (County) will have spent over \$680 million on overall COVID-19 response costs, excluding federally dedicated program funds for programs such as rental assistance and nutrition services. Funding sources for County response costs included an allocation of CARES Act, Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) revenue, General Fund Fund Balance, Realignment, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds, and program revenues available for response efforts. Also, as of March 3, 2021, funds allocated through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) are also available to fund County response efforts per direction from the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on June 8, 2020 (3). In Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22, the County will rely on ARPA funding dedicated for response costs, as well as other stimulus funds, program revenues, Realignment, and County General Fund Fund Balance to cover response costs as needed. The County will continue to pursue other federal and State stimulus revenue and funding sources, including funds through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Recommendation #2: Ratify Contracts for COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody Treatment and Post-Exposure Prophylaxis

Funds for this request are included in the FY 2021-22 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenues up to \$375,000 in FY 2021-22. The funding source is anticipated to be Federal and/or State stimulus funds. If needed, additional appropriations will be requested through future Board action. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

Recommendation #3: Authorize Acceptance of Supplemental Grant Funding for Immunization Local Assistance for COVID-19 Vaccination Services

Funds for this request are not included in the FY 2021-23 Operational Plan in the HHSA. If approved, this recommendation will result in estimated annual costs and revenue of \$4,023,336 in FY 2021-22 through FY 2023-24 for a total amount of \$12,070,009 to help support COVID-19 vaccination efforts. If needed, additional appropriations will be requested through future action. There is no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

This action will help support individuals, families and small businesses impacted by COVID-19.

ACTION 10.1:

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

1. Received an update on the COVID-19 response.
2. Ratified all actions taken by the Chief Administrative Officer, Public Health Officer, Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, and Director, Department of General Services in response to the local health emergency and local emergency, including ratifying that the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting acted within the Director's authority under San Diego County Administrative Code section 402 when the Director negotiated and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price made emergency purchases with Sharp Healthcare (Contract #565300) and Tri-City Healthcare (Contract #565301) for COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody Treatment and Post-Exposure Prophylaxis.
3. Authorized the acceptance of \$12,070,009 in supplemental grant funding through the California Department of Public Health, from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for Immunization Local Assistance for COVID-19 vaccination services for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024, and authorize the Clerk of the Board to execute all required documents, upon receipt, including any annual extensions, amendments, and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.
4. Adopted Resolution No. 21-157 entitled: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TELECONFERENCED PUBLIC MEETINGS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953.
5. Took any other action necessary to address the COVID-19 pandemic emergency response.

AYES: Vargas, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher

NOES: Anderson, Desmond

ACTION 10.2:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors directed the Chief Administrative Officer to implement a requirement for all new hire applicants for future employment with the County of San Diego to provide COVID-19 vaccine verification as a condition of employment.

AYES: Vargas, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher

NOES: Anderson, Desmond

11. SUBJECT: RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 ANNUAL UPDATE (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) provides funding to counties to address a broad continuum of mental health service needs, including prevention, early intervention, and system development; and to address the necessary infrastructure, technology, and training to effectively support the public mental health system. MHSA programs provide services for children, youth, and families; transition age youth; adults; and older adults, with an emphasis on individuals who are unserved or underserved. MHSA is comprised of five components:

- Community Services and Supports (CSS);
- Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI);
- Innovation (INN);
- Workforce Education and Training (WET); and
- Capital Facilities and Technological Needs (CF/TN).

MHSA provides funding for critical programs that serve individuals with serious mental illness or serious emotional disturbance, supporting some of the San Diego County's most vulnerable populations of all ages and providing funding for previously unserved populations. MHSA supports timely access to quality behavioral health care that is responsive to cultural and linguistic needs. In support of the MHSA vision - to build a system in which mental health services are equitable, regionally distributed, and accessible to all individuals and families within the region who are in need - the County of San Diego (County), Health and Human Services Agency Behavioral Health Services (BHS) is spearheading work to proactively address and identify unmet behavioral health needs within the region, and the systemic and regional inequities that lead to these unmet needs.

BHS is in the second year of implementing the MHSA Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan: Fiscal Years 2020-21 through 2022-23 (Three-Year Plan), approved by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) on October 27, 2020 (7). The MHSA Fiscal Year 2021-22 Annual Update (Annual Update) presented today includes budget and programmatic changes to the Three-Year Plan. The majority of services outlined in the Annual Update are a continuation of programs previously approved by the Board in the Three-Year Plan. As mandated by the MHSA, the Three-Year Plan and subsequent Annual Updates require approval by the Board prior to submission to the California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission.

Since the establishment of the MHSA, the County has invested nearly \$2 billion of MHSA funding to expand and enhance critical mental health programs to dramatically shift how residents of San Diego County access care and support for behavioral health needs through the

continued development of a regionally distributed model of care focused on prevention and continuous care, rather than perpetual crisis. The County continues to make significant MHSA investments in critical prevention, treatment, and support services through the implementation of the Three-Year Plan and subsequent Annual Updates.

Today's action requests the Board receive and approve the Annual Update, which includes MHSA funding of approximately \$218.6 million in Fiscal Year 2021-2022, inclusive of \$400,000 dedicated to the California Mental Health Services Authority, to continue participation in statewide prevention and early intervention campaigns and local initiatives.

Today's action supports the countywide *Live Well San Diego* vision by enhancing access to behavioral health services, promoting well-being in children, adults, and families, and encouraging self-sufficiency, which promotes a region that is building better health, living safely, and thriving. MHSA supports improved access to treatment and care services for some of the region's most vulnerable, under-served, and under-resourced populations with the goal of reducing or eliminating the negative effects of the social determinants of health through a comprehensive continuum of behavioral health services. This supports the Board's Framework for Our Future through emphasizing processes designed to increase transparency, while providing inclusive services that yield better outcomes and opportunities for underrepresented communities.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Receive and approve the MHSA Fiscal Year 2021-22 Annual Update (Annual Update) and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to submit the Annual Update to the California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The vision of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) is to build a system in which mental health services are equitable, regionally distributed, and accessible to all individuals and families within the region who are in need. MHSA funding provides individuals who are experiencing serious mental illness or serious emotional disturbance with timely access to quality behavioral health care that is responsive to their cultural and linguistic needs. These programs serve individuals of all ages, providing support to San Diego County's most vulnerable, unserved, and underserved populations.

The community need for behavioral health services continues to increase, especially in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Across demographics, psychological distress increased by over 200% from 2018 to 2020. Additionally, in findings published by the Journal of the American Medical Association, the prevalence of psychological distress was found to be more than twice as high among households making less than \$35,000 annually versus those making \$75,000 or more.

To guide clinical service design and placement, and to ensure effective outcomes are achieved, Behavioral Health Services (BHS) continues to enhance data integration and health equity work through the build out of data science and population health capacities. In addition, on an annual basis, through the Community Program Planning process, BHS collaborates with various councils, stakeholders, organizations, consumers, and other members of the community throughout San Diego County, which informs the MHSA process.

Furthermore, BHS is partnering with the University of California, San Diego to develop the Community Experience Project (CEP) with the purpose of identifying and addressing unmet behavioral health needs within the region, and the systemic and regional inequities that lead to these unmet needs.

The four objectives of the CEP include:

1. Creating a Behavioral Health Equity Index to highlight populations and neighborhoods at greatest risk for unmet behavioral health needs.
2. Developing an interactive Community Experience Dashboard that allows users to investigate behavioral health experiences by subpopulation (e.g., race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, etc.) and subregional area using timely community data sources.
3. Engaging community members and key stakeholders in the identification, collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in the development of plans for action.
4. Developing brief, focused action reports to synthesize key findings and summarize priorities for intervention.

The final product will promote a continuous feedback process by which needs can be identified, further informed by community engagement, and mediated by actionable plans that will aid in informing the design of BHS services, including those funded through MHSA.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-23 Operational Plan for the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in estimated MHSA costs and revenues of approximately \$218.6 million in FY 2021-22, inclusive of \$400,000 dedicated to the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA), to continue participation in statewide prevention and early intervention campaigns and local initiatives. The funding source is Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). 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 Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

12. **SUBJECT: TRIBUTE TO THE FIFTH DISTRICT'S UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES: COMMUNITY IDENTIFICATION SIGNAGE PROGRAM IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY (DISTRICT: 5)**

OVERVIEW

The County of San Diego (County) consists of 28 Community Planning and Sponsor Groups (CPG/CSG), each of which represent their unique unincorporated community. In addition to the rich Native American history that the San Diego region is known for, specific communities

have over the years been symbolized by their unique climate and topography, their cultural traditions, their agricultural production, among many other representational themes.

The County has an existing applicant driven program codified within the zoning ordinance entitled “Community Signs and Banners in the Public Right of Way”. The intent with this update is that the sign design and locations will be a community driven effort implemented within County maintained road right-of-way in accordance with the community identification sign requirements set forth at Section 6207b.2. of the Zoning Ordinance that the County would implement and construct rather than community applicants. The location of the signage/archway will be in public right of way areas that do not impact sensitive habitat and/or cultural sites, will not obscure driver’s line of sight, and/or create a safety concern.

Several CPG/CSGs in my district have requested community identification signs or archways (signs) in the public road right-of-way to identify the entrance to their communities when drivers and pedestrians visit. This will benefit residents, businesses, and service organizations by providing a greater sense of community and promoting local industry. The signs should remain unique to the communities they symbolize, with input and final recommendation to the Board of Supervisors from the community’s CPG/CSG.

Today’s action will direct the Chief Administrative Officer to update a community identification signs program that will include public outreach, timeline, costs, and other relevant information.

RECOMMENDATION(S)
SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

1. Allocate a total of \$92,000 from Fifth District’s Neighborhood Reinvestment budget (Org 15670) to Public Works, Planning & Development Services and County Counsel to fund staff hours and consultant, if needed, associated with development of the community identification signage program including community outreach.
2. Develop the Community Monument Signage Program for the Fifth District and present options to the Board of Supervisors for approval within 180 days.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Community Identification Signage Program represents all the unincorporated communities in the Fifth District and benefits every individual that lives within them by providing a better sense of community and acknowledgement.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact of this recommendation is \$92,000. Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operational Plan for the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years with this recommendation. An additional fiscal impact is anticipated once staff develops the Community Monument Signage Program for approval.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

13. SUBJECT: ALLOCATE \$13 MILLION IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS FOR INVESTMENTS IN STORMWATER, SEWER, AND DRINKING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The County of San Diego (County) operates municipal stormwater, sanitary sewer, and drinking water systems in a variety of locations throughout the unincorporated region. Investment in this infrastructure directly supports the health of the community and the environment by ensuring a clean, reliable drinking water supply, reducing the potential for sewer spills, and reducing other pollution carried by stormwater runoff that can impact water quality at our beaches, bays, and rivers when it rains. These investments can also improve quality of life, boost the tourism economy, and support compliance with regulatory mandates, thereby helping the County manage liability and reduce the potential for fines and penalties.

On June 8, 2021 (03), the Board of Supervisors (Board) established appropriations of \$13 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for investments in stormwater, sewer, and drinking water. The United States Treasury Department’s Interim Final Rule clarifies the types of infrastructure projects ARPA funding can be used to support. The Interim Final Rule specifies that ARPA-eligible infrastructure projects must be water-related and ARPA funds must be fully expended by December 31, 2026. Multiple project phases are eligible for funding, including planning, design, and construction.

In May 2021, each of the five Board offices submitted memos to the Chief Administrative Officer identifying priorities and proposals for use of ARPA funds. Several of the memos included specific recommendations related to stormwater, sewer, and water infrastructure. Additionally, County staff has identified several ongoing and future infrastructure projects that are eligible for ARPA funding. Twelve potential project options have been identified. Since the overall funding need for these 12 projects is much greater than the \$13 million in ARPA funding appropriated for infrastructure, staff seeks direction regarding which specific projects the Board wishes to fund.

Stormwater Project Options

The first six options involve new or upgraded stormwater infrastructure to help remove pollution by capturing or treating stormwater runoff. Improvements to stormwater infrastructure are a critical part of the County’s efforts to comply with pollution reduction mandates in the Municipal Stormwater Permit and Total Maximum Daily Load regulations issued by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board. There are a variety of potential stormwater infrastructure project types. For example, green streets use natural processes like filtration through plants and soil to treat stormwater runoff within the County unincorporated road right-of-way. Biofiltration basins incorporate vegetation and soil media to collect stormwater runoff in excavated basins, which helps to filter out pollutants. Finally, underground devices, such as modular wetlands and debris separating baffle boxes, consist of screens, capture chambers, or treatment media installed within underground storm drains to

collect sediment, trash, and their pollutants. Stormwater infrastructure projects can provide additional community benefits, such as sidewalk and traffic safety improvements, planting of additional trees and green spaces, and flood attenuation. This green infrastructure also supports the creation of quality green jobs in the local economy.

Projects 1 through 3 (Rainbow Green Streets, San Marino Drive Green Street and Trash Capture, and Goldentop Road Modular Wetland and Trash Capture) are fully designed and are nearly shovel ready. The Board has already appropriated General Funds for construction of these projects and construction bids will be advertised as soon as utility relocation and easement acquisition are complete. However, previously appropriated General Funds could be fully or partially recaptured and replaced with ARPA funds since construction contracts have yet to be advertised or awarded for these three projects.

Project 4 (Estrella Park Biofiltration Basins) is halfway through the design process and is on track to be constructed within the timeframe required by the ARPA guidelines. A total of \$2,433,700 in General Funds have already been appropriated for this project but an additional \$681,300 is needed to complete construction. ARPA funds could be used to provide the additional funds needed to complete this project.

Project 5 (Green Streets from the Green Streets Clean Water Plan) would involve allocating ARPA funds for the design and construction of future stormwater infrastructure projects that are currently in the concept planning phase. Since the ARPA guidelines allow funds to be spent through December 31, 2026, and since it typically takes three to four years for a green street project to progress from concept to completion, the Board could decide to set aside ARPA funds for the design and construction of these projects within the ARPA-required timeline. The Board previously appropriated \$500,000 for development of a Green Streets Clean Water Plan. This Plan, which is currently being developed and on track for completion by early 2022, will identify and prioritize potential locations within the unincorporated area for future green streets based on an analysis of potential water quality and community benefits. The Plan will also identify and prioritize an initial list of the top 30 project opportunities based on ranking criteria. Staff anticipates completion of preliminary engineering reports for up to four green streets project concepts from this Plan by June 2022 using funding from the FY 2021-22 Operational Plan budget. Therefore, the Board could choose to use up to \$13 million in ARPA funding to design and construct up to four new green street projects beginning in FY 2022-23. If ARPA funds are not allocated for these four projects, staff will request General Funds for project design and construction as part of the FY 2022-23 Operational Plan, with two years expected for design and environmental permitting, and one year expected for construction for each project.

Project 6 (Community-Focused Stormwater Improvement Partnerships) would involve implementation of multi-benefit water quality improvements on unincorporated private properties to reduce pollution in stormwater runoff through permeable pavement, rainwater capture, biofiltration, or similar practices. Projects would also engage the community in one or more ways by creating additional public-access park space, expanding the urban tree canopy, creating community garden space, or other needs as identified by the community. Targeted private properties would include places of worship, community centers, non-profits, and schools. Operation and maintenance of stormwater management features would likely become the responsibility of private property owners, and agreements would be needed to memorialize that commitment. Based on analysis of other successful programs across the country, if the Board selects this project for ARPA funding, staff recommends funding in the range of \$2

million to \$5 million to ensure a scale of implementation to demonstrate meaningful water quality improvements, while also ensuring that projects can be completed within the December 31, 2026, ARPA timeframe. ARPA-eligible stormwater projects are summarized in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Stormwater Projects							
Project #	Project Name	Community	Previously Funded		Additional Funds Needed		Comments
			Design	Construction	Design	Construction	
1	Rainbow Green Streets	Rainbow (D5)	\$2,248,000	\$9,000,000	\$0	\$0	ARPA funds would replace \$9 million in General Funds already appropriated for construction
2	San Marino Drive Green Street and Trash Capture	Lake San Marcos (D5)	\$500,404	\$1,200,000	\$0	\$0	ARPA funds would replace \$1.2 million in General Funds already appropriated for construction
3	Goldentop Road Modular Wetland and Trash Capture	4S Ranch (D3)	\$504,215	\$410,000	\$0	\$13,712	ARPA funds of \$423,712 would replace \$410,000 in General Funds already appropriated for construction
4	Estrella Park Biofiltration Basins	Casa de Oro (D2)	\$1,050,851	\$1,382,849	\$0	\$681,300	ARPA funds would provide additional funding needed for construction
5	Green Street Projects Identified in the Green Streets Clean Water Plan	Various/ TBD	\$0	\$0	\$13,000,000		ARPA funds would be used for the design and construction of up to 4 new green street projects
6	Community-Focused Stormwater Improvement Partnerships	Various/ TBD	0		\$2,000,000 - \$5,000,000		ARPA funds would be used for the design and construction of stormwater improvements on private properties

Sewer & Drinking Water Project Options

Project options 7 through 9 (San Diego River Basin Sewer Improvements, Live Oaks Springs Water System Improvements, and Campo Water System Consolidation & Improvements) would use ARPA funding to invest in needed upgrades to sewer and drinking water infrastructure that is managed on behalf of the County by the Department of Public Works. Pre-construction work has been initiated for all three projects, and General Funds have been identified as the funding source. For Projects 7 and 8, General Funds already appropriated for construction could be fully or partially recaptured and replaced with ARPA funds since construction contracts have yet to be advertised or awarded. Funding has yet to be appropriated for Project 9; it is staff's intent to request General Funds for this project as part of the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operational Plan. ARPA-eligible sewer and drinking water projects are summarized in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Sewer and Drinking Water Projects							
Project #	Project Name	Community	Previously Funded		Additional Funds Needed		Comments
			Design	Construction	Design	Construction	
7	San Diego River Basin Sewer Improvements – Phase 1	Lakeside (D2)	\$550,000	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0	ARPA funds would replace \$10.0 million in General Funds already appropriated for construction
8	Live Oak Springs Water System Improvements	Boulevard (D2)	\$1,000,000	\$5,100,000	\$0	\$1,900,000	ARPA funds would replace \$5.1 million in General Funds already appropriated for construction and fund an additional \$1.9 million for a total of \$7.0 million for construction
9	Campo Water System Consolidation and Improvements	Campo (D2)	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,000,000	ARPA funds would fund \$4.0 million for construction

Project Options Identified by Board Offices

Projects 10 through 12 were identified as options in the District 4 ARPA memo and would entail partnerships with the San Diego Regional Policy and Innovation Center (SDRPIC) to create technology launchpads (Project 10), to undertake data analysis (Project 11), and to deploy climate-resilient green infrastructure demonstration projects combined with broadband (Project 12) to support current and future stormwater, sewer, and water infrastructure needs throughout the San Diego region. These projects are different than Projects 1-9 in that they are regional in scope, rather than limited to the unincorporated area. Projects identified in Board office ARPA memos are summarized in Table 3 below.

Table 3: Project Options Identified by Board Offices			
Project Number	Description	Community	Pre-Construction Activities (Project Development/Design)
10	Infrastructure Technology Launchpad to Prepare for Future Pandemics and Build Climate Resilience	Regional Scale Project	\$1,000,000
11	Drinking Water & Energy Bill Data Capture and Analysis	Regional Scale Project	\$1,500,000
12	Climate-Resilient Green Infrastructure Demonstration Projects Combined with Broadband	Regional Scale Analysis / Unincorporated Area Demonstration Projects	\$2,500,000

Today’s action is for the Board to provide direction on how to allocate the \$13 million in appropriated ARPA infrastructure funds across one or more of the identified project options. Potential actions specific to each project have been identified based on whether County funds have already been allocated to these projects through previous Board action.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Find that the proposed action is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because it involves government fiscal activities, including the identification and allocation of funding without a commitment or approval of specific projects.
2. If the Board selects Project 1 (Rainbow Green Streets),
 - a. Cancel appropriations of \$9,000,000 from Finance Other, General Miscellaneous Expense, Other Charges based on ARPA funds.
 - b. Establish appropriations of \$9,000,000 in the Department of Public Works Road Fund, Services & Supplies, for construction, based on available ARPA funds.
(4 VOTES)
 - c. Transfer appropriations of \$9,000,000 from the Department of Public Works Road Fund, Services & Supplies, to Operating Transfer Out.
 - d. Establish appropriations of \$9,000,000 in Finance Other, General Miscellaneous Expense, Other Charges based on an Operating Transfer In from the Department of Public Works Road Fund. **(4 VOTES)**
3. If the Board selects Project 2 (San Marino Drive Green Street and Trash Capture),
 - a. Cancel appropriations of \$1,200,000 from Finance Other, General Miscellaneous Expense, Other Charges based on ARPA funds.
 - b. Establish appropriations of \$1,200,000 in the Department of Public Works Road Fund, Services & Supplies, for construction, based on available ARPA funds.
(4 VOTES)
 - c. Transfer appropriations of \$1,200,000 from the Department of Public Works Road Fund, Services & Supplies, to Operating Transfer Out.
 - d. Establish appropriations of \$1,200,000 in Finance Other, General Miscellaneous Expense, Other Charges based on an Operating Transfer In from the Department of Public Works Road Fund. **(4 VOTES)**
4. If the Board selects Project 3 (Goldentop Road Modular Wetland and Trash Capture),
 - a. Cancel appropriations of \$423,712 from Finance Other, General Miscellaneous Expense, Other Charges based on ARPA funds.
 - b. Establish appropriations of \$423,712 in the Department of Public Works Road Fund, Services & Supplies, for construction, based on available ARPA funds.
(4 VOTES)
 - c. Transfer appropriations of \$410,000 from the Department of Public Works Road Fund, Services & Supplies, to Operating Transfer Out.

- d. Establish appropriations of \$410,000 in Finance Other, General Miscellaneous Expense, Other Charges based on an Operating Transfer In from the Department of Public Works Road Fund. **(4 VOTES)**
5. If the Board selects Project 4 (Estrella Park Biofiltration Basins),
 - a. Cancel appropriations of \$681,300 from Finance Other, General Miscellaneous Expense, Other Charges based on ARPA funds.
 - b. Establish appropriations of \$681,300 in the County of San Diego Flood Control District, Services & Supplies, for construction, based on available ARPA funds. **(4 VOTES)**
6. If the Board selects Project 5 (Green Streets Identified in the Green Streets Clean Water Plan), transfer appropriations of up to \$13,000,000 from Finance Other, General Miscellaneous Expense, Other Charges to the Department of Public Works General Fund, Services & Supplies, for pre-construction and construction, based on available ARPA funds.
7. If the Board selects Project 6 (Community-Focused Stormwater Improvement Partnerships), transfer appropriations of up to \$5,000,000 from Finance Other, General Miscellaneous Expense, Other Changes to the Department of Public Works General Fund, Services & Supplies, for pre-construction and construction, based on available ARPA funds.
8. If the Board selects Project 7 (San Diego River Basin Sewer Improvements - Phase 1),
 - a. Cancel appropriations of \$10,000,000 from Finance Other, General Miscellaneous Expense, Other Charges based on ARPA funds.
 - b. Establish appropriations of \$10,000,000 in the San Diego County Sanitation District, Capital Assets, for construction, based on available ARPA funds. **(4 VOTES)**
9. If the Board selects Project 8 (Live Oaks Springs Water System Improvements),
 - a. Cancel appropriations of \$7,000,000 from Finance Other, General Miscellaneous Expense, Other Charges based on ARPA funds.
 - b. Establish appropriations of \$7,000,000 in the County Service Area 137 - Live Oak Springs Water System, Capital Assets, for construction, based on available ARPA funds. **(4 VOTES)**
 - c. Transfer appropriations of \$3,399,654 from County Service Area 137 - Live Oak Springs Water System, Capital Assets, to Operating Transfer Out.
 - d. Establish appropriations of \$3,399,654 in Finance Other, General Miscellaneous Expense, Other Charges based on an Operating Transfer In from County Service Area 137 - Live Oak Springs Water System. **(4 VOTES)**
10. If the Board selects Project 9 (Campo Water System Consolidation and Improvements),
 - a. Cancel appropriations of \$4,000,000 from Finance Other, General Miscellaneous Expense, Other Charges based on ARPA funds.

- b. Establish appropriations of \$4,000,000 in the Rancho Del Campo Water District, Capital Assets, for design and construction, based on available ARPA funds. **(4 VOTES)**
11. If the Board selects Project 10 (Infrastructure Technology Launchpad to Prepare for Future Pandemics and Build Climate Resilience):
- a. Cancel appropriations of \$1,000,000 from Finance Other, General Miscellaneous Expense, Other Charges based on ARPA funds.
 - b. Establish appropriations of \$1,000,000 in the Department of Public Works General Fund, Services & Supplies, for development of an infrastructure technology launchpad, based on available ARPA funds. **(4 VOTES)**
 - c. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, to execute an agreement with the San Diego Regional Policy and Innovation Center (SDRPIC) in an amount up to \$1,000,000 using funds from the Department of Public Works General Fund, Services & Supplies, to fund SDRPIC's development of an infrastructure technology launchpad and to execute any other required documents in furtherance of this program.
12. If the Board selects Project 11 (Drinking Water & Energy Bill Data Capture and Analysis):
- a. Cancel appropriations of \$1,500,000 from Finance Other, General Miscellaneous Expense, Other Charges based on ARPA funds.
 - b. Establish appropriations of \$1,500,000 in the Department of Public Works General Fund, Services & Supplies, for drinking water and energy bill data capture and analysis, based on available ARPA funds. **(4 VOTES)**
 - c. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, to execute an agreement with SDRPIC in an amount up to \$1,500,000 using funds from the Department of Public Works General Fund, Services & Supplies, to fund SDRPIC's drinking water and energy bill data capture and analysis and to execute any other required documents in furtherance of this program.
13. If the Board selects Project 12 (Climate-Resilient Green Infrastructure Demonstration Projects Combined with Broadband):
- a. Cancel appropriations of \$2,500,000 from Finance Other, General Miscellaneous Expense, Other Charges based on ARPA funds.
 - b. Establish appropriations of \$2,500,000 in the Department of Public Works General Fund, Services & Supplies, for climate-resilient green infrastructure demonstration projects combined with broadband, based on available ARPA funds. **(4 VOTES)**
 - c. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, to execute an agreement with SDRPIC in an amount up to \$2,500,000 using funds from the Department of Public Works General Fund, Services & Supplies, to fund SDRPIC's analysis of climate-resilient green infrastructure demonstration projects combined with broadband, and to execute any other required documents in furtherance of this program.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The County of San Diego strives to preserve, enhance, and promote quality of life and environmental resources through the implementation of programs and projects that improve regional community health and environmental quality while simultaneously complying with mandatory federal and State regulations governing drinking water quality as well as stormwater and sewer discharges. The Department of Public Works (DPW) utilizes a variety of tools to prioritize infrastructure improvement projects, including, but not limited to, infrastructure condition assessments, direct community feedback, water quality data, and data from the Healthy Places Index and CalEnviroScreen. Projects 1, 4, 7, 8, and 9 are located in areas (Rainbow, Casa de Oro, Lakeside, Boulevard, and Campo) designated as “Underserved Communities.” Projects 5 and 6 will use project ranking criteria that consider underserved community status to identify and prioritize candidate project opportunities for future implementation.

The infrastructure enhancements realized through these projects will benefit the well-being of the surrounding communities by improving water quality, reducing the risk of sewer spills, or upgrading existing infrastructure to ensure safe drinking water. DPW will strive to identify and reduce barriers for community engagement and stakeholder participation throughout implementation of these projects by providing public notices and communications in multiple languages.

Project 10 will benefit communities by creating a launchpad for innovative solutions that will enhance public health and improve accessibility to services. Project 11 will quantify and analyze drinking water, sewer, and energy bills to increase community response and resiliency to future challenges. Project 12 will analyze locations with overlapping stormwater infrastructure and broadband connectivity needs, then implement demonstration projects to demonstrate an equity and multi-benefit approach to stormwater challenges addressing climate change resilience, community equity, wildfire risk, broadband connectivity, and how to address local water and affordability issues.

FISCAL IMPACT

On June 8, 2021 (03), the Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Auditor and Controller to establish a trust fund for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) program funds and appropriated \$13 million in ARPA funds for stormwater, sewer, and drinking water infrastructure. Projects 1, 2, 3, 7, and 8 are included in the Department of Public Works’ Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 Operational Plan. Projects 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, and 12 are not included in the Department of Public Works’ FY 2021-22 Operational Plan. If the Board chooses to replace previously appropriated prior year available General Fund fund balance with ARPA funds, this would result in an additional \$13 million returned to the Department of Public Works General Fund, which could be allocated for other purposes. If the Board chooses to allocate ARPA funds to projects that have yet to be funded, there would be no net impact to the County of San Diego’s budget. No additional staff years are needed as a result of today’s action.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

Today’s actions benefit local business and the community at large by improving drinking water quality and mitigating sources of water quality contamination. This contributes to enhanced community recreational opportunities and a healthy environment.

ACTION:

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

1. Found that the proposed action is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because it involves government fiscal activities, including the identification and allocation of funding without a commitment or approval of specific projects.
2. Selected Project 5 (Green Streets Identified in the Green Streets Clean Water Plan), and transferred appropriations of up to \$2,500,000 from Finance Other, General Miscellaneous Expense, Other Charges to the Department of Public Works General Fund, Services & Supplies, for pre-construction and construction, based on available ARPA funds.
3. Selected Project 6 (Community-Focused Stormwater Improvement Partnerships), and transferred appropriations of up to \$6,000,000 from Finance Other, General Miscellaneous Expense, Other Changes to the Department of Public Works General Fund, Services & Supplies, for pre-construction and construction, based on available ARPA funds, allocating funds as follows:
 - i. Allocate \$2,000,000 of the \$6,000,000 for stormwater, water, and wastewater improvements within the Camp Lockett Master Plan Boundary
 - ii. Allocate \$2,000,000 of the \$6,000,000 for stormwater, water, and wastewater improvements within the Tijuana River Valley
 - iii. Allocate \$2,000,000 of the \$6,000,000 for stormwater, water, and wastewater improvements for other projects to be identified.
4. Selected Project 10 (Infrastructure Technology Launchpad to Prepare for Future Pandemics and Build Climate Resilience):
 - a. Canceled appropriations of \$1,000,000 from Finance Other, General Miscellaneous Expense, Other Charges based on ARPA funds.
 - b. Established appropriations of \$1,000,000 in the Department of Public Works General Fund, Services & Supplies, for development of an infrastructure technology launchpad, based on available ARPA funds.
 - c. Authorized the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, to execute an agreement with the San Diego Regional Policy and Innovation Center (SDRPIC) in an amount up to \$1,000,000 using funds from the Department of Public Works General Fund, Services & Supplies, to fund SDRPIC's development of an infrastructure technology launchpad and to execute any other required documents in furtherance of this program.

5. Selected Project 11 (Drinking Water & Energy Bill Data Capture and Analysis):
 - a. Canceled appropriations of \$1,250,000 from Finance Other, General Miscellaneous Expense, Other Charges based on ARPA funds.
 - b. Established appropriations of \$1,250,000 in the Department of Public Works General Fund, Services & Supplies, for drinking water and energy bill data capture and analysis, based on available ARPA funds.
 - c. Authorized the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, to execute an agreement with SDRPIC in an amount up to \$1,250,000 using funds from the Department of Public Works General Fund, Services & Supplies, to fund SDRPIC's drinking water and energy bill data capture and analysis and to execute any other required documents in furtherance of this program.

6. Selected Project 12 (Climate-Resilient Green Infrastructure Demonstration Projects Combined with Broadband):
 - a. Canceled appropriations of \$2,250,000 from Finance Other, General Miscellaneous Expense, Other Charges based on ARPA funds.
 - b. Established appropriations of \$2,250,000 in the Department of Public Works General Fund, Services & Supplies, for climate-resilient green infrastructure demonstration projects combined with broadband, based on available ARPA funds.
 - c. Authorized the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, to execute an agreement with SDRPIC in an amount up to \$2,250,000 using funds from the Department of Public Works General Fund, Services & Supplies, to fund SDRPIC's analysis of climate-resilient green infrastructure demonstration projects combined with broadband, and to execute any other required documents in furtherance of this program.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

14. SUBJECT: ALLOCATE \$2.0 MILLION IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS FOR INVESTMENTS IN YOUTH SPORTS AND CAMPS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The County of San Diego (County) Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) facilitates youth sports both directly and indirectly by offering camps and leagues and provides sports fields and courts for over 120 outside youth sports organizations. Additionally, DPR facilitates a wide range of youth camps for toddlers to high school age participants. Programs include seasonal camps that occur during school breaks and a variety of themed programs centered around fitness and arts.

However, during the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis, many of these programs were paused or adjusted due to State and federally mandated closures. As a result, youth across the region have not had the opportunity to participate in these recreation activities. Additionally, many families continue to face financial hardships that prevent youth from participating in youth sports and camp programs.

On June 8, 2021 (03), the Board of Supervisors (Board) established appropriations of \$2 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for investments in youth sports and camps. If approved, DPR would use this funding to offset the costs associated with registration in DPR-led youth camps and sports leagues and for organizations that use DPR facilities for recreational youth sports and camp activities. Additionally, lessees of DPR facilities and organizations in the unincorporated areas of the County that do not currently run recreational youth sports and camp activities on DPR property will also be eligible for the reimbursement of costs associated with registration through the program. It is anticipated that 15,000 - 20,000 youth will benefit from the program.

Using the California Healthy Places Index (HPI), DPR would prioritize funding for families and communities that have been most impacted by the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis and organizations that serve those communities. Approximately \$1,800,000 would be used to issue fee waivers and reimbursements, and up to \$200,000 of these funds would be used to support the administrative costs of operating the program, including assisting families and organizations with the application and registration process.

Today's request would result in costs and revenues of \$2,000,000 in the Department of Parks and Recreation to support youth sports and camps. Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Operational Plan for the Department of Parks and Recreation. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Find that the proposed action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(3) and 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines because it involves government fiscal activities, including the identification and allocation of funding without a commitment or approval of specific projects.
2. Waive Board Policy B-29: *Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery*, for fees relating to facility use for youth sports and camp activities.
3. Transfer appropriations of \$2,000,000 from Finance Other, General Miscellaneous Expense, Other Charges to the Department of Parks and Recreation, Services & Supplies (\$1,800,000), and Salaries & Benefits (\$200,000), for the Youth Sports and Camps Program, based on available American Rescue Plan Act funds.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Youth Sports and Camps Fee Waiver Program will reduce financial barriers that would otherwise limit participation in DPR programs or prevent youth organizations from participating in youth sports and camp activities. It will have a positive impact on residents within the County of San Diego by promoting healthy childhood environments and improve physical and mental health by expanding opportunities to participate in organized sports and youth camps.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Operational Plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of \$2,000,000 in the Department of Parks and Recreation. A waiver of Board Policy B-29:

Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery (Board Policy B-29) is requested for fees related to facility use for youth sports and camp activities. The proposed ARPA funding may not offset all administrative costs. Any unrecovered cost per Board Policy B-29 up to \$200,000 through December 31, 2024 will be funded with existing General Purpose Revenue in the Department of Parks and Recreation. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's actions benefit local organizations and the community at large by improving accessibility to youth sports programming and youth camps. This contributes to enhanced community recreational opportunities and a healthy environment.

ACTION:

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

15. **SUBJECT: SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF GIFTS AND DONATIONS AND RATIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS AND DONATIONS EXCEEDING \$5,000 TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY LIBRARY; ACCEPT GRANT AWARDS AND ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

The San Diego County Library (SDCL) operates 33 branches, two bookmobiles, and five 24/7 Library-To-Go kiosks, which serve over one million residents across the region. To *Learn*, *Energize*, *Read*, and *Create* are the building blocks SDCL offers in support of the County's *Live Well* initiatives for Healthy, Safe and Thriving communities. SDCL's e-book service with Overdrive, Inc., continues to provide customers with access to library materials during the pandemic. As a result, SDCL is now ranked 2nd in California, and 12th in the world in e-book downloads with Overdrive with an average of over 26 thousand downloads per month. With over 20,000 library programs each year, visitors to the branches have a variety of opportunities to explore, entertain, and educate themselves, as well as check out books, CDs, DVDs, and other items. Visitors of all ages can participate in activities such as computer programming, yoga, arts and crafts, and other various educational topics provided by our vast network of expert professionals located throughout the region. SDCL receives gifts and donations from individuals and groups that are interested in supporting library services for their communities. This allows SDCL to offer additional programs to the public as well as purchase additional library materials and supplies to accommodate the diverse population of the region.

County of San Diego (County) Administrative Code Section 66, *Acceptance of Gifts*, and Board of Supervisors (Board) Policy A-112, *Acceptance and Use of Gifts and Donations*, permits the acceptance of gifts and donations by the administrative head of each department of the County that exceed \$5,000, subject to ratification by the Board, and requires a semi-annual report to the Board of gifts and donations accepted by a department head not exceeding \$5,000 individually. During the period of January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021, SDCL received donations totaling \$27,272.67 (\$18,000 in cash donations and \$9,272.67 in non-cash donations). A portion of the cash donations received (\$13,000) was matched by the Library Fund through the

Dollar-for-Dollar Donation Matching Program. The Board approved the Dollar-for-Dollar Donation Matching Program for SDCL up to an annual limit of \$250,000. Donors can request their donation be matched by indicating it on the donation form. The matching fund program was created for community participation in the growth of their community library. Donations received during this reporting period were used to purchase library materials, such as books and eBooks, and equipment for library branches and to support programs, such as the Summer Learning Program. The Summer Learning Program is an event held yearly during the months of June through August. The program offers prizes to participants for reading books and completing activities. This program is designed to encourage the public of all ages to engage in reading and participate in activities that bring the community together.

In addition, the Board is being asked to accept one grant award and establish the necessary appropriations. The California State Library has awarded a total of \$43,655 in grant funds to SDCL for Fiscal Year 2020-21. SDCL applies for and receives this grant annually. This grant is used to provide programs and materials that help adults achieve their full potential. Adults can take classes on computer literacy, prepare for their GED, or develop English literacy. The grant's allowable uses will be used to purchase books and materials, software, IT support, and supplies. Today's proposed actions are to accept the SDCL's Report of Gifts and Donations for the period of January 1, 2021, to June 30, 2021, and to ratify the acceptance of those gifts and donations by the SDCL that exceeded \$5,000. Today's action also authorizes the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign a letter of appreciation to the donors whose donations exceed \$5,000.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Find that the proposed action is not subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15060(c)(2) and (3) because it does not have a direct or indirect effect on the environment and the action is not a project as defined in Section 15378(b)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines.
2. In accordance with Administrative Code Section 66, Acceptance of Gifts, and Board of Supervisors (Board) Policy A-112, Acceptance and Use of Gifts and Donations, accept the San Diego County Library Report of Gifts and Donations for the period of January 1, 2021, through June 30, 2021.
3. In accordance with Administrative Code Section 66 and Board Policy A-112, ratify the acceptance of gifts from January 1, 2021, through June 30, 2021, for \$27,272.67 that exceeded \$5,000.
4. Accept the California Library Literacy Services grant award from the California State Library and establish appropriations of \$43,665 in the Library Fund, Services & Supplies.
(4 VOTES)
5. Authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign letters of appreciation on behalf of the County of San Diego to donors listed on Attachment B.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The acceptance of donations from the San Diego County Library (SDCL) will allow for the purchase of library materials, such as books and eBooks, and equipment for library branches and to support programs, such as the Summer Learning Program. The library materials are accessible throughout all County Library branches. The Summer Learning Program encourages participants of all ages to engage in reading and participate in activities that bring the community together.

The donations allow SDCL to provide additional supplies and services to youth, families, and communities to encourage the sharing of experiences, cultural traditions, and resources to strengthen a sense of belonging. Gifts and donations received are monitored and publicly disclosed in accordance with all County policies. Expenditures are internally tracked by SDCL to ensure transparency and accountability of donations and gifts received and to provide for the equitable distribution of resources.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request were not included in the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Operational Plan for the San Diego County Library (SDCL) Fund. If approved, these requests would result in current year costs and revenue of \$43,665. The funding source is a grant from the California State Library. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

San Diego County Library (SDCL) received \$27,272.67 in cash and non-cash donations exceeding \$5,000 in value between January 1, 2021, and June 30, 2021. Of these donations, \$13,000.00 qualified for an equal amount of matching funds from SDCL at the request of the donors, which was completed in Fiscal Year 2020-21 based on available prior year Library Fund fund balance.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

16. **SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:
APPROVAL OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES FOR
BAYPOINT PREPARATORY ACADEMY, MAAC COMMUNITY
CHARTER SCHOOL (MCCS), AND THE SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION
OF GOVERNMENTS (SANDAG) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

The Board of Supervisors serves as the Code Reviewing Body for any local government, other than cities, with jurisdiction wholly within the County, per Government Code Section 82011. The recommended action would approve the adoption of the new Conflict of Interest codes of Baypoint Preparatory Academy and MAAC Community Charter School (MCCS), and the proposed amendment to the Conflict of Interest code of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG).

RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Approve the Conflict of Interest codes of the following agencies:

1. Baypoint Preparatory Academy
2. MAAC Community Charter School (MCCS)
3. San Diego Association of Governments

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 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 government, 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 adoption or amendments of the Conflict of Interest codes submitted by various entities. The adoption or amendments to the Conflict of Interest codes in this Board Letter enable 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.

FISCAL IMPACT

The funding source for administration of this task is included in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Adopted Budget for the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. These reviews require minor costs, which may be recoverable from the State of California.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors closed the Hearing and took action as recommended.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

**17. SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:
ISSUANCE OF REVENUE OBLIGATIONS BY THE CALIFORNIA
ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF
CORONADO HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED IN AN
AGGREGATE MAXIMUM AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500,000
(DISTRICT: 1)**

OVERVIEW

The County has received a request from the California Enterprise Development Authority (“CEDA” or “Authority”) to conduct a public hearing as required by the Internal Revenue Code and to approve the Authority’s issuance of one or more series of tax-exempt and/or taxable revenue obligations in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 (the “Revenue Obligations”), for the benefit of the Coronado Historical Association, Incorporated (the “Borrower”). The Borrower is a California nonprofit public benefit corporation and an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The Borrower has applied for the financial assistance of the Authority to finance the cost of acquisition, construction, development, improvement, furnishing and equipping of the Borrower's museum and historical association located at 1100 Orange Avenue, Coronado, California, 92118, and paying certain costs of issuance in connection with the financing and other related costs.

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

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

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code, hold a public hearing regarding the financing of the Project.
2. Adopt a Resolution entitled:
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ITS REVENUE OBLIGATIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF CORONADO HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED IN AN AGGREGATE MAXIMUM STATED PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$2,500,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, DEVELOPMENT, IMPROVEMENT, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF FACILITIES, PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SUCH REVENUE OBLIGATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

California Enterprise Development Authority was established to assist in financing of nonprofit public benefit organizations or for-profit corporations with a public benefit project wishing to issue or reissue revenue obligations. The revenue obligations issued will be used to finance the acquisition, construction, development, improvement, furnishing and equipping of the Borrower's museum and historical association located at 1100 Orange Avenue, Coronado, California, 92118, and paying certain costs of issuance in connection with the financing and other related costs. The Borrower has a special focus on educational programs and outreach which includes the presentation of local Coronado history that was recently incorporated into the third-grade curriculum for the students in the Coronado Unified School District. In addition, the Borrower values local history and uses it to enrich lives by creating connections to Coronado's past.

FISCAL IMPACT

If approved, the proposal will result in approximately \$1,030 of unanticipated revenue to be used to reimburse the County for costs associated with this non-County financing.

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

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Fletcher, the Board of Supervisors closed the Hearing and took action as recommended, on Consent, adopting Resolution No. 21-158, entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ITS REVENUE OBLIGATIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF CORONADO HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED IN AN AGGREGATE MAXIMUM STATED PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$2,500,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, DEVELOPMENT, IMPROVEMENT, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF FACILITIES, PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SUCH REVENUE OBLIGATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

- 18. SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:
ISSUANCE OF REVENUE OBLIGATIONS BY THE CALIFORNIA
ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF
THE GILLISPIE SCHOOL IN AN AGGREGATE MAXIMUM
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,000,000 (DISTRICT: 4)**

OVERVIEW

The County has received a request from the California Enterprise Development Authority ("CEDA" or "Authority") to conduct a public hearing as required by the Internal Revenue Code and to approve the Authority's issuance of one or more series of tax-exempt and/or

taxable revenue obligations in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$12,000,000 (the “Revenue Obligations”), for the benefit of the Gillispie School (the “Borrower”), a California nonprofit public benefit corporation and an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The Borrower has applied for the financial assistance of the Authority to finance and refinance the cost of the acquisition, construction, development, improvement, furnishing and equipping of the Borrower's educational facilities located at 7380, 7350-7412 and 7420-7426 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, California 92037, and 7373, 7411 and 7413-7415 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, California 92037, including classrooms, a multi-purpose playing field, parking facilities, administrative offices, other appurtenant and related facilities, and paying certain costs of issuance in connection with the financing and other related costs.

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

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

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code, hold a public hearing regarding the financing of the Project.
2. Adopt a Resolution entitled:
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ITS REVENUE OBLIGATIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GILLISPIE SCHOOL IN AN AGGREGATE MAXIMUM STATED PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$12,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING AND REFINANCING THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, DEVELOPMENT, IMPROVEMENT, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES, PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SUCH REVENUE OBLIGATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

California Enterprise Development Authority was established to assist in financing of nonprofit public benefit organizations or for-profit corporations with a public benefit project wishing to issue or reissue revenue obligations. The revenue obligations issued will be used to the finance and refinance the cost of the acquisition, construction, development, improvement, furnishing and equipping of the Borrower's educational facilities located at 7380, 7350-7412 and 7420-7426 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, California 92037, and 7373, 7411 and 7413-7415 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, California 92037, including classrooms, a multi-purpose playing field, parking facilities, administrative offices, other appurtenant and related facilities, and paying

certain costs of issuance. In the last few years, the Borrower has invested considerably in faculty education and advancement through the establishment of the Gillispie School Endowment for Excellence in Teaching and other programs to serve the community.

FISCAL IMPACT

If approved, the proposal will result in approximately \$1,030 of unanticipated revenue to be used to reimburse the County for costs associated with this non-County financing.

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

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Fletcher, the Board of Supervisors closed the Hearing and took action as recommended, on Consent, adopting Resolution No. 21-159, entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ITS REVENUE OBLIGATIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GILLISPIE SCHOOL IN AN AGGREGATE MAXIMUM STATED PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$12,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING AND REFINANCING THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, DEVELOPMENT, IMPROVEMENT, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES, PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SUCH REVENUE OBLIGATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

19. SUBJECT: FRAMEWORK FOR THE FUTURE: CREATING A COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY THAT IS INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

In January, I proposed a Framework for the Future of San Diego County, which included a series of policies geared to prioritizing communities and populations in San Diego that have been historically left behind. Through this Framework, I, along with my Board colleagues, have been championing efforts that promote Racial Justice, Health Equity, Economic Opportunity, Environmental Protection, Government Transparency, and Fundamental Changes to County Operations.

Today's initiative would direct the creation of an enterprise-wide strategic communications plan and related processes, led by the Office of Equity and Racial Justice and County Communications Office, that would ensure that public-facing County documents and functions align with this Board's priorities of equity and inclusion.

RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHAIR NATHAN FLETCHER

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to convene a working group of key communications stakeholders within the enterprise, led by the Office of Equity and Racial Justice and County Communications Office, incorporating feedback from community stakeholders, to create an enterprise-wide communications strategy and plan to ensure equitable, culturally responsive, inclusive, and trauma-informed processes for creation and distribution of County documents and communications.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to instruct all County departments to partner with the working group identified in the previous recommendation to develop plans to ensure that communications, including contracting, business operations, and public-facing documents use appropriate language that is culturally responsive and inclusive.
3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to report back to the Board within 120 days on progress on Recommendations 1 and 2 and identify any resources necessary to undertake goals outlined in this Board Letter.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

This initiative was prompted by community concerns about official documents coming from the County of San Diego that used outdated terms that were harmful to the community members. This experience demonstrated that even when the County is making significant policy changes in line with equity and inclusion, the public-facing documents and communications produced by the County to carry out this vision must align with those efforts.

By creating a strategic communications plan and operationalizing communications protocols, the County will ensure that the language used in County documents and communications aligns with policy priorities of equity and inclusion. Community feedback and concerns will be central to the process.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this request. If additional resources are needed to carry out the intent of the Board Letter, staff will return to the Board with requests.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

20. SUBJECT: ASSESSMENT OF ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The COVID-19 pandemic sent economic shockwaves across the world and in the San Diego County region and exacerbated existing economic inequalities. The gross regional product and

taxable sales dropped billions of dollars. The County was spending about \$20 million a month responding to the pandemic and staff reported increased enrollment in public assistance and social service programs.

All these numbers translate to real economic impacts for families and communities throughout the region. While San Diego County led several successful programs to respond to the needs and alleviate the effects resulting from the pandemic, there is a unique opportunity to enhance the County's role in economic recovery beyond the immediate need and think about regional economic recovery long term.

The County of San Diego is one of only two Southern California counties without a formalized economic development office to support in business attraction and retention (the other being the County of Orange). As we look towards economic recovery from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond, we must also reimagine what we foresee for economic growth in the region.

Economic prosperity is the key element to quality of life and is also necessary for San Diego County to be competitive in the world economy. As our local economy shifts, we must strengthen industries, create good jobs, and encourage economic investment. To increase access to wealth and improved living standards, the local economy must promote and sustain diversity, innovation, competition, and entrepreneurship. Economic growth will also require greater community engagement to ensure that those most negatively impacted by the pandemic are uplifted in any economic recovery plan.

This board letter directs the Chief Administrative Office to assess the County's role in economic prosperity and community development to identify gaps in regional economic development and return with a recommendation of how to create a relevant and successful plan for the County of San Diego to be a regional leader in economic recovery and growth.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

VICE-CHAIR NORA VARGAS AND CHAIR NATHAN FLETCHER

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Office to carry out an in-depth assessment across the enterprise on the County's efforts around economic prosperity, innovation, and development.
 - a. Assess the County's current role in economic recovery, small and medium direct business assistance, trade, tourism, grant distribution, policy evaluation and advocacy.
 - b. Assess how the County can play a pivotal role in community development to revitalize low-income neighborhoods by prioritizing and allocating funds to affordable housing and other community development initiatives.
 - c. Assess the County's partnerships with existing community-based organizations, identify opportunities to expand those partnerships as an avenue to provide resource distribution and technical assistance to the emerging business community and aspiring entrepreneurs.
 - d. Assess the County's role in regional planning around economic development and the ability to serve as a central hub for navigating existing resources to maximize regional economic growth and recovery.

- e. Assess the County’s interactions with the business community at large and identify gaps in service and best ways to bridge those service gaps.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Office to gather data and assess the distribution of state and federal money expended toward economic development across the region.
3. Direct the Chief Administrative Office to look at how to ensure we are building a regional infrastructure
4. Direct the Chief Administrative Office to look at removing barriers and red tape for small unregistered and non-traditional businesses to become part of the formal economy and diversify the business community.
5. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to report back to the board by March 2022 with a vibrant economic development strategy that aligns the County’s current efforts with a robust plan to position the County as a regional leader in economic prosperity and community development.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the lives of individuals, businesses, and communities across San Diego County. The disproportionate economic impacts on communities of color have been well documented. Minority entrepreneurs face myriad challenges and are concerned about economic recovery in the aftermath of COVID-19 disruptions. Of all vulnerable small businesses, minority-owned ones may be most at risk. Ensuring that these businesses survive and thrive despite current circumstances will require an assessment of needs, economic remedies, and the consideration of new services, such through the actions proposed in this Board action. The assessments called for in this board action are essential to closing economic gaps within Black and Latino communities and achieving economic equity goals.

This assessment will also help identify opportunities to reduce the economic gap for women, particularly women of color who have been most negatively impacted by the pandemic. Women dropped out of the workforce by the millions because of child and family care and lost 30 years of progress. The percentage of women in the workforce is now as low as it was in 1988. According to the National Women’s Law Center, women have lost 5.4 million jobs since the pandemic began, with 2.1 million dropping out of the workforce entirely. At this rate it will take women 9 years to get all the jobs back that they lost during the pandemic.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Operational Plan in Finance and General Government Group Executive Office. If approved, this request will result in current year costs for contracted services, which will be funded by unassigned General Fund fund balance. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

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

1. Directed the Chief Administrative Office to carry out an in-depth assessment across the enterprise on the County's efforts around economic prosperity, innovation, and development.
 - a. Assess the County's current role in economic recovery, small and medium direct business assistance, trade, tourism, grant distribution, policy evaluation and advocacy.
 - b. Assess how the County can play a pivotal role in community development to revitalize low-income neighborhoods by prioritizing and allocating funds to affordable housing and other community development initiatives.
 - c. Assess the County's partnerships with existing community-based organizations, identify opportunities to expand those partnerships as an avenue to provide resource distribution and technical assistance to the emerging business community and aspiring entrepreneurs.
 - d. Assess the County's role in regional planning around economic development and the ability to serve as a central hub for navigating existing resources to maximize regional economic growth and recovery.
 - e. Assess the County's interactions with the business community at large and identify gaps in service and best ways to bridge those service gaps.
 - f. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to consider the feasibility of a regionwide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.
2. Directed the Chief Administrative Office to gather data and assess the distribution of state and federal money expended toward economic development across the region.
3. Directed the Chief Administrative Office to look at how to ensure we are building a regional infrastructure.
4. Directed the Chief Administrative Office to look at removing barriers and red tape for small unregistered and non-traditional businesses to become part of the formal economy and diversify the business community.
5. Directed the Chief Administrative Officer to report back to the board by March 2022 with a vibrant economic development strategy that aligns the County's current efforts with a robust plan to position the County as a regional leader in economic prosperity and community development.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

21. SUBJECT: NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM & COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT GRANTS (DISTRICT: 4)

OVERVIEW

The County of San Diego is fortunate to have an opportunity to reinvest taxpayer money into our communities for the benefit of the public. This action will assist the County in meeting the needs of the community.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

SUPERVISOR NATHAN FLETCHER

1. Allocate \$10,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the Cygnet Theatre Company for purchase of tickets, props, costumes, printing, thermometers, testing-kits, gloves, wipes, disinfectants, barriers and study guides.
2. Allocate \$10,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the Economic Development Corporation-San Diego County in order to conduct workforce training, outreach services and to provide businesses with guidance on evolving regulations and COVID recovery services.
3. Allocate \$5,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the San Diego Shakespeare Society, Inc. for the Balboa Park Annual Student Shakespeare Festival to bring the work of Shakespeare to life for students, teachers, and the wider community.
4. Allocate \$15,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the Live and Let Live Alano Club Incorporated for monthly of rent for program facilities and program expansion to incorporate Harm Reduction Program and Medication Assistant Recovery Anonymous.
5. Allocate \$25,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to ElderHelp of San Diego to provide comfort and support for extended isolation, food and transportation to seniors, and access to apply for rent relief.
6. Allocate \$5,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the Commission on the Status of Women for purchase of business cards, name badges, brochure, banner, and updating the website for the 5th Annual Symposium combating domestic violence, human trafficking, and homelessness.
7. Allocate \$12,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the San Diego Children's Choir for purchase of marketing materials to recruit new chorister, marketing materials for fundraising, facilities fees, and partial salary.
8. Allocate \$7,500 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the San Diego Model Railroad Museum, Inc. for updating existing marketing collateral to better inform residents and tourists.
9. Allocate \$15,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the San Diego Architectural Foundation for the Built Environment Education Program Suite to introduce children and teens to science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics topics through architectural concepts to learn about the environment.

10. Allocate \$55,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the Urban Restoration Counseling Center for providing 15 therapy sessions and wellness workshops designed to help create virtual coping mechanisms that will empower individuals from our community.
11. Allocate \$10,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the Elementary Institute of Science for purchase of bus transportation for nine to ten STEM-focused field trips for under-represented students.
12. Allocate \$20,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the ArtsBusXpress to help support the executive director position and purchase of on-site or virtual field trip learning for 1,000s of San Diego County students.
13. Allocate \$20,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the Co-Harvest Foundation for supporting the care and maintenance of micro-farms for food-insecure families, distributing food, homeless outreach, and community outreach.
14. Allocate \$15,900 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the ProduceGood for recovery of the surplus food in District 4 and create fresh food access for people in District 4 neighborhoods.
15. Allocate \$15,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the Emilio Nares Foundation for purchase of reliable and hygienic transportation for low-income children with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses.
16. Allocate \$10,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the San Diego Workforce Partnership, Inc. for purchase of translation services for program materials and to support recruitment.
17. Allocate \$10,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15665) to the Cygnet Theatre Company for installing larger fresh air hoods and ductwork improving air exchange, an air purification system, a single zone mini split system for the sound booth, and for cleaning interior surfaces of the supply and return ducts and associated supply and return registers.
18. Allocate \$35,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15665) to the Live and Let Live Alano Club Incorporated for outfitting a location to accommodate meetings and workshops, purchase of virtual media software and equipment to support hybrid meeting capability, community outreach and engagement, interactive website, e-commerce, literature, surveys, pamphlets, and training in resume writing, interviewing skills, and barista.
19. Allocate \$20,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15665) to the Albion 12 Foundation for purchase of a cargo van to efficiently and safely keep all fields supplied with the appropriate equipment.
20. Allocate \$10,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15665) to I Love a Clean San Diego for the purchase of large trash and recycling labels, recycling bins, printed materials, copies, postage, one-time technology costs for such things as obtaining the cleanbeachcolation.org domain.

21. Allocate \$11,671 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15665) to the Center for Community Solutions for purchase of security system for doors, door releases, motion sensors, alarm panel with cellular connection, video/intercom/door release, fobs, and video monitoring.
22. Allocate \$50,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15665) to Free to Thrive to obtain mental health, wellness, and other emergency resources to support human trafficking survivors during and after the COVID-19 crisis.
23. Find that the grant awards described above have a public purpose.
24. Authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Chief Financial Officer to execute grant agreements or amendments to the existing agreements with the organization awarded Community Enhancement and Neighborhood Reinvestment Program funds, establishing terms for receipt of the funds described above, and to make minor amendments to the agreement that are consistent with the general purpose of the grants but do not increase the grants.
25. Find that the grants identified in Recommendation Nos. 9, 17, and 21 are exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

We recognize that the systemic impacts that inequitable policies may create for residents in San Diego County. The proposed allocation of funds is intended to improve the quality of life throughout the County by providing funds to nonprofits whose work addresses inequities by providing services to all throughout the county. Organizations are chosen for funding based on their location or the demographics they serve with a focus on underserved communities that contain higher numbers of People of Color and LGBTQ+ people. Organizations chosen should work to promote a sense of belonging and utilize equity in their operations, outreach and programs. Supporting documents were reviewed as well as impact reports and community testimony to verify the organization meets these goals.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact of these recommendations is \$136,671 for the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15665) and \$250,400 from the Community Enhancement Program funds (Org 12900). Funds for these requests are included in the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Operational Plan for the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (Org 15665) and Community Enhancement Program (Org 12900). The funding sources are General Purpose Revenue and Transit Occupancy Tax. These actions will not result in the addition of staff years or other costs.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

**22. SUBJECT: NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT AND COMMUNITY
ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM GRANTS (DISTRICT: 3)**

OVERVIEW

The County of San Diego is fortunate to have an opportunity to reinvest taxpayer money into our communities for the benefit of the public. This action will assist the County in meeting the needs of the community.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

SUPERVISOR TERRA LAWSON-REMER

1. Allocate \$10,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15660) to Solana Center for Environmental Innovation to support the cost of, acquiring new technology and capital expenses to repair their office. These funds will help with the purchase of laptops and printers, acquiring audio/visual equipment, ceiling repair, flooring, and painting of the east room and material to repair the holes of the shipping containers.
2. Allocate \$15,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15660) to Del Mar Community Connections to support the cost of an outdoor patio, the cost of independent public accounting firm and the cost of acquiring marketing material.
3. Allocate \$20,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15660) to Outdoor Outreach to support the partial cost of a one-time purchase for a 10 passenger van to support youth events in the County of San Diego.
4. Allocate \$15,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15660) to Escondido Sunrise Rotary, Inc. to support the 10th Annual Grape Day 5K Run/Walk. The funds will help cover one-time expenses of shirts, medals, media marketing materials, flyers and acquisition of a software platform for those participating virtually.
5. Allocate \$15,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15660) to Voices for Children to support their volunteer recruitment campaign with the support for the acquisition of digital and social media marketing materials, a video, and printed materials.
6. Allocate \$10,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15660) to Urban Corps of San Diego County to support with the one time purchase of two pressures washers to assist with their community graffiti removals teams.
7. Allocate \$20,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15660) to Palomar Family Counseling Service, Inc. to replace their HVAC system that is over 30 years old. Funding will help with the partial cost of a new unit and support the work in their Escondido office (1002 E Grand Avenue, Escondido, CA 92025).
8. Allocate \$10,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15660) to Changing Tides Foundation to support their outdoor community space project in the City of Encinitas (1900 N Coast Highway, Encinitas CA 92024). Funding will cover the cost of lighting, equipment and furnishing (i.e., shade tents, tables, desk, chair, outdoor shower kit, surfboard rack, cabinet, paint and bins).

9. Allocate \$20,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15660) to Escondido Chamber of Commerce to support their First Annual Transportation Electrification Exposition. Funds from this grant will help cover the cost of acquiring a stage, sanitation stations, sound system, canopies, tables, chairs porta potties, trash cans, recycling bins, and cleaning equipment (i.e., trash bags, hand sanitizer, wipes, etc.).
10. Allocate \$25,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15660) to San Diego Hunger Coalition to support the cost the one-time cost of navigator website and interactive data portal, acquisition of flyers and staff time to train Navigators in Escondido.
11. Allocate \$25,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15660) to Feeding San Diego to support the purchase and installation of racking systems for food storage.
12. Allocate \$7,500 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the American Red Cross to support their home fire assistance program for residents in San Diego County. Funds would be used to help cover the cost of food, temporary housing, financial assistance, counseling, clothing and personal essentials such as toiletries.
13. Allocate \$20,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Theater and Arts Foundation of San Diego County dba La Jolla Playhouse to support their Performance Outreach Program, and Jumpstart Theater. Funds will help support the tours of schools in District 3, in addition to helping support mentoring and boot camp for non-theater teachers.
14. Allocate \$25,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Free to Thrive to identify and serve LGBTQ+ survivors of human trafficking through its LGBTQ+ program; and provide legal representation to survivors with respect to their vacatur needs, helping them to clear their criminal records.
15. Allocate \$15,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Outdoor Outreach to support programs such as Outdoor Outreach Adventure Club, Military Program, Arts Explorers, Youth Summer Adventures Club, and innovative informed trauma training. Funds will support with the cost of food, transportation, instructor salaries, and staff training.
16. Allocate \$25,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Biocom Institute to support their programming for students, teachers and veterans in San Diego County. Funding will help support their professional development for the community, funding for their internship program, and fellowships, career fairs, and workforce symposium.
17. Allocate \$10,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Voices for Children to support their educational advocacy for foster youth. Funding will help support the partial salary of their advocacy supervisor as well as the manger's salary.

18. Allocate \$15,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Del Mar Community Connections to support their annual gala and purchase of their activity management software. Funds for the Gala would help cover the cost of marketing, facility rentals, postage, and cost of staffing the event.
19. Allocate \$14,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to The University City Foundation for Public Schools to support their OktoberFest event, Taste of Triangle and community newsletter. Funding would cover the cost of Oktoberfest and Taste of Triangle permits, fencing, security, portable potties, marketing, ads, signs, flyers, banner printing/installment, mailings, canopies, tables, chairs, game rental, entertainment, volunteer shirts, trolley rental, food service items, auction fees, and audio visual fees. For the newsletter, the funds would help cover the graphic design, printing and mailing fees.
20. Allocate \$4,900 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Tierrasanta Village of San Diego to support their fall prevention, balance, and strength training and the fees for facility rental. Fees would cover the cost of instructors, therapist and facility rentals fees for their events throughout the year.
21. Allocate \$8,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the North Shore Symphony to support cost to rent venues, purchase/rent instruments, equipment storage and insurance for their instruments.
22. Allocate \$25,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the Escondido Chamber of Commerce to support their first Transportation Electrification Exposition, Annual Grand Avenue Festival and the cost of their Greater Escondido Magazine. Funds would help cover the cost of marketing, social media, video services, tents, fencing, stages, city permits, insurance. security permits and fees. In addition, funds would help cover the cost of printing the Greater Escondido Magazine.
23. Allocate \$15,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Pacific Arts Movement to support the 22nd Annual San Diego Film Asian Festival, Reel Voices and Creative Leadership fellowship, 11th Annual SDAF showcase and the work of the API coalition. Funds would help cover the cost of facilities, film licensing, equipment, marketing, artist fees, and the cost of film.
24. Allocate \$20,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to North County LGBTQ Resource Center to support their annual pride by the beach event. Funds will help cover the cost of permits, street control, cleaning, stage rental, art space, business network, marketing and promotion.
25. Allocate \$10,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Escondido Art Partnership to support their monthly art exhibitions, ArtStream & Teens for Art, and their engagement at the Escondido Farmers market. Funds will help cover the cost of office supplies, software, website support, marketing, AV equipment and stipends for instructors, signage and administrative fees.
26. Find that the grants have a public purpose.

27. Authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Chief Financial Officer to execute grant agreements or amendments to agreements with the organizations awarded grants establishing terms for receipt of the funds described above and to make minor amendments to the agreements that are consistent with the general purpose of the grants but do not increase the grants.
28. Find that the grants identified in Recommendation Nos. 1, 2, 7, 8, and 11 are exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines.
29. Waive Board Policy B-72 to the extent necessary to allow for the allocation of Neighborhood Reinvestment Funds to Del Mar Connections to acquire accounting services from a public accounting firm and to San Diego Hunger Coalition for staff time to train Navigators.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

We recognize the systemic impacts that inequitable policies may create for residents in San Diego County. Find that these proposed allocations of funds are intended to improve the quality of life throughout the County by providing funds for nonprofits whose work addresses inequities, promotes quality of life and improves outcomes that align with the vision of our county. Organizations were chosen based on their location or the demographics they serve with a focus on organizations that focus on vulnerable community member, youth events and inclusive community events. The organizations that were chosen work to promote a sense of belonging and utilize equity in their operations, outreach and programs. Their supporting documents were reviewed as well as impact reports and community testimony

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact of these recommendations is \$185,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15660) and \$214,400 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) totaling \$399,400. Funds for these requests are included in the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Operational Plan for the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (Org 15660) and Community Enhancement Program (Org 12900). The funding source is General Purpose Revenue and Transient Occupancy Tax Revenues. These actions will not result in the addition of staff years or other costs.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

23. SUBJECT: COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANTS (DISTRICT: 1)

OVERVIEW

The County of San Diego is fortunate to have an opportunity to reinvest taxpayer money into our communities for the benefit of the public. This action will assist the County in meeting the needs of the community.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

VICE-CHAIR NORA VARGAS

1. Allocate \$10,000 from the Community Enhancement budget (Org 12900) to Environmental Health Coalition to support SALTA Community Leader Training.
2. Allocate \$5,000 from the Community Enhancement budget (Org 12900) to Reading Legacies to support their first teachers and grandparent storybooks programs.
3. Allocate \$10,000 from the Community Enhancement budget (Org 12900) to Cooper Family Foundation to support Juneteenth Cultural Festival Performances, stage set up, education and marketing, Juneteenth celebration, fun zone and arts and crafts and their food court.
4. Allocate \$20,000 from the Community Enhancement budget (Org 12900) to Neighborhood House Association to support their Diverse Readers Workshop.
5. Allocate \$5,000 from the Community Enhancement budget (Org 12900) to Imperial Beach Sun and Sea Festival to support Sun Sea Festival.
6. Allocate \$5,000 from the Community Enhancement budget (Org 12900) to San Diego Continuing Education Foundation to support Día de Los Muertos community celebration.
7. Allocate \$20,000 from the Community Enhancement budget (Org 12900) to San Diego Regional EDC to support small business recovery services, inclusive growth- infrastructure, anchor institution initiative and talent development- advancing San Diego.
8. Allocate \$10,000 from the Community Enhancement budget (Org 12900) to I Love a Clean San Diego County to support 20th Bay to Clean Up.
9. Allocate \$5,000 from the Community Enhancement budget (Org 12900) to San Diego County Bicycle Coalition to support Smart Cycling Workshop.
10. Allocate \$20,000 from the Community Enhancement budget (Org 12900) to Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce to support Business Retention Seminars/ Webinars and Vaccination Clinics in Otay Mesa.
11. Allocate \$10,000 from the Community Enhancement budget (Org 12900) to First Gen Scholars Diego to support District 1 First Gen Scholars.
12. Allocate \$5,000 from the Community Enhancement budget (Org 12900) to Boys to Men Mentoring Network to support 100 Wave challenge.

13. Allocate \$5,000 from the Community Enhancement budget (Org 12900) to City of National City to support A Kimball Holiday and Covid-19 Safety Protocol expenses.
14. Allocate \$20,500 from the Community Enhancement budget (Org 12900) to Sherman Heights Community Center to support 27th Día de los Muertos, Jovenes youth program and Barrios Limpios.
15. Allocate \$20,000 from the Community Enhancement budget to (Org 12900) Bonita Historical Society to support community programming and Director Salary.
16. Amend the purpose of the 12/10/2019 (20) allocation of \$10,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15650) to Ocean Discovery Institute change the scope of this grant from supporting the purchase of a van to support the outfitting of learning spaces at their Living Lab. Authorize the Chief Financial Officer to amend the grant agreement accordingly.
17. Amend the purpose of the 10/13/2020 (6) allocation of \$44,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15650) to Cristo Rey San Diego High School to allow for the remaining grant funds towards the purchase of an additional passenger van to support their student population and work study positions. Authorize the Chief Financial Officer to amend the grant agreement accordingly.
18. Amend the purpose of the 12/08/2020 (10) allocation of \$10,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15650) to San Diego Children's Choir to reflect the purchases of equipment and materials that occurred as early as 07/01/2020 to ensure safe, socially distant, outdoor rehearsals with a live-streaming component for virtual-only participants for their 2020-2021 season. Authorize the Chief Financial Officer to amend the grant agreement accordingly.
19. Find that the grant awards described above have a public purpose.
20. Authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Chief Financial Officer to execute a grant agreement with the organization awarded Neighborhood Reinvestment Program funds and to make minor amendments to the agreement that are consistent with the general purpose of the grant but do not increase the grant.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

We recognize that the systemic impacts that inequitable policies may create for residents in San Diego County. Find that these proposed allocations and amendment of funds are intended to improve the quality of life throughout the County by providing funds for non-profits and local agencies whose work addresses inequities, promotes quality of life and improves outcomes that align with the vision of our county. Organizations and agencies were chosen based on their location or the demographics they serve with a focus on organizations and agencies that focus on vulnerable community members, youth and senior events, and other inclusive community events. The organizations that were chosen work to promote a sense of belonging and utilize equity in their operations, outreach, and programs. Their supporting documents were reviewed as well as impact reports and community testimony.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact of these recommendations is \$170,500 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900). Funds for these grant requests are included in the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Operational Plan for Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900). The funding source is General Purpose Revenue and Transient Occupancy Tax Revenues. The actions amending those grant purposes have no fiscal impact. These actions will not result in additional staff years or other costs.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

24. SUBJECT: STAFF REPORT ON PROPOSED WORKING FAMILIES ORDINANCE (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

On July 13, 2021 (21), the County of San Diego (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) requested the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) return within 90 days with a draft Working Families Ordinance for consideration that will amend the County Administrative Code. Additionally, the Board also requested a prequalification policy and proposed amendments to existing policies to require prospective bidders and proposers on public works projects to prequalify prior to submitting a bid or proposal. The Board also requested the CAO to estimate the impact of the implementation of the Working Families Ordinance on County construction projects and County-owned leased property. Lastly, the Board requested the CAO to update relevant contracting and leasing processes and templates for County construction projects and County-owned leased property to implement the intent of the Working Families Ordinance.

To estimate the potential impact of implementation of the draft Working Families Ordinance, County staff conducted research via surveys and virtual eForums. A survey was sent to current lessees on County-owned property, and to contractors that have been awarded a public works contract greater than \$500,000 within the past two years. Four separate community eForums were held to help determine the potential impact to: 1) Current lessees on County-owned property, 2) Contractors that have been awarded a public works contract greater than \$500,000 within the past two years, 3) the Farm Bureau, and 4) the General Public, including interested labor organizations.

Over the course of obtaining stakeholder input, it became apparent that further economic analysis is warranted to fully inform the Board of the potential impacts of the ordinance. Staff requests additional time to engage an economic consultant who will evaluate the cost impact to County construction projects, employment wage standards for workers on County-owned leased property and make recommendations on how the draft ordinance could be implemented.

Staff is requesting that the Board accept a report that summarizes stakeholder feedback regarding potential impacts of approving the ordinance and provide staff additional time to engage a consultant to develop a regional economic analysis and impact report to return to the Board in February 2022. Staff will also bring forward the draft bid prequalification policy for the Board's consideration at that time.

RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Accept the attached staff-developed impact report that summarizes stakeholder feedback regarding potential impacts of the ordinance.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to engage a consultant to develop a regional economic analysis and impact report and return to the Board in February 2022 with a draft ordinance for the Board's consideration.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

For decades, pay and benefits for many, especially those in underserved communities, have not kept up with the cost of living, housing, or providing for a family. Incomes have stagnated for middle- and working-class San Diegans, even while housing and other costs have skyrocketed. Amending County policies and ordinances to protect working families will help ensure that no worker employed on a County-related project is left behind. This initiative may help improve pay and working conditions in the industries and sectors that rely most heavily on labor from women and people of color, including construction and services. The anticipated regional economic analysis and impact report will help to inform the equity impact of the ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for today's recommendations are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 Operational Plan in the Finance and General Government Group Executive Office. The funding source is unassigned General Fund fund balance. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

To provide the Board with an estimate of the potential impacts of implementing the draft ordinance, County staff invited stakeholders from construction projects, lessees of County-owned property and the public, including labor organizations, to participate in virtual forums or provide feedback through written correspondence to be summarized in the attached Staff Impact Report. The report starts with a Demographic Summary, which identifies the parties affected by the ordinance. The Stakeholder Outreach section explains how information was gathered. The Impact Summary section describes stakeholder feedback regarding ordinance implementation and alternative ordinance language to address concerns. Finally, the report includes Attachments 1 and 2 with Contractor and Lessee Survey Results, as well as all Official Communications received from contractors, lessees, and the public (as of 9 AM September 24, 2021).

Staff also reached out to industry associations to begin a comparative analysis of potential impacts where readily available and received no responses from or examples of jurisdictions that have implemented a similar ordinance to use as a benchmark. Staff acknowledges that the potential impacts of any proposed alternative ordinance options for the draft ordinance could be limited, as it is solely based on stakeholder feedback. If the Board desires a more

comprehensive regional economic analysis of the draft ordinance, staff recommends hiring a consultant to identify more specific impacts with regards to jobs, small versus large businesses, skilled and trained workforce feasibility, and advancing equity to this workforce.

ACTION:

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

25. SUBJECT: RESCISSION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARLSBAD AND COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO REGARDING THE MCCLELLAN-PALOMAR AIRPORT MASTER PLAN UPDATE (DISTRICT: 5)

OVERVIEW

The McClellan-Palomar Airport (Palomar Airport) is located in the City of Carlsbad and is one of eight airports owned and operated by the County of San Diego (County) at no cost to the General Fund. On October 10, 2018 (1) the Board of Supervisors (Board) certified the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) and approved the Palomar Airport Final Master Plan Update (MPU). The City of Carlsbad subsequently sued the County challenging the Board's approval of the MPU and certification of the Final PEIR. On March 28, 2019, the City of Carlsbad and the County entered into a Mutual Cooperation and Settlement Agreement (Settlement Agreement) (Attachment A) to resolve the dispute. On June 4, 2019, Citizens for a Friendly Airport sued the County and the City of Carlsbad challenging the Settlement Agreement.

On May 5, 2021 (13), in response to a judgment in a separate case challenging the approval of the MPU and certification of the Final PEIR, the Board rescinded all approvals associated with the October 10, 2018 (1) approval of the MPU, certification of the Final PEIR, and related actions, in compliance with the Superior Court's Writ of Mandate. Thereafter, the City of Carlsbad asked if the County would agree to terminate the Settlement Agreement. On September 8, 2021, County staff and staff for the City of Carlsbad executed a Termination of Mutual Cooperation and Settlement Agreement (Attachment B), contingent upon the Carlsbad City Council and the Board approving the termination. On September 14, 2021, the Carlsbad City Council ratified the Termination of Mutual Cooperation and Settlement Agreement (Attachment C).

Today's request is for the Board to ratify County staff's execution of the Termination of Mutual Cooperation and Settlement Agreement. This action will likely moot the lawsuit filed by Citizens for a Friendly Airport against the County and the City of Carlsbad. It should be further noted that, by terminating the Settlement Agreement, there is no implication that any provisions of the Settlement Agreement were unlawful nor any concession of procedural faults regarding the manner in which the Settlement Agreement was approved.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Ratify County staff's execution of the Termination of Mutual Cooperation and Settlement Agreement by and between the County of San Diego and the City of Carlsbad.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The County of San Diego strives to provide services in a fair and equitable manner and actively works to address inequalities and improve outcomes in a manner that aligns with the vision of the County. At the request of the City of Carlsbad, today's action to terminate the Settlement Agreement continues efforts undertaken by the County to work with the City of Carlsbad to address environmental and community concerns identified by the City of Carlsbad. The County entered into the Settlement Agreement to resolve litigation with the City of Carlsbad in a mutually agreeable manner, and is now terminating the Settlement Agreement at the City of Carlsbad's request because the actions that formed the basis of the lawsuit underlying the Settlement Agreement have been rescinded. The resolution of disputes in a mutually agreeable manner preserves resources and helps ensure that the concerns of City of Carlsbad residents are addressed in an equitable manner.

FISCAL IMPACT

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

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

26. **SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION FOR COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION AND AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR TEMPORARY HELP SERVICES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

Pursuant to Government Code 31000.4, the Board of Supervisors may contract with temporary help firms for temporary help to assist county agencies, departments, or offices during any peak load, temporary absence, or emergency other than a labor dispute, provided the Board determines that it is in the economic interest of the county to provide such temporary help by contract, rather than employing persons for such purpose. Use of temporary help is limited to a period not to exceed 90 days for any single peak load, temporary absence, or emergency situation. These contracts allow for a readily available pool of temporary help for all departments to utilize in a wide variety of instances which may include, but are not limited to maternity leaves, medical leaves, bereavement leaves, and family medical leave.

Today's action requests the Board to authorize the Director of Purchasing and Contracting to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) and negotiate and award contract(s) for temporary help services, in accordance with statutory law, the County Administrative Code and County Policies and Procedures. The proposed duration for each contract is two years with three additional one-year options and a six-month extension for a total of five years and six months, if needed.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Determine based upon continuing operational needs that it is in the economic interest of the County to obtain temporary help through temporary help firm contracts as identified in, and pursuant to, the provisions of Government Code Section 31000.4.
2. In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code, authorize the Director, Purchasing and Contracting to issue a competitive solicitation for temporary help services to the County, and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award contracts for a term of two years with three additional one-year options and a six-month extension for a total of five years and six months, if needed, and to amend the contracts as needed to reflect changes to services and funding.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Requesting authorization to release a competitive solicitation that will allow the County to consider proposals from a variety of firms equitably, including small businesses and minority, women and veteran-owned businesses, and provide opportunity to contractors with an adequate portfolio to provide temporary staff. Temporary staffing firms play a critical role in supplementing County staff during periods of peak workload, temporary absences of regular employees, and emergency circumstances, such as the County's COVID-19 response, for a maximum of 90 days. The approval to advertise and award a temporary help contract to assist County agencies, departments, and offices allows the County to have a readily available pool of temporary help. In addition, it will increase the County's flexibility to keep staffing levels optimal as business needs change.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-23 Operational Plan for respective departments. If approved, this request will result in estimated annual costs of \$3,600,000 in FY 2021-22 and \$3,600,000 in FY 2022-23. Funding of \$3,600,000 for each option year and \$1,800,000 for the six-month extension for this request will be included in future year Operational Plans for the County departments, offices, and agencies that will compensate the temporary help firms under such contracts. 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 Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

27. 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)

SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON

Waive Board Policy A-74, "Citizen Participation in County Boards, Commissions and Committees," and re-appoint Richard Denure as a regular member to the ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD 1 (AAB), Seat No. 2, for a term to expire September 2, 2024.

Re-appoint Michael Anderson as an alternate member to the ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD 3 (AAB), Seat No. 2, for a term to expire September 2, 2024.

Appoint Karolyn Smith to the COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, Seat No. 4, for a term to expire January 6, 2025.

Re-appoint Robert (Bob) Eble to the CSA NO. 128 - SAN MIGUEL LOCAL PARK DISTRICT CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD, Seat No. 5, for a term to expire January 6, 2025.

SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND

Re-appoint Zarina Jackson as an alternate member to the ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD 1 (AAB), Seat No. 5, for a term to expire September 2, 2024.

Re-appoint Robert Pearman an alternate member to the ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD 4 (AAB), Seat No. 5, for a term to expire September 2, 2024.

Appoint Douglas W. Gastelum to the RAINBOW COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP, Seat No. 10, for a term to expire January 2, 2023.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Appoint Nadia Kean-Ayub to the CITIZENS' LAW ENFORCEMENT REVIEW BOARD (CLERB), Seat No. 1, for a term to expire June 30, 2024.

Appoint Eileen Delaney to the CITIZENS' LAW ENFORCEMENT REVIEW BOARD (CLERB), Seat No. 3, for a term to expire June 30, 2023.

Appoint MaryAnne Pintar to the CITIZENS' LAW ENFORCEMENT REVIEW BOARD (CLERB), Seat No. 7, for a term to expire June 30, 2024.

Appoint Buki Domingos to the CITIZENS' LAW ENFORCEMENT REVIEW BOARD (CLERB), Seat No. 11, for a term to expire June 30, 2022.

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.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

28. 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

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

29. SUBJECT: CLOSED SESSION (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
Michelle Moriarty., et al. v. County of San Diego, et al.; United States District Court, Southern District No. 3:17-cv-1154-TWR-AGS
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code section 54957.6)
Designated Representatives: Susan Brazeau, Brad Rankin
Employee Organizations and Unrepresented Employees: All
- C. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT
(Government Code section 54957)
Title: Chief Probation Officer

ACTION:

Closed Session matters were continued to the Board of Supervisors session of October 6, 2021.

30. SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

Kristin Francy spoke to the Board regarding Constitutional issues.

Eugene Neal provided a prayer for San Diego.

Sterling Moffett, Amber Long, and Noemi Abrego spoke to the Board regarding concerns about COVID-19 restrictions.

Bo Nielsen spoke to the Board regarding motivation.

Audra Morgan spoke to the Board regarding the Constitution.

Becky Rapp spoke to the Board regarding sexually violent predators.

Gretchen Goel spoke to the Board regarding conflicts of interest for COVID-19 panel of experts.

Terri-Ann Skelly spoke to the Board regarding concerns about use of marijuana.

Kathleen Lippitt spoke to the Board about the influence of the marijuana industry.

Peggy Walker spoke to the Board regarding the inadequate process for feedback for social equitable cannabis program.

Mike Borrello spoke to the Board regarding COVID-19 reporting.

Sandra Martinez spoke to the Board regarding the use of Ivermectin.

Spencer Kim spoke to the Board regarding serving the people of San Diego County.

Diane Grace and Kelly McCormick spoke to the Board regarding concerns about marijuana businesses in the unincorporated areas.

Kevin Stevenson spoke to the Board regarding concerns about recent COVID-19 public comments.

ACTION:

Heard, Referred to the Chief Administrative Officer.

The Board adjourned the Tuesday session at 10:48 p.m. in memory of Ramiro Ontiveros.

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.