

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
SAN DIEGO MILITARY AND VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MEETING NOTICE: In Person
North Central Live Well Center
5055 Ruffin Road, 2nd Floor Conference Room, San Diego CA 92123
Phone (858) 694-3222**

Public Video Viewing/Comment Option:

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**February 19, 2026
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

AGENDA

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| 1:00 - 1:01 | 1. Call to Order |
| 1:01 - 1:02 | 2. Pledge of Allegiance |
| 1:02 - 1:03 | 3. Roll Call |
| 1:03 - 1:05 | 4. Action Item: Approval of December 18, 2025, Meeting Minutes |

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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| 1:05 - 1:15 | 5. <u>Guidelines for Public Comment on Items not listed on the agenda:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Members of the public may request to speak about any issue within the purview of the Board.➤ Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes.➤ Board members may not discuss or take action on issues raised during public comment unless the issue is listed in this Agenda. |
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PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

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| 1:15 – 1:25 | 6. Discussion Item: New Community Connections: SDMVAC Council Members share community events they had recently attended, All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council Members |
| 1:25 – 1:35 | 7. Discussion Item: Nomination and Election of Vice Chair; Chair Jude Litzenberger |
| 1:35 – 1:45 | 8. Discussion Item: Work Group updates, All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council Members |
| 1:45 – 1:55 | 9. Discussion Item: Brown Act Update (SB 707); Ray Flores, Military and Veterans Affairs Officer |

- 1:55 – 2:25 10. **Presentation Item:** Feeding San Diego, Robert Kamensky, Chief Executive Office of Feeding San Diego
- 2:25 – 3:00 11. **Discussion Item:** Suggested topic for future meetings: All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council Members

ADJOURNMENT/ NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held on April 16, 2026, 1:00 – 3:00 pm, at 5055 Ruffin Road, 2nd Floor Conference Room, San Diego, CA 92123.

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https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/ssp/veterans_advisory_council.html

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**SDMVAC Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2025**

Members Present

Jude Litzenberger
Danny Jackson
John Paul Sullivan
Robyn Nolin

Staff Present

Amy Klock, OMVA
Ray Flores, OMVA
Adriana Ramirez, Interim Assistant Director, HHS SSS

Members Absent

Mark Gracyk
Paula Jansen
David McCulloh
Philip Kendro

Guests

Dan Whitley – Col. US Marines, Camp Pendleton Liaison Officer
Abel Martinez
Kristian Kennedy
Tonya Savice

1. Meeting called to order at 1:05 pm by Jude Litzenberger, Chair
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
 - SDMVAC present members noted above.
4. The minutes of the October 16, 2025, meeting were approved by three Council members, with one abstention.

5. Public Comments:
 - No public comment

6. **Discussion Item:** New Community Connections: SDMVAC Council members share community events they have recently attended. Chair Jude Litzenberger shared he attendance in Cathedral City for those who served, including service dogs with Guide Dogs for America participating in the Veterans Parade alongside with the San Diego Coalition. Robyn Nolin highlighted her golf tournament benefiting Veterans. Veterans Memorial and Flag Change ceremonies were held at Santee Lake, also attended El Cajon Burger Burn event for Veterans. John Paul Sullivan attended the Alpine event, provided food, and distributed turkeys for Thanksgiving, as well as taking part in Raise Across America in Alpine. Feeding San Diego activities continue every Tuesday and Wednesday. Danny attended a Veterans event hosted by the Office of Congresswoman Sara Jacobs (CA-51).

7. **Discussion Item:** Report from Ad Hoc working groups regarding edits to working group charter and their meeting schedule: All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council. Chair Jude advises that each working group concentrate on their assigned mission and objectives. Each group is expected to schedule a guidance meeting with Jude and Danny as needed. Additionally, every working group will prepare a progress report to share at the next advisory meeting, ensuring updates on achievements, challenges, and next steps are clearly communicated.

8. **Presentation Item:** Camp Pendelton 2025 Veteran and Retiree Expo; Dan Whitley, Colonel US Marines (Ret) MCB Camp Pendelton Community Planning Liaison Officer. Colonel Dan Whitley provided an overview of Camp Pendleton, including recent developments and updates relevant to ongoing operations and activities.

9. **Discussion Item:** Veteran serving nonprofits which could be strengthened by board training beyond those who have presented to SDMVAC in the past three years. Chair Jude Litzenberger. Chair Jude Litzenberger shared her initiative to invite all organizations that have previously presented at the advisory meetings to participate in Board training. She is collaborating with USD to provide a platform for this training, which will benefit these organizations as well as other nonprofits. She requested that the Council help identify and invite individual Veterans who have the relevant skills to participate in and contribute to the training.

10. **Discussion Item:** Suggested topic for future meetings: All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council. Ray Flores mentioned that John Paul Sullivan would like to invite Feeding San Diego to present at the next meeting and encouraged members to invite additional organizations that support Veterans.

ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:59 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on February 19, 2026.

ITEM #6 New Community Connections: SDMVAC Council members share community events they had recently attended

All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council Members



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**LIVE WELL
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ITEM #7 Nomination and Election of Vice Chair

Jude Litzenberger, Chair of San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council



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ITEM #8 Work Group Updates

All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council Members



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SAN DIEGO

ITEM #9 Brown Act Updates (SB 707)

Ray Flores, Military and Veterans Affairs Officer





COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

December 11, 2025

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TO: County Departments that Support Brown Act Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Groups

FROM: Randall R. Sjoblom, Supervising Deputy County Counsel

RE: SB 707 (2025) Updates to the Brown Act

On October 3, 2025, the Governor signed SB 707. This bill reorganizes portions of the Brown Act and adds several new provisions. For purposes of providing support to the County's various boards, commissions, committees and other groups ("BCCs"), the changes to the teleconferencing rules are explained with a brief summary of the other changes applicable to the BCCs. SB 707 made several other substantive changes to the Brown Act that only apply to the Board of Supervisors and are not explained herein.

All of the provisions in SB 707 that apply to the BCCs will go into effect on January 1, 2026. Also attached for your reference are a teleconferencing procedures checklist and a comparison chart of the types of teleconferencing procedures available to the County's BCCs.

I. Teleconferencing Updates

A. Standard Teleconferencing Requirements

The standard teleconferencing requirements remain unchanged. That provision allows for a member of a legislative body to participate by teleconference, provided that:

- the location from which the member is participating is also noticed on the agenda and is open to the public;
- the majority of the membership must participate from within the jurisdiction of the County; and
- votes must be by roll call.

SB 707 made two clarifications. First, a person who is granted an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) to participate remotely is not required to follow the standard teleconferencing requirements. Second, the definition of teleconferencing was clarified to provide that watching or listening to a broadcast of a meeting without being able to interactively speak, discuss, or deliberate on matters is not considered teleconferencing.

B. ADA Participation

Participation via teleconferencing for a person with a disability is now allowed as a reasonable accommodation under the ADA. Such accommodation now counts as an in-person attendance for all teleconferencing participation. The member must:

- participate by audio and video technology (unless the disability would cause a need to participate only by audio technology); and
- disclose the presence of and their relationship with anyone 18 years or older in the room with them.

C. Non-standard Teleconferencing Participation Options

All other teleconferencing participation options in the Brown Act provide more flexibility for the BCC members. However, they are limited in use. SB 707 combined all these other options into one section of the Brown Act and provided general rules that apply to all of them. The options that are applicable to the County’s BCC are those for declared emergencies, just cause, and a new provision for eligible subsidiary bodies.

1. *Non-standard Teleconferencing General Requirements*

The following requirements apply for all teleconferencing options that do not comply with the standard teleconferencing provisions:

- The public must have access to: (i) a two-way audiovisual service, or (ii) telephonic service and live webcast.
- The agenda must give notice of how the public can participate.
- If service is disrupted such that the public cannot participate, then no further action can occur until the service is restored.
- The BCC cannot require comments be submitted prior to the meeting, and the public must be able to address the BCC in real time.

- If public comment is provided on each agenda item, a reasonable time shall be provided for the public to register, if required by the service, and to speak.
- If a timed public comment is provided, the public comment period cannot be closed until the time that was noticed has elapsed.
- A BCC member who participates telephonically shall be identified as such in the meeting minutes.
- The BCC shall have a procedure for resolving reasonable accommodation requests under ADA, and the agenda must give notice of how to make the request and how the request will be resolved.
- The BCC must comply with civil rights and nondiscrimination laws.
- A BCC member who teleconferences must disclose the presence of and their relationship with anyone 18 years or older in the room with them.

2. *Declared Emergency*

Teleconferencing for the BCC membership remains allowed without requiring any physical location for the meeting during a declared state of emergency. The one change from the prior law is that a locally declared state of emergency also qualifies, not just those declared by the State. This teleconferencing option does not have an expiration.

3. *Just Cause*

The emergency circumstances and just cause teleconferencing options are combined into one option for just cause. This option permits a BCC member to participate via teleconferencing without notice of the location from which the member is participating. A vote by the BCC is not required. In addition to the non-standard teleconferencing general requirements above, the following must be complied with:

- a quorum of the BCC meets in-person at the same physical location;
- the member must notify the BCC at the earliest opportunity of the need to teleconference;
- the member have one of the following “just causes”:
 - childcare/caregiving of child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling or domestic partner that requires the member to participate remotely;
 - a contagious illness that prevents the member from participating in person;

- a need related to a physical or mental condition not addressed by an ADA accommodation;
- travel while on business of the County or state or local agency;
- an immunocompromised child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse or domestic partner that requires the member to participate remotely;
- a physical or family emergency that prevents the member from attending in person; or
- military service in response to orders by the California National Guard or U.S. Military Reserve that requires the member to be more than 50 miles away outside the boundaries of the County,
- the member must participate through both audio and visual technology, and
- each member may only utilize this option a limited number of times per year per the following formula:
 - 2 times – if the BCC meets once per month or fewer
 - 5 times – if the BCC meets twice per month
 - 7 times – if the BCC meets three or more times per month.

The minutes of the meeting must reflect why the member participated under the just cause option, though no specifics related to medical conditions need to be provided. This option will expire on January 1, 2030.

4. *Eligible Subsidiary Bodies*

There is a new teleconferencing option for advisory bodies to the agency’s governing body (“eligible subsidiary bodies”) so that *any or all* of its members may teleconference. The subsidiary body must be created by charter, ordinance, resolution, or formal action of the Board of Supervisors. The subsidiary body must serve only in an advisory capacity, and it cannot be authorized to take final action on such items as legislation, regulations, contracts, permits, grants, allocation of funds, etc. Furthermore, the subsidiary body cannot have primary subject matter jurisdiction over elections, budgets, police oversight, privacy, access or removal of library materials, taxes, or spending proposals. The Clerk of the Board has a list of eligible subsidiary body BCCs and will notify each of those BCCs when and how to request use of this option by the Board of Supervisors as explained below. This option expires on January 1, 2030.

In addition to the non-standard teleconferencing general requirements above, the following steps and conditions are required for any eligible subsidiary body BCC to use this option:

- the BCC must be approved by Board of Supervisors to use this option by making findings (which findings must be renewed every 6 months) that:
 - it considered the circumstances of the eligible BCC,
 - teleconferenced meetings would enhance public participation,
 - the public would be aware of the teleconferencing option, and
 - teleconference meetings would enhance participation on the BCC,
- the BCC must then vote on whether to use this teleconferencing option at its next meeting,
- members must participate through both audio and video technology unless the reason is for a physical or mental condition where the member needs to participate off camera or there is a lack of reliable internet service—the member must announce the reason for not appearing through both audio and video technology, and
- there must be designated one physical meeting location for any members of the public to attend and participate in-person, and at least one staff member shall be present during the meeting at the physical location.

As a consequence of the Board authorizing this teleconferencing option for a BCC, SB 707 provides that the Board must hear any recommendation(s) from that BCC within 60 days of any request by that BCC to present such recommendation(s). The recommendation item cannot be on the Board’s consent agenda, and no action on the recommendation, if any, can be taken until a subsequent meeting. Discussion on the item can be combined with any discussion of whether to renew the teleconferencing findings.

5. Multi-Jurisdictional Bodies

The County participates in and, in some cases, supports multi-jurisdictional agencies. SB 707 provides a new teleconferencing option for legislative bodies of these agencies, and this information is provided to those County departments that work with these multi-jurisdictional agencies. To qualify, the legislative body must: (i) have more than one county, city or special district representative on the governing board and be appointed members only, or (ii) be a joint powers authority. The legislative body must adopt a resolution to permit teleconferencing under this option, and they must follow the non-standard teleconferencing general requirements above. A quorum must participate in-

person from one or more physical locations within the agency's jurisdiction. Members who receive compensation (not just expense reimbursement) must participate in-person. Qualifying members can participate by teleconference if:

- they are identified in the agenda,
- they participate with both audio and video technology, and
- they participate from a location more than 20 miles away from physical location of the meeting.

Qualifying members may only use this option with the same frequency as those limits imposed under the just cause option as explained above. This option expires on January 1, 2030.

II. Miscellaneous Updates

Other miscellaneous provisions of the Brown Act were modified that apply to the BCCs as follows:

- The County is required to provide a copy of the Brown Act to any person elected or appointed to serve as a member of a BCC, whereas before the Brown Act merely encouraged the local agency to do so.
- Removal of a member of the public from a meeting for disruptive behavior can also occur for teleconferenced meetings and for members of the public who participate telephonically.

If you have any questions, please contact the attorney from County Counsel's office assigned to the board or commission for which your department supports.

Attachment 1: Teleconferencing Checklist

Attachment 2: Teleconferencing Chart

Teleconferencing Checklist

Procedures for *Public* Participation

- Standard Rule:** None

OR

- Public must be able to remotely hear, visually observe, and address the legislative body remotely and in person in real time
- Public must have the opportunity to participate via: 1) two-way audio or 2) a telephonic service with a webcasting service
- Public cannot be required to submit comments prior to the meeting
- If public comment is provided on each agenda item, a reasonable time shall be provided for the public to register, if required by the service, and to speak
- If a timed public comment is provided, the public comment period cannot be closed until the time that was noticed has elapsed

Procedures for *Member* Participation

- Standard Rule:** Member must make remote location available to public; and a majority of members are participating from within the jurisdiction

OR

- Member must participate through both audio and visual technology (can be excepted from video for medical reason)
- Member must disclose adults who are present in the room at the remote location with the member and the general nature of the relationship with those individuals
- Emergency:** None
- Just Cause:**
 - Member must submit a general description of the need to teleconference to the legislative body at the earliest opportunity (do not disclose any medical diagnosis or disability) for:
 - Childcare or caregiving need of a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse or domestic partner
 - Contagious illness that prevents member from attending in person
 - A need related to a physical or mental disability not addressed by an ADA accommodation
 - Travel on official business of the legislative body or another state or local agency
 - An immunocompromised child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse or domestic partner that requires the member to participate remotely

- A physical or family emergency that prevents the member from attending in person
 - Military service in response to orders by the California National Guard or U.S. Military Reserve that requires the member to be more than 50 miles away outside the boundaries of the local agency
 - Limits per Member: Just cause cannot be invoked collectively for more than: (1) two meetings if the legislative body meets one time or less per month, (2) five meetings if the legislative body meets twice per month, or (3) seven meetings if the legislative body meets three times or more per month
- Eligible Subsidiary Body:** None

Procedures for the *Board/Commission/Committee/Group*

- Standard Rule:**
- Agenda must list each teleconferencing location
 - All votes must be taken by roll call

OR

- Include instructions on the agenda how the public can participate remotely and give notice of how to make a reasonable accommodation request under the ADA
- All votes must be taken by roll call
- Meeting must be stopped and no action taken if the broadcast of the meeting or ability of the public to comment is disrupted
- Meeting minutes must reflect who appeared telephonically
- Emergency:** State or County must declare an emergency, and the legislative body must make findings for emergency teleconferencing and renew every 45 days
- Just Cause:** A quorum of the members of the legislative body must participate in person at the noticed location that is open to the public
- Eligible Subsidiary Body:**
 - Board of Supervisors must approve findings to permit the teleconferencing and renew the findings every 6 months
 - Eligible subsidiary body must approve use of teleconferencing
 - A member of staff must be present at the physical location for the public to participate

TELECONFERENCING RULES UNDER THE BROWN ACT

(AB 361/AB 2449/AB 557/AB 2302/SB 707)

	Standard Rule	Declared Emergency	Just Cause	Eligible Subsidiary Body
In person participation of quorum¹	Required participation within jurisdiction	Not Required	Required	Not Required
Member participation via teleconferencing²	Audio or Audio-visual	Audio or Audio-visual	Audio-Visual	Audio-Visual ³
Required (minimum) opportunities for public participation	In-person	Call-in with webcast or internet-based	Call-in with webcast or internet-based <u>and</u> in person	Call-in with webcast or internet-based <u>and</u> in person with at least one member of staff present
Disruption of broadcast or public's ability to comment	Meeting can proceed	No further action taken	No further action taken	No further action taken
Reason must be approved by legislative body	No	Yes (initial findings and renewed findings every 45 days)	No, but general description to be provided to legislative body	Yes, approval for the group must be approved by BOS and findings renewed every 6 months; subsidiary body must also vote
Votes must be taken by roll call	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Member's remote location included on agenda	Yes	No	No	No

¹ An ADA accommodation to participate remotely is counted as in-person.

² A member with a disability may participate only through audio if a physical condition related to their disability results in a need to participate off camera.

³ Member can participate by audio only due to non-ADA physical or mental condition or a lack of reliable internet service.

TELECONFERENCING RULES UNDER THE BROWN ACT

(AB 361/AB 2449/AB 557/AB 2302/SB 707)

Member to disclose anyone in the room with them who is 18+ years old and their relationship	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Declared state or local emergency	No	Yes	No	No
Annual limits	None	None	2 – meets 1x or less per month 5 – meeting 2x per month 7 – meetings 3x or more per month	None
Effective Dates	Ongoing	Ongoing	Expires 12/31/2029	Expires 12/31/2029

ITEM #10 Feeding San Diego

Robert Kamensky, Chief Executive Office of Feeding San Diego





STRENGTHENING FOOD SECURITY FOR MILITARY AND VETERAN FAMILIES

Presented to the San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council

February 19, 2026



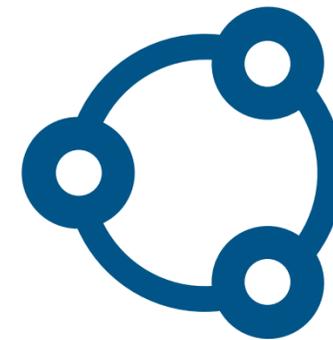
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HUNGER AT HOME



Hunger is a Crisis in San Diego

Food insecurity continues to increase and affects the daily lives of our neighbors

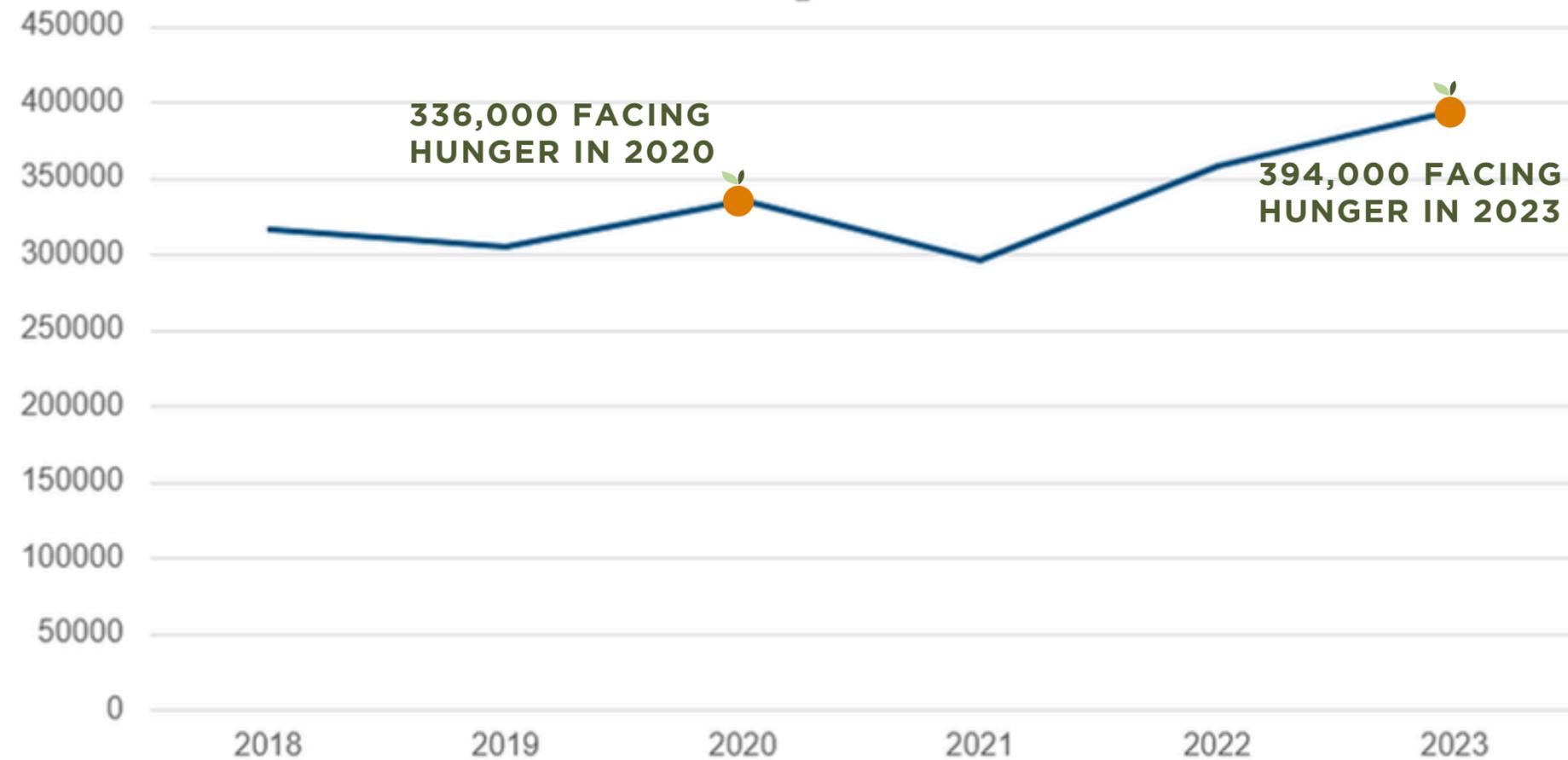




Food insecurity continues to increase and has now surpassed pandemic levels

SHARE OF HOUSEHOLDS THAT LACKED ACCESS TO ADEQUATE FOOD AT SOME POINT IN THE YEARS 2018-2023*

*Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap Data



OUR MISSION

Connect every person facing hunger with nutritious meals by maximizing food rescue

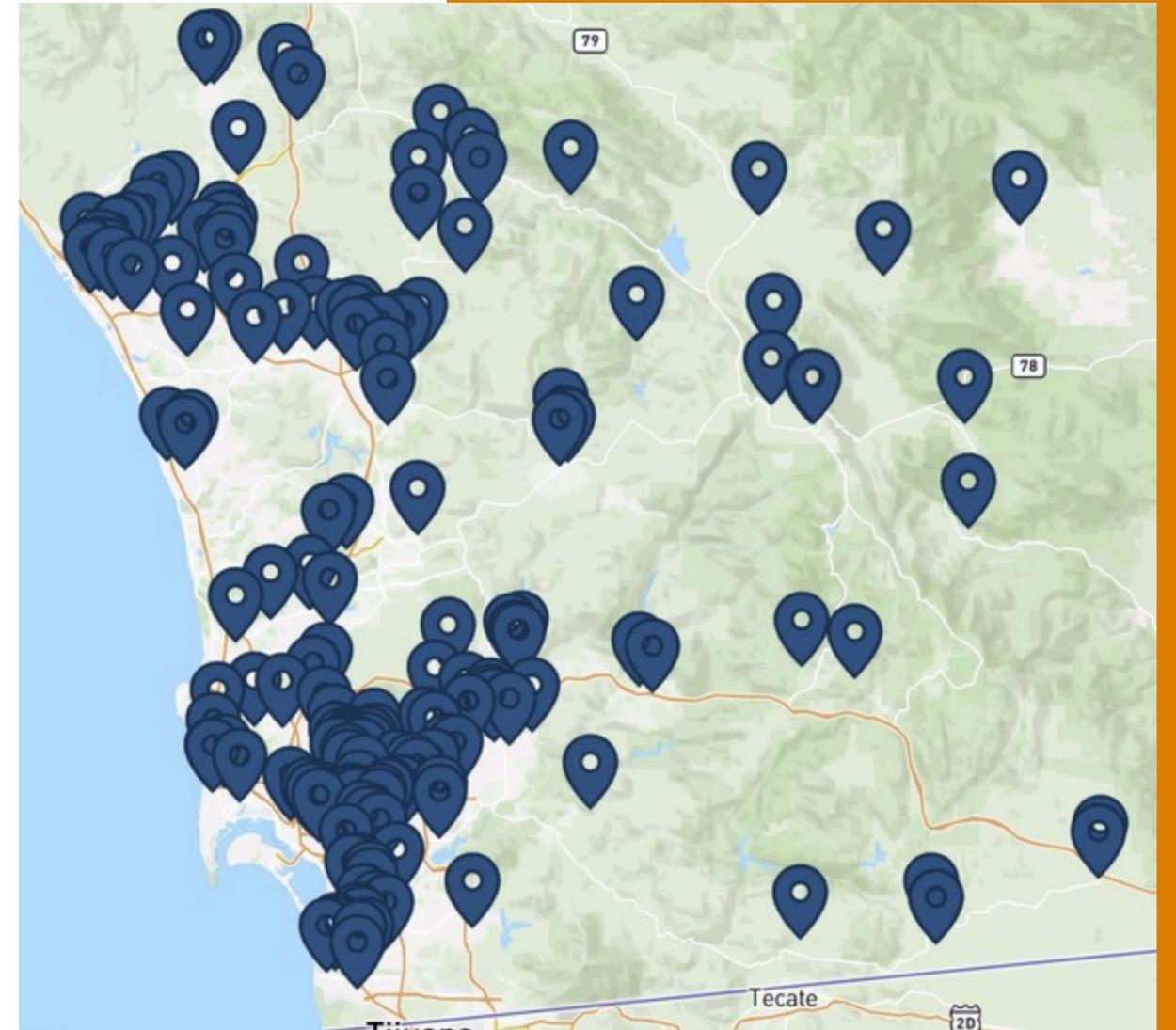
VISION

A hunger-free and healthy San Diego



Feeding San Diego has a countywide distribution network to get nutritious food to people experiencing food insecurity.

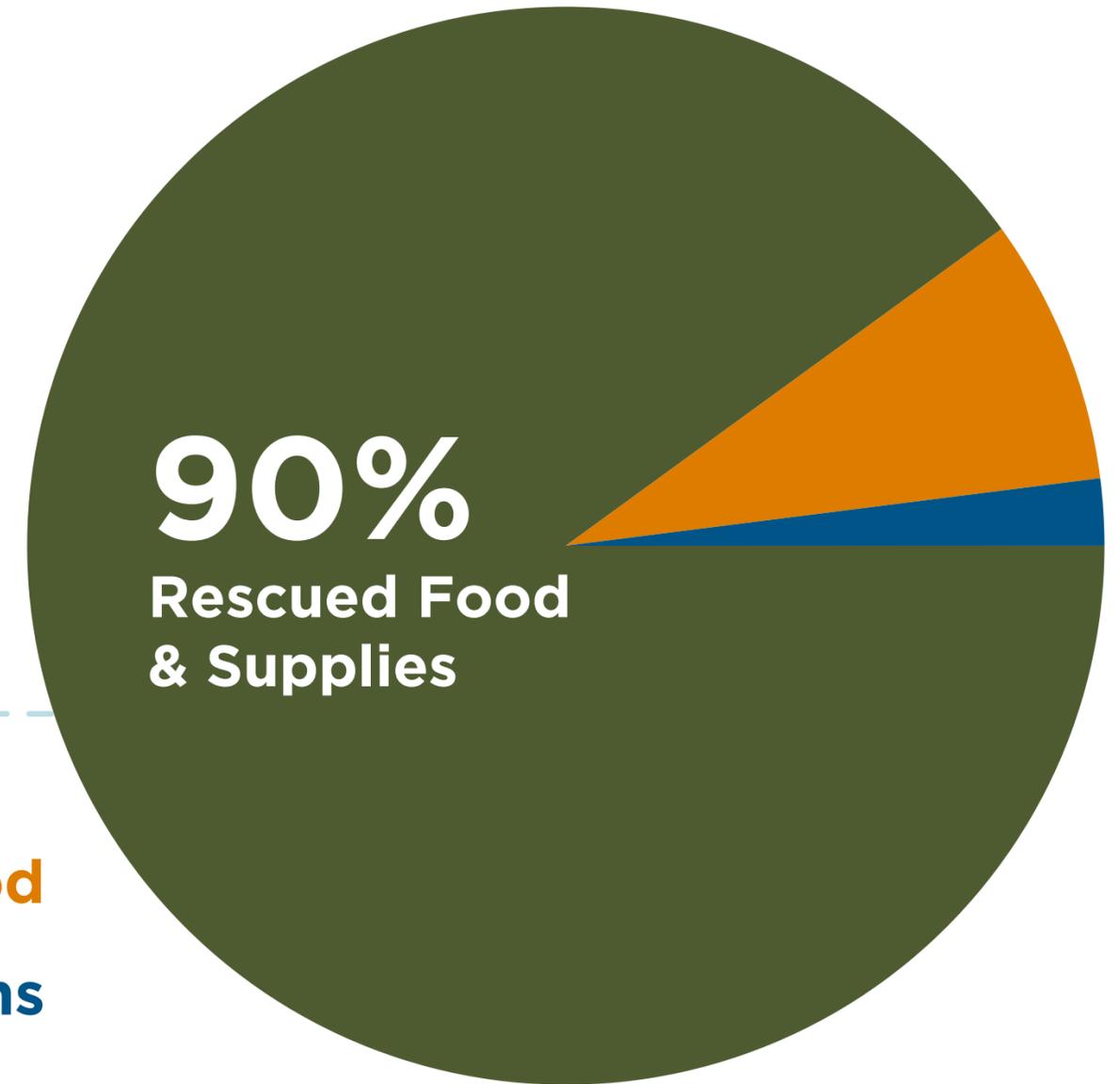
We partner with other 501(c)(3) non-profits to provide food for their food distribution needs. We also host our own food distributions with the help of community volunteers at local schools and in locations available to us in rural and underserved areas.



In FY25, we distributed:



**37.4M
POUNDS**



8% Purchased Food

2% Government Donations


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————— SIZE AND SCOPE UNIQUE —————
TO OUR COUNTY

- There are more than 115,000 active-duty service members in San Diego*
- 230,507 veterans call San Diego home*

*According to the San Diego Military Advisory Council

Feeding Heroes Initiative

- Launched in 2018
- Focused effort to provide food access to local military and veteran communities
- Reach over 12,000 households monthly that are connected to the military, whether active-duty or veterans
- Initiative includes ongoing partnerships, capacity building, emergency response, and community outreach and collaboration on events



There are challenges unique to being stationed in San Diego County:

- San Diego ranks #9 in most expensive places to live in the country
- Food costs 11% more in San Diego than the national average
- San Diego grocery prices have risen 20% since 2020, the highest inflation rate since the 1970s



CAUSES OF FOOD INSECURITY FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

This problem exists for a number of reasons:



Cost of living in San Diego



Lower pay scale



Lack of transportation



Hard to find jobs for military partners



Ineligible for federal food assistance



My husband is deployed right now, and we just live on his income. Every time we get help with food, we want to come out and get it because everything keeps going up. It's a lot of budgeting. I try to find opportunities with Feeding San Diego and attend their programs. It helps out a whole lot. This definitely helps military families feel appreciated. It feels like someone is looking out for us and we appreciate that.

— Crystal, a military spouse and mother of three children



“I'm active-duty military and we live near here in military housing... It is fantastic to be able to pick it up at a school that we visit every day. It helps us out a lot. We're on a fixed budget, as everybody is. This helps out immensely, especially whenever we're picking up like fresh fruits and veggies for the kids.”

— Patrick & Melissa, a military family who attend the School Pantry at Perry Elementary

"Since we moved to San Diego everything is more expensive and harder to manage. We are doing our best, but it is stressful. We found out about Support the Enlisted Project (STEP) at just the right moment. The food relieves so much pressure and helps us take care of our family. Because of this support, we can rest more easily at night, thank you."



"We take a lot of pride in being a military family, but that doesn't mean things are always easy. STEP has given us more than food; they have given us breathing room. Having access to fresh, healthy produce has helped our budget, our meals, and even our overall mood at home. We feel supported, respected, and truly grateful for the kindness from everyone involved and can't thank you enough; you are a blessing."

A Network of Trusted Military Partnerships

Feeding San Diego proudly partners with a broad network of military-focused organizations, ensuring food reaches those who need it most. Our partners include:



How We Reach the Military Community

At food distributions throughout the county, we extend our reach to over 12,000 military households, including active-duty service members, veterans, and their families, providing reliable food access across the region.



Distributions hosted by Feeding Heroes Agency Partners



Mobile & Produce Pantries in rural communities with large military presence



School Pantries at K-12 schools on base or near military housing



The Feeding San Diego Marketplace near military housing

INVESTING IN FOOD SECURITY

To strengthen this ecosystem of support, Feeding San Diego has made significant capital investments in our military-serving partners during FY25 and FY26, ensuring long-term, sustainable food access.

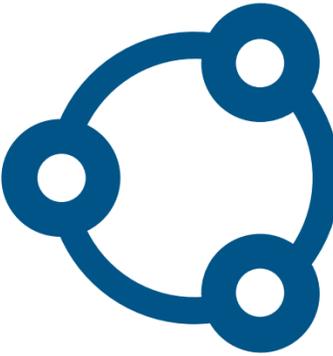


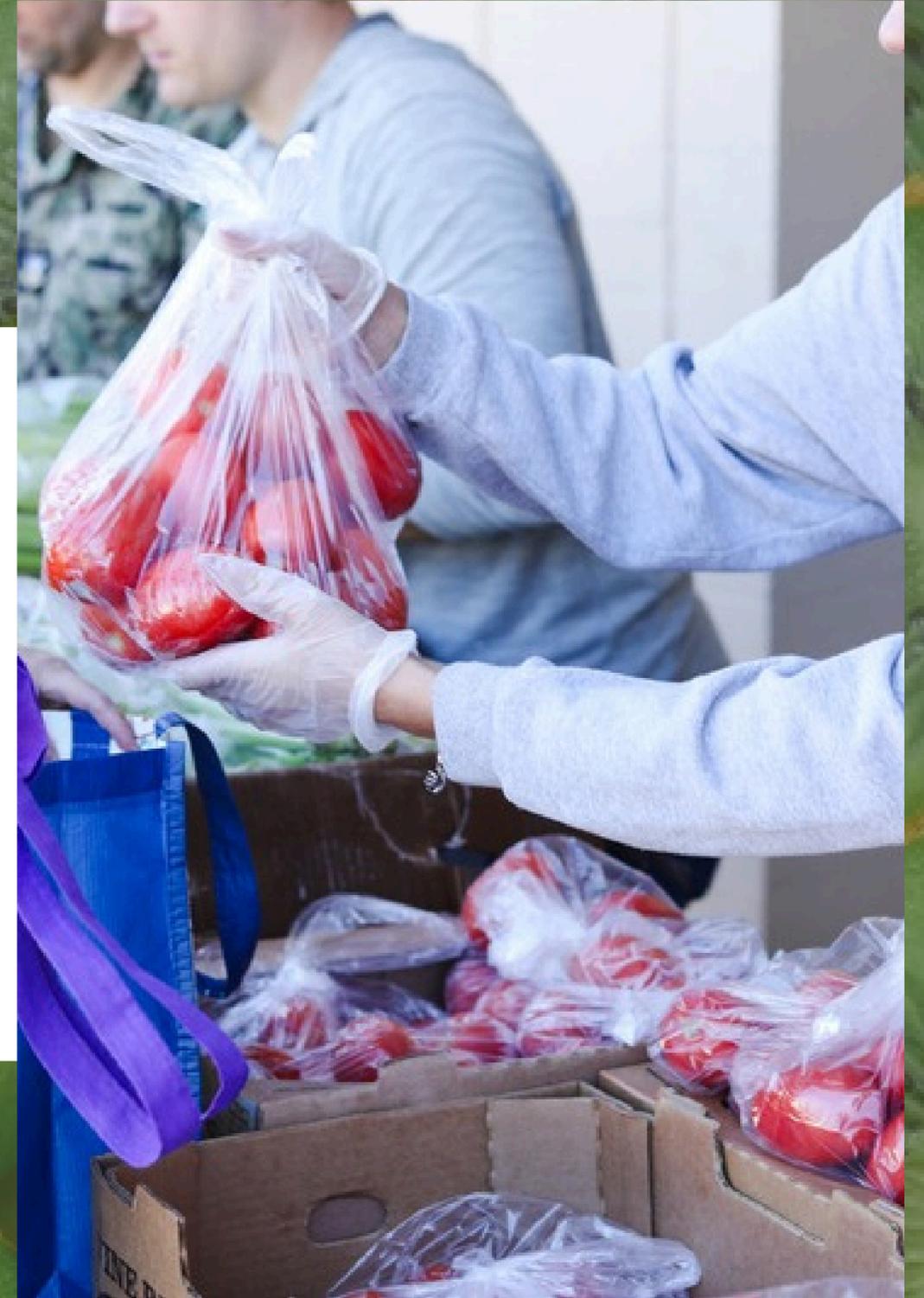
Emergency Response Case Study: Government Shutdown 2025

- Over 320,000 pounds of food distributed at more than 40 pop-up distributions
- Key government partners included Naval Medical Center San Diego, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority and the Veterans Affairs Regional Office
- Stood up food distributions on or near military bases and at military housing communities




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90%

**OF THE FOOD FEEDING SAN DIEGO DISTRIBUTES
IS RESCUED (THAT'S 32.6 MILLION POUNDS!)**

Each year, we rescue food from more than 750 food donors, including grocery stores, farms, manufacturers, and distributors. By diverting 32.6 million pounds of edible surplus food from the landfill, we reduce local CO₂ emissions by nearly 29,000 metric tons.



Initiatives That Could Benefit From Your Support

- Food Justice Community Action Plan
 - Food Hubs
- Advocacy for hunger-relief policy



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Thank You.

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ITEM #11 Suggested topic for future meetings

All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council Members

