

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MEETING AGENDA  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024, 9:00 AM**  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, ROOM 310  
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Order Of Business

- A. Roll Call
- B. Statement (just cause) and/or Consideration of a Request to Participate Remotely (emergency circumstances) by a Supervisor, if applicable.
- C. Invocation
- D. Pledge of Allegiance
- E. Presentation or Announcement of Proclamations and Awards
- F. Non-Agenda Public Communication: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Board on any subject matter within the Board's jurisdiction but not an item on today's agenda.
- G. Approval of the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the meeting of March 12, 2024.
- H. Consent Calendar
- I. Discussion Items
- J. Board Member Committee Updates. This is an opportunity for Members of the Board to provide informational updates on their committee assignments. No action may be taken.

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**Board of Supervisors' Agenda Items**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

All agenda items listed under this section are considered to be routine and will be acted upon with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Board of Supervisors or the Chief Administrative Officer so requests, in which event, the item will be considered separately in its normal sequence.

<b>Category</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Public Safety	1.	SHERIFF - ACCEPT THE SHERIFF'S ANNUAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT REPORT AND REVIEW AND RENEW THE MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY ORDINANCE PER SECTION 449 TO ARTICLE XXV OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES
	2.	DISTRICT ATTORNEY - ACCEPT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S ANNUAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT REPORT AND REVIEW AND RENEW THE MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY ORDINANCE PER SECTION 955 TO ARTICLE XXV OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES

3. DISTRICT ATTORNEY - RATIFICATION OF APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA LABOR COMMISSION AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS WORKERS' RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM  
[FUNDING SOURCE: CALIFORNIA LABOR COMMISSION'S DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND EXISTING GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE FOR NON-REIMBURSABLE INDIRECT COSTS]
  
- Health and Human Services 4. ADVANCING MENTAL HEALTH EQUITY: HARNESSING PROPOSITION 1 BOND FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY WELL-BEING
  
- Financial and General Government 5. IMPLEMENTING A PILOT PROGRAM TO ENHANCE SUPPORT TO PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS AT AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS  
[FUNDING SOURCE: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION FUNDS]
  
- Health and Human Services 6. AUTHORIZE SUBMITTAL OF THE AGING & INDEPENDENCE SERVICES AREA PLAN 2024-2028 AND SUBSEQUENT AREA PLAN 2024-2028 DOCUMENTS AS REQUIRED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING
  
7. ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION AND AMENDMENT OF THE PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION (PLHA) PLAN FOR THE PLHA PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO ISSUE NOTICES OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF MULTIFAMILY RENTAL HOUSING  
[FUNDING SOURCE: STATE OF CALIFORNIA BUILDING HOMES AND JOBS TRUST FUND]
  
8. RECEIVE THE FIRST 5 COMMISSION OF SAN DIEGO ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23
  
9. AUTHORIZE AMENDMENTS TO VOCATIONAL ENGLISH-AS-A-SECOND LANGUAGE CONTRACTS TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT FUNDING AMOUNTS TO PROVIDE HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR UKRAINIANS  
[FUNDING SOURCE: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES REFUGEE PROGRAMS BUREAU AND IS A ONE-TIME FUNDING ALLOCATION FROM THE ADDITIONAL UKRAINE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT]

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| Financial and<br>General<br>Government | 10. | DISTRICT 4 STORM RESPONSE AND RECOVERY GRANT<br>[FUNDING SOURCE: ARPA PROGRAM ALLOCATION]  |
|  | 11. | ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:<br>SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:<br>AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE<br>AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION (3/12/24 - First Reading; 4/9/24<br>- Second Reading, unless the ordinance is modified on second reading) |
|  | 12. | GENERAL SERVICES - ESTABLISH JOB ORDER CONTRACT<br>CAPACITY AND AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING<br>AND CONTRACTING TO ADVERTISE AND AWARD JOB ORDER<br>CONTRACTS  |
|  | 13. | GENERAL SERVICES - APPROVAL OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO<br>GROUND LEASE FOR AGRICULTURE, WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,<br>325 S. MELROSE DRIVE, VISTA, AND NOTICE OF EXEMPTION<br>[FUNDING SOURCE: STATE SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING AND<br>GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE]                        |
|  | 14. | ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO WAIVE COPY FEES FOR<br>REPLACEMENT OF ALL ASSESSOR/RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK<br>ISSUED IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS DAMAGED OR DESTROYED<br>FROM 2024 WINTER STORMS<br>[FUNDING SOURCE: EXISTING GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE]                                     |
|  | 15. | APPROVAL OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES FOR<br>ASSESSOR/RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK (ARCC), LAKESIDE FIRE<br>PROTECTION DISTRICT, SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF<br>GOVERNMENTS (SANDAG) AND STEELE CANYON HIGH SCHOOL  |
| Appointments                           | 16. | APPOINTMENTS: VARIOUS  |
| Communications<br>Received             | 17. | COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED  |

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- | <b>Category</b>                        | <b>#</b> | <b>Subject</b>   |
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| Financial and<br>General<br>Government | 18.      | NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:<br>ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS BY THE CALIFORNIA<br>MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF<br>AUBURN PARK II APARTMENTS IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT<br>NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000,000 |

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| Health and<br>Human Services           | 19. UPDATE ON READINESS FOR CHANGES TO INVOLUNTARY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY [FUNDING SOURCE: ARPA FUNDS FOR COSTS THAT CAN BE OBLIGATED BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE THROUGH THE LOST REVENUE STRATEGY FOR PROGRAMS THAT CANNOT BE OBLIGATED BEFORE THE END OF 2024]                                      |
|  | 20. UPDATE ON THE REGIONAL CAPACITY AND NEED FOR BOARD AND CARE AND SUBACUTE SERVICES TO SUPPORT MEDICAL ELIGIBLE ADULTS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONS, AUTHORIZE AMENDMENTS TO EXTEND EXISTING CONTRACTS, AND AUTHORIZE SUNSET OF REPORTING ON UPDATES TO ADDRESS THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKER SHORTAGE [FUNDING SOURCE: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT] |
|  | 21. ENSURING CONTINUED ACCESS TO MEDICATION-BASED ABORTION TREATMENT FOR SAN DIEGANS  |
| Public Safety                          | 22. REPORT BACK ON THE RURAL HEALTH POST-HOSPITAL DISCHARGE PILOT PROGRAM   |
| Financial and<br>General<br>Government | 23. OFFICE OF EVALUATION, PERFORMANCE, AND ANALYTICS: UPDATE TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND APPROVAL TO WAIVE BOARD POLICY A-87 AND AWARD CONTRACT(S) FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO UNIVERSITIES [FUNDING SOURCE: GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE]  |
| Health and<br>Human Services           | 24. IN SUPPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTION ACT, SENATE BILL 1178   |
|  | 25. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS AT THE DEL MAR FAIRGROUNDS  |
|  | 26. SUPPORTING SAFETY AND SECURITY AT WINDSOR POINTE & FUTURE PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY NO PLACE LIKE HOME FUNDING  |
|  | 27. <u>CLOSED SESSION</u>   |

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**1. SUBJECT: SHERIFF - ACCEPT THE SHERIFF'S ANNUAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT REPORT AND REVIEW AND RENEW THE MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY ORDINANCE PER SECTION 449 TO ARTICLE XXV OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On September 30, 2021, Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481), which is codified in Government Code sections 7070-7075. Assembly Bill 481 is intended to increase transparency, accountability, and oversight surrounding the acquisition and use of military equipment by state and local law enforcement. The San Diego County Sheriff's Department (Sheriff's Department) currently owns equipment that falls under the identified categories of AB 481.

On April 4, 2023 (3), the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved and adopted the ordinance titled "An Ordinance Adding a New Section 449 to Article XXV of the San Diego County Code of Administrative Ordinances for Approval of Sheriff's Military Equipment Use Policy" (Attachment B). To continue utilizing its military equipment, which is necessary to provide public safety and protect residents and businesses of San Diego County, as well as those who visit, the Sheriff's Department has reviewed its military equipment use policy and created an annual Military Equipment Report (Attachment A) pursuant to the requirements of AB 481.

Today's request is for the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to accept the annual Military Equipment Report, and review and renew Ordinance 10777 relating to the military equipment use policy.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**SHERIFF**

1. Accept the San Diego County Sheriff's Department AB 481 Annual Military Equipment Report, and determine each type of equipment in the Report has complied with the standards for approval set forth in Government Code section 7071(d).

2. Review and renew the Ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE ADDING A NEW SECTION 449 TO ARTICLE XXV OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES FOR APPROVAL OF SHERIFF'S MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY.**

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department (Sheriff's Department) provides law enforcement services that aim to protect everyone's human right to life, liberty, and security of person. It is the policy of the Sheriff's Department to be transparent in the purchase and use of military equipment. Decisions regarding the use, procurement and funding of military equipment takes into consideration the public's welfare, safety, civil rights, and allows for public input. The Sheriff's Department also strives for equitable outcomes in our communities, which means that the law enforcement services afford our communities a chance to lower crime and improve quality of life throughout the entire jurisdiction.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

By enhancing the delivery of law enforcement services, the department is furthering the County's Sustainability Goal of protecting the health and wellbeing of everyone in the region. By maintaining these types of equipment and having it available for the region's first responders through mutual aid agreements, the department is providing a benefit for all San Diego County residents and visitors.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with today's request to review the ordinance governing the San Diego County Sheriff's Department's Military Equipment Use Policy. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

2. **SUBJECT: DISTRICT ATTORNEY - ACCEPT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S ANNUAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT REPORT AND REVIEW AND RENEW THE MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY ORDINANCE PER SECTION 955 TO ARTICLE XXV OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

## **OVERVIEW**

On September 30, 2021, Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481). Codified in Government Code sections 7070-7075, AB 481 requires a military equipment use policy be approved by the governing body of a law enforcement agency for such equipment to be requested, acquired, or deployed by the agency. On May 10, 2022 (1), the Board of Supervisors approved and adopted the San Diego County District Attorney's (DA) Office Bureau of Investigation Military Equipment Use Policy under Article LXIV Section 955 of the San Diego County Code of Administrative Ordinances (Ordinance 10789) and on May 2, 2023 (1), the Board of Supervisors approved an updated Military Equipment Use Policy.

Government Code 7072 requires law enforcement agencies to present an annual report to their governing body on the use of the equipment, complaints or concerns regarding the use of the equipment, results of any internal audits on the use of the equipment, the annual costs for the equipment, the quantity possessed by the agency, and the intent to purchase additional equipment in the following year.

Today's request is for the Board of Supervisors to accept the San Diego District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation Annual Military Equipment Report and review and renew Ordinance 10789.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S) DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

1. Accept and file the San Diego District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation Annual Military Equipment Report per California Assembly Bill No. 481 and determine each type of equipment in the Report has complied with the standards for approval set forth in Government Code section 7071(d).



2. Review and renew Ordinance 10789:  
AN ORDINANCE ADDING ARTICLE LXIV TITLED DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND NEW SECTION 955 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES FOR APPROVAL OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The District Attorney's Office seeks to ensure an equitable and transparent justice system for all San Diego communities. To advance fairness and equity, the District Attorney's Office is committed to gathering community input, while simultaneously assessing current and emerging public safety risks and needs when making decisions regarding the use, procurement, and funding of state defined military equipment. As part of the District Attorney's ongoing dedication to public safety, the actions in this Board Letter would provide local law enforcement services to facilitate equitable outcomes throughout San Diego communities by protecting human rights, liberties, and security of all residents.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action contributes to the County of San Diego's sustainability goals of community engagement and safety. Investing in local law enforcement services and equipment enables a local and coordinated response, bringing critical incidents to a prompt and safe resolution while safeguarding public safety. Investments in local resources also enhance investigative support services and the overall prosecutorial process. To prevent, prosecute, and protect San Diego communities from harm, the District Attorney's Office's use of local resources and equipment not only increases organizational capacity, but it leads to positive social and economic enhancements contributing to overall regional sustainability.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's request to receive and consider approving the San Diego County District Attorney's annual report related to Assembly Bill 481.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

3. **SUBJECT: DISTRICT ATTORNEY - RATIFICATION OF APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA LABOR COMMISSION AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS WORKERS' RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

The State of California Budget Act of 2023 appropriated \$18 million to the California Labor Commission's Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) to implement a Workers' Rights Enforcement Grant Program. This program will provide grants totaling \$8,550,000 in 2024-2025 to eligible public prosecutors. The grant funds will defray costs expended on state labor law enforcement and serve the public purpose to assist workers to combat wage theft, prevent unfair competition, and protect state revenue.

This is a request to ratify the submission of a grant application to the California Labor Commission's Department of Industrial Relations for the Workers' Rights Enforcement Grant Program for the project period August 1, 2024, through July 31, 2025. This is also a request to authorize the District Attorney to accept funding from the DIR, if awarded, in the estimated amount of \$750,000 this year and in subsequent years, and to authorize the District Attorney, and/or her designee, this year and in subsequent years, to review and execute all required grant and grant related documents, including agreements and any annual extensions, amendments, and/or revisions thereof that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding levels.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**  
**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

1. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires prior approval of grant applications and full cost recovery for grants, as this grant program does not recover full cost.
2. Ratify the District Attorney's submission of the grant application to the California Labor Commission's Department of Industrial Relations for the Workers' Rights Enforcement Grant Program for the project period August 1, 2024, through July 31, 2025.
3. Authorize the District Attorney to accept funds in the estimated amount of \$750,000 from the California Labor Commission's Department of Industrial Relations for the Workers' Rights Enforcement Grant Program this year, provided there are no material changes to the grant terms and funding levels.
4. Authorize the District Attorney to apply for and accept funding from the California Labor Commission's Department of Industrial Relations under the Workers' Rights Enforcement Grant Program through July 31, 2030, provided there are no material changes to the grant terms and funding levels.
5. Authorize the District Attorney, and/or her designee, in this year and through July 31, 2023, to review and execute all required grant and grant-related documents, including agreements and any annual extensions, amendments, and/or revisions thereof that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding levels.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The District Attorney's Office seeks to facilitate an equitable and transparent justice system to access legal services and information throughout San Diego's communities. To advance fairness and equity, the District Attorney's Office is committed to implementing county-wide prevention strategies which include education and awareness campaigns of workers' rights information. As part of the District Attorney's ongoing dedication to public safety, the actions in this Board Letter would provide local law enforcement services to facilitate equitable outcomes throughout San Diego's communities.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action contributes to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals of community engagement and just and equitable access to services and resources. Locally leveraging the grant program will support the operation of the District Attorney's Workplace Justice programs to protect an equitable business climate, safeguard workers' rights and support workforce development. To prevent, prosecute, and protect San Diego communities from harm, the District Attorney's Office's use of grant funding increases organizational capacity, and leads to positive social and economic enhancements, contributing to overall regional sustainability.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request will be included in the Fiscal Years 2024-26 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the District Attorney's Office. If approved and awarded, this request will result in costs and revenue of approximately \$808,670 in Fiscal Year 2024-25. The funding sources are \$750,000 from the California Labor Commission's Department of Industrial Relations and an estimated \$58,670 of existing General Purpose Revenue for non-reimbursable indirect costs. The District Attorney will return to the Board of Supervisors for approval of any material changes to awarded grant funds, as necessary. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

4. **SUBJECT:      **ADVANCING MENTAL HEALTH EQUITY: HARNESSING  
PROPOSITION 1 BOND FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY WELL-BEING  
(DISTRICTS: ALL)****

### **OVERVIEW**

Proposition 1 is a two-part measure, that will amend the California Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and create a \$6.38 billion general obligation bond. The California MHSA will be reconfigured to be the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) which will allow for spending for substance abuse disorders and command spending for non-clinical housing services. Secondly, it creates a \$6.38 billion general obligation bond that would fund behavioral health treatment and residential facilities, and supportive housing for veterans and individuals at risk of or experiencing homelessness with behavioral health challenges.

The County of San Diego's Behavioral Health Services Department, in collaboration with community providers; Behavioral Health Advocates; and Chairwoman Nora Vargas, have already done substantial work to identify key investments in the behavioral health continuum to optimize care for the County of San Diego and its communities. Specifically, the Board of Supervisors, under the Chairwoman's leadership, has emphasized the importance of equity, social determination of health, and the upstream investments as priorities for the behavioral health continuum.

Today's board action supports the critical steps of strategic planning and ordering of priorities needed to properly inform County advocacy and planning efforts to address our mental health crisis, invest in our community, and ensure an equitable use of bond funds.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**  
**CHAIRWOMAN NORA VARGAS**

Direct the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to work with the Behavioral Health Services Director to create a process for seeking and investing Proposition 1 bond funding, informed by data; community advocates; and stakeholders, and return to the board within 120 days with a set of priorities to inform County planning efforts in areas such as mental health, substance abuse and housing services that would be eligible for these funds.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego has been actively working on addressing the behavioral health needs of our communities with a specific emphasis on our vulnerable communities. The County has launched several programs to address the unique and specific needs within our County, including the implementation of the CARE Act and Mobile Crisis Response Teams. Despite the implementations of County programs there continues to be a continuous disproportionate amount of infrastructure dedicated to addressing behavioral health needs, with a large disparity within South County. If approved, today’s actions will allow for an equitable distribution of Proposition 1 funding.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today’s actions contribute to the County of San Diego’s Sustainability Goals by prioritizing the long-term behavioral health needs of individuals, families, and the region through clear planning and advocacy.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There are no fiscal impacts associated with today’s recommendations. There will be no change in General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

5. **SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTING A PILOT PROGRAM TO ENHANCE SUPPORT TO PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS AT AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

It is estimated that 21% of the homeless population suffers from a Serious Mental Illness (SMI). We have made great strides at the County to move forward on projects to provide housing for this population. As we continue to work to reduce homelessness in our region, we must ensure that we are providing quality services to our most vulnerable populations.

SMI is a mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder resulting in serious functional impairment, which substantially interferes with or limits major life activities. Placing individuals with SMI in environments ill-equipped to meet their needs not only undermines their potential for success but also poses risks to both their well-being and the broader community. Individuals with SMI require a high level of care and support and we strive to ensure people receive the support they need. When we make a commitment to stakeholders that we will offer “wrap-around services” we must ensure that they are truly wrap-around- 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

No Place Like Home (NPLH) is a State program that funds the development of permanent supportive housing for persons who are in need of mental health services and are experiencing homelessness, chronic homelessness, or are at risk of chronic homelessness. There are 19 affordable housing developments throughout the County, either currently operating or in development, that include NPLH units.

To ensure the success and sustainability of these developments, it is imperative that we institute a policy requiring all affordable housing developments with NPLH units to have personnel on-site, 24/7, who are trained in Mental Health First Aid, and have knowledge and the ability to directly contact the County's 24/7 behavioral health crisis services. Additionally, we should ensure that new residents moving into affordable housing developments with NPLH units have access to enhanced clinical support at the onset of their residency and on an ongoing basis, as appropriate. Currently, not all residents with SMI receive clinical support. This action will support connection to services, counseling, crisis intervention, and medication management, which will assist in stabilizing individuals with SMI, working to lessen the severity of their symptoms and enhancing their overall well-being. These adjustments will decrease the likelihood of mental health crises and interactions with law enforcement, thereby promoting public safety and community cohesion.

Today's action would implement a pilot program within four affordable housing developments in North County San Diego that have NPLH units to increase clinical support services for residents with SMI to seven days per week. Today's action would also require on-site personnel within the four North County affordable housing developments, to be trained in Mental Health First Aid and receive training on how to refer people to 24/7 behavioral health crisis response resources. Today's action would also initiate a requirement for the four affordable housing developments in North County to develop a plan to support and address the unique needs and challenges of residents with SMI. This plan would include a strategy to ensure that on-site personnel are able to monitor who is entering the building through a check-in and check-out process.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**  
**SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND**

1. Direct the interim Chief Administration Officer to work with County departments, including Behavioral Health Services and Housing and Community Development Services, to implement a pilot program to increase services for residents with serious mental illness living in the four affordable housing developments with No Place Like Home units in North County to include enhanced clinical support seven days per week.
2. Direct the interim Chief Administration Officer to work with Behavioral Health Services and Housing and Community Development Services, to ensure all personnel on-site at the four affordable housing developments in North County receive Mental Health First Aid training and be trained on how to refer people to 24/7 behavioral health crisis response resources.

3. Direct the interim Chief Administrative Officer to work with County departments, including Behavioral Health Services, Housing and Community Development Services, and affordable housing developers and property management companies for the four developments that include NPLH units in North County to develop a plan to support and address the unique needs and challenges of residents with SMI and to support the health and safety of residents and the surrounding community. These plans should include:
  - a. A strategy to ensure that visitors to the property are checked in and out. It is imperative that on-site personnel are aware of who is on the property to support the health and safety of its residents.
  - b. An assessment of current staffing needs, and what is needed to ensure there is at least 1 Mental Health First Aid trained staff on-site 24/7, which can include: security guards, property management, and service providers. This assessment should identify any gaps in personnel being on-site, and suggestions for how to fill those gaps.
4. Report back to the Board within 90 days with an update on the plans for the four developments in North County that have NPLH units.
5. Report back to the Board within six months with an update on the progress, outcomes, and a plan to implement these changes countywide.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

By enhancing behavioral health services for those with serious mental illness, the County of San Diego would be expanding services to a currently underserved population. The County of San Diego is committed to providing equal access to services and housing to people with SMI who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. There is a severe lack of living opportunities in the County of San Diego.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

This proposed action contributes to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal of protecting the health and well-being of all San Diegan residents. Enhancing behavioral health services for those with serious mental illness will help facilitate self-sufficiency and rehabilitation of some of the County's more vulnerable residents.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

##### **Recommendation #1:**

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Operational Plan and FY 2024-26 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenues of approximately \$200,000 in FY 2023-24 and \$600,000 in FY 2024-25. This funding would support implementation of a pilot program to enhance clinical support for residents with serious mental illness living in the four affordable housing developments with No Place Like Home units in North County. The department will need to identify funding prior to proceeding with the recommended action, as none is currently available. Once funding is identified, the department will return to the Board with a mid-year action to adjust the budget if necessary. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**Recommendation #2:**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-25 Operational Plan for the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenues of approximately \$35,000 in FY 2023-24 and no costs and revenues in FY 2024-25. The funding source will be Mental Health Services Act Prevention and Early Intervention funds. This would fund training to ensure all personnel on-site at the four affordable housing developments with No Place Like Home units in North County, estimated at approximately 255 individuals, receive Mental Health First Aid training. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**Recommendations #3-5:**

There is no fiscal impact for these items. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

6. **SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE SUBMITTAL OF THE AGING & INDEPENDENCE SERVICES AREA PLAN 2024-2028 AND SUBSEQUENT AREA PLAN 2024-2028 DOCUMENTS AS REQUIRED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Aging & Independence Services serves as San Diego County’s federally designated Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and administers programs designed to serve the needs of the region’s older adult population. The California Department of Aging (CDA) and the statewide network of 33 AAAs share responsibility for planning California’s present and future aging and long-term care needs.

Every four years, the Older Americans Act requires each AAA to submit a new Area Plan describing its activities over the upcoming four years as well as its efforts to identify the needs of older adults, adults with disabilities, and their caregivers. The Area Plan outlines planned activities aimed at providing coordinated and accessible services to address community needs within the AAA Planning and Service Area. The AIS Area Plan 2024-2028 was developed with substantial community input and reflects the most vital needs of this population throughout San Diego County. Today’s actions request the San Diego County Board of Supervisors authorize submittal of the AIS Area Plan 2024-2028 to CDA, and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee to sign and submit subsequent Area Plan 2024-2028 documents.

Today’s actions support the County vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by ensuring the County will continue to receive federal and State funding to administer needed programs and services for older adults and persons with disabilities.

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

1. Authorize submittal of the Aging & Independence Services Area Plan 2024-2028 to the California Department of Aging and authorize the Chairwoman of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to sign the required documents.
2. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency or designee to sign and submit subsequent Area Plan 2024-2028 documents as required by the California Department of Aging.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

According to population projections from the California Department of Finance, of the nearly 3.3 million people currently residing in San Diego County, approximately 710,000 are adults aged 60 years and older. By 2030, that number is expected to increase to more than 850,000. Additionally, the population residents over the age of 85 is projected to diversify and grow more than any other age group in the county. The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Aging & Independence Services (AIS) provides a wide array of services to meet the needs of this growing population and ensures the welfare of older adults, persons with disabilities, and their caregivers. To understand and respond to the needs of the community, in fall 2023, AIS conducted 17 community feedback sessions with older adults, caregivers, persons with disabilities, and service providers across a range of topic areas and localities throughout the county. Feedback sessions were held at senior centers, community centers, and similar locations with support from partner and service organizations. Information was made available in all County threshold languages to remove potential language barriers. Feedback gathered from community engagement opportunities informed the Area Plan 2024-2028.

Community input and collaboration are also fostered through the Aging Roadmap community teams. The teams are comprised of community members, subject matter experts, and County staff to develop and implement goals in the 10 priority areas of the Aging Roadmap, the regional vision and framework for supporting healthy aging for people of all ages. Continued investments to enhance and expand programs for older adults and persons with disabilities ensure that all residents can age in place and access needed services, regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender identity, and/or sexual orientation.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed actions support the County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goal #1 to engage the community in meaningful ways; Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to County services; and Sustainability Goal #4 to protect health and well-being of everyone in the region. This will be accomplished by continuing to work with partners to improve and expand programs and services that contribute to the safety and welfare of older adults and persons with disabilities. Obtaining community feedback through various avenues remains a cornerstone of planning activities that aim to align resources, programs, and services that meet the needs of the community. The Aging & Independence Services Area Plan 2024-2028 is designed to improve overall health and well-being and reduce barriers for underserved populations, which benefits individuals and communities at large.



## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with today's action to submit the Area Plan to the California Department of Aging. Submission of the Area Plan will allow AIS to continue to qualify for an estimated \$19,400,000 in annual Older Americans Act funding. There will be no change in net General fund costs and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

7. **SUBJECT: ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION AND AMENDMENT OF THE PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION (PLHA) PLAN FOR THE PLHA PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO ISSUE NOTICES OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF MULTIFAMILY RENTAL HOUSING (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

## **OVERVIEW**

In 2017, the California State Legislature passed Senate Bill (SB) 2, the Building Homes and Jobs Act. The Building Homes and Jobs Act created a dedicated, ongoing funding source for the State of California Building Homes and Jobs Trust Fund (BHJ Fund) by implementing a \$75 recording fee on certain real estate documents. Revenue from the BHJ Fund is used, in part, to fund the Statewide Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA). Established in 2019, the goal of PLHA is to make funding available to eligible local governments in California for housing-related projects and programs that address the unmet housing needs of their local communities. Thus far, the total PLHA allocation for the County is estimated to be approximately \$11.8 million, of which the County has been awarded \$8.4 million, leaving an estimated \$3.4 million to be awarded over the remaining two years. On July 7, 2020 (6), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) authorized the receipt of PLHA Program funding and approved the PLHA Five-Year Plan. Today's action requests the Board approve an amended PLHA Five-Year Plan and an accompanying updated resolution for the PLHA Program, authorize execution of the State Standard Agreement for acceptance of grant funds, and authorize Notices of Funding Availability for development of multifamily rental housing.

Today's action supports the County vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by ensuring low- and moderate-income residents have access to suitable living environments by encouraging the development of affordable housing.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find that the proposed actions are not subject to review under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) because the action is not a project as defined in Section 15378 of CEQA Guidelines.

2. Adopt a Resolution entitled: AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION AND AMENDING THE PLHA PLAN FOR THE PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION PROGRAM.
3. Authorize the Chief Operations Officer, Health and Human Services Agency, and Executive Finance Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee to execute the State's Standard Agreement for acceptance of the grant funds, any amendments thereto, and any related documents necessary for the County of San Diego's continued participation in the Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program.
4. Authorize the Director of Housing and Community Development Services, or designee to issue Notices of Funding Availability for development of multifamily rental housing, publish notices, award funding, and execute agreements, as needed, execute certification forms, prepare and execute all necessary documents for regulatory processing and implementation, and take any other actions necessary as required by the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development in order to administer the Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program, as applicable.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Rents and home prices continue to increase throughout San Diego County with incomes not keeping pace. A February 29, 2024 Zillow article noted that the household income needed to afford a mortgage for a typical home in the City of San Diego reached nearly \$275,000. In addition, the 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment, a planning process that identifies existing and future housing needs through 2029, indicates that 68,959 units are needed regionally for very low- and low-income households. Since its inception, the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Program has aimed to address housing challenges through various strategies, mainly through funding two program components: affordable housing development and first-time homebuyer downpayment assistance. All affordable housing funded by the PLHA Program serves low- and moderate-income households. Low-income households are defined as those earning at or below 60 percent of the Area Median Income, currently \$57,900 for a one-person household and \$82,680 for a four-person household. Moderate-income households are defined as those earning at or below 120 percent of the Area Median Income, currently \$98,100 for a one-person household and \$140,150 for a four-person household. The down payment assistance component of the program supports moderate- income households by reducing housing costs to help them qualify for a mortgage they can afford.

Funding from the first three years of PLHA has supported three developments that when completed, will include 189 affordable apartment homes for very low- and low-income households within the communities of Imperial Beach, Fallbrook, and Vista. In addition, funds provided first-time homebuyer down payment assistance to support 14 households in achieving homeownership throughout the region. Today's actions will advance the County of San Diego efforts to address local housing shortages and increase access to quality affordable housing by increasing funding for down payment assistance for low- and moderate-income families. The proposed amendment to the PLHA Five-Year Plan will support an additional 25 families to have the opportunity to purchase their first home in San Diego County and build generational wealth.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed actions support the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to services in support of sustainable communities. This will be accomplished by ensuring equitable access to affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households and by cultivating strong relationships with community partners. Building strong relationships with the community creates a mutually beneficial relationship that has at its core, a mission-driven goal to serve communities that have been disproportionately impacted by poverty.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Operational Plan and FY 2024-26 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If awarded and approved, this will result in estimated total costs and revenue of up to \$10.2 million for FY 2023-24 through FY 2025-26 to invest in multi-family rental housing and first-time homebuyer down payment assistance. Out of the \$11.8 million funding for PLHA, a total of \$1.6 million was already expended in FY 2022-23. The funding source is State of California Building Homes and Jobs Trust Fund. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's actions will promote sustainable economic development and regional economic competition by advancing housing solutions that increase the availability of affordable and attainable housing and stimulate local economic activity.

### **8. SUBJECT: RECEIVE THE FIRST 5 COMMISSION OF SAN DIEGO ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

In November 1998, voters passed the California Children and Families Act (Proposition 10). The First 5 Commission of San Diego (Commission) uses revenue from voter-approved taxes on cigarettes and tobacco products to promote early childhood development for children ages zero to five. The Commission recently completed and approved the Annual Report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 summarizing the Commission's activities for the fiscal year. Today's action requests the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to receive the First 5 Commission of San Diego Annual Report for FY 2022-23.

This item supports the County of San Diego's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by seeking to improve early childhood health and development in the San Diego County region, and the Commission's long-term goal to ensure that "all children in San Diego County enter school ready to learn."

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

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

Receive the First 5 Commission of San Diego Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The First 5 Commission of San Diego (Commission) has over 25 years of providing high quality early care and education support services throughout the San Diego County region that are accessible to every child. This work is led through various contracted partners who provide families of children, ages zero to five, with comprehensive services that support child development and overall well-being. These services advance the Commission's vision that all children ages zero through five are healthy, loved, and nurtured, and enter school as active learners.

The Commission aims to ensure services are equitably accessible to all families that have a need and engages with all population groups regardless of their race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender identity, and/or sexual orientation. These groups include, but are not limited to, refugee and immigrant families, teen parents, military families, and low-income families.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The First 5 Commission (Commission) offers families a reliable resource that impacts the wellness of parents and children, ages zero to five, by potentially reducing stress and creating opportunities to increase the likelihood that children will enter school as active learners. The Commission programs contribute to and enhance sustainability in the areas of child and family well-being, the environment, and the economy. This effort aligns with Sustainability Goal #1 to engage the communities in meaningful ways, by providing opportunities for parents and providers to partner and participate in decisions that directly impact them and their children. The Commission also supports Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to resources for children by providing parents and Family Child Care providers who were significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with opportunities. These opportunities include increasing child care provider capacity and enhancing business resilience to allow parents to return to their jobs confident that their children are cared for. Additionally, the Commission supports Sustainability Goal #3 to support the creation of green jobs. Through the Commission's programs, Family Child Care providers will expand their business infrastructure through a Shared Services Alliance that support their business resiliency and maximize their enrollment and revenue generation.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

9. **SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE AMENDMENTS TO VOCATIONAL ENGLISH-AS-A-SECOND LANGUAGE CONTRACTS TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT FUNDING AMOUNTS TO PROVIDE HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR UKRAINIANS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

## **OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities, Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

(HSEC-OIRA) utilizes various programs and funding to advance equity and opportunities for immigrant and refugee communities. This is accomplished by removing barriers to help achieve self-sufficiency, integrate into society, and thrive. On September 26, 2023 (5), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) authorized acceptance of Housing Assistance for Ukrainians (HAU) funding from the California Department of Social Services Refugee Programs Bureau, which is designated to provide housing and utility assistance to refugees displaced by the war in Ukraine.

HSEC-OIRA previously dedicated a portion of HAU funding into two Vocational English-as-a-Second Language (VESL) contracts. Both VESL contracts are administered by the International Rescue Committee and provide a range of supportive services to refugees. Services aim to bolster success in obtaining employment on the path to self-sufficiency. In addition, the HAU component of the VESL contracts offers critical housing and utility support for Ukrainian and non-Ukrainian eligible households who seek self-sufficiency in the San Diego County region. Today's action requests the Board authorize amendments to increase the contract funding amounts to ensure that enrollment in the HAU program is completed by the State funding deadline of September 30, 2024, and that refugees continue to receive critical support services.

Today's action supports the County vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by supporting programs that remove barriers to housing and provide resources for refugee populations, strengthening regional economic inclusion and equity.

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

In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, and Administrative Code Section 401, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to amend the Vocational English-as-a-Second Language contracts (#563364 and #563363), to increase the contract funding amounts, subject to the availability of funds and approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

According to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), Refugee Programs Bureau, San Diego County is among California's designated refugee-impacted counties (where large populations of refugees resettle). The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities, Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (HSEC-OIRA) recognizes the importance of an infrastructure of services through public-private partnerships to help immigrant and refugee populations achieve self-sufficiency, integrate into society, and thrive. HSEC-OIRA works collaboratively with other County departments and community partners to address economic and social inequities, many of which disproportionately impact immigrants and refugees. This includes activating a variety of strategies to ensure that immigrant and refugee populations do not feel isolated or become unhoused.

Built upon the success of the community and stakeholder engagement process in response to the influx of Afghans into San Diego County in 2021, HSEC-OIRA has been holding public facing engagements that include virtual and in-person listening sessions. In November 2023, HSEC-OIRA hosted a listening session at the Southeastern Live Well Center and collaborated with local community members by focusing outreach on local businesses and community-based organizations. A large proportion of attendees at the listening session were Ukrainian and expressed needs related to housing and language support. The effort to amend the Vocational English-as-a-Second Language contracts to increase the funding amounts will result in the continuation of essential housing and utility assistance to refugees displaced by the war in Ukraine.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's action supports the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal #1 of engaging the community, Sustainability Goal # 2 of providing just and equitable access, and Sustainability Goal #4 of protecting the health and well-being of San Diegans. By engaging the community through collaborative partnerships, regional listening sessions, forums, steering committees, and surveys to collect community input, refugee support services programs have been designed to better serve the needs of refugee and immigrant communities. Refugee support services programs aim to remove barriers and provide opportunities for equitable access to resources to protect the health and well-being of all San Diego County residents.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-26 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in one-time costs and revenue of approximately \$1,590,000 in FY 2024-25. The funding source is the California Department of Social Services Refugee Programs Bureau and is a one-time funding allocation from the Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **10. SUBJECT: DISTRICT 4 STORM RESPONSE AND RECOVERY GRANT (DISTRICT: 4)**

### **OVERVIEW**

On January 22, 2024, San Diego County faced unprecedented rainstorms that lead to widespread flooding and a proclamation of a State of Emergency by the Governor for San Diego County on January 23, 2024, and an additional State of Emergency proclamation on February 4, 2024. The floods caused immense property damage and devastation throughout the county including many District 4 communities. The damage was extensive including hundreds of homes resulting in over 1,200 displaced San Diegans, and ultimately led to a Major Disaster Declaration by the Biden Administration for San Diego County on February 19, 2024.

Community Based Organizations (CBOs) have played a vital role in flood recovery efforts. These CBOs have worked around the clock since the initial flooding on January 22, 2024, to provide emergency shelter, health and social support services, cleanup assistance, aid in disaster assessments, and additional response efforts. Several organizations that have made tremendous efforts in service to the flood victims include, but are not limited to, the Jackie Robinson YMCA of San Diego, the member organizations of the Southeast Disaster Response Team, the Harvey Family Foundation, The Chicano Federation, The American Red Cross of San Diego and Imperial Counties, Spring Valley Community Alliance, and the Casa de Oro Alliance.

District 4 has a remaining balance of \$474,163 of unspent Community Enhancement (CE)/ARPA funds from the previous allocation in 2021. These funds were not expended by the previous District 4 Supervisor for current designated use to help community enhancement groups with COVID recovery. With this action, District 4 will be able to allocate the remaining funding where it is most needed in service to the residents of District 4. The most appropriate use of the remaining funds at this time is in support of CBOs in their ongoing efforts to aid flood victims. These organizations continue to provide essential services for flood victims of San Diego County and they are deserving of our ongoing fiscal support in their efforts.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **SUPERVISOR MONICA MONTGOMERY STEPPE**

1. Direct the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to transfer the remaining balance of \$474,163 in the District 4 Community Enhancement-ARPA account to the “District 4 Storm Response and Recovery Grant.”
2. Direct the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to distribute the remaining \$474,163 in accordance with Board of Supervisors Policy B-58 to organizations assisting in storm response and recovery efforts in District 4 from January 22, 2024, through June 30, 2024.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Decades of inadequate and inequitable infrastructure investments left communities of color and low-income communities throughout District 4 vulnerable to devastation from a natural disaster such as the hundred-year rainstorm that hit San Diego County in Winter 2024. To overcome these failures, Community Based Organizations serve a vital role in addressing the specific needs of these communities. By supporting the efforts of these CBOs through grant funding, the County can serve as a partner in providing for the basic needs of flood victims who have had to unjustly bear the consequences of years of neglect to their communities.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

A critical component to the sustainability of the region is resiliency, as outlined in the County’s Strategic Plan. The ability to respond to, and recover from, disasters is essential. In order to fulfill this role, the County must continue to provide grant funding to CBOs performing work on the ground supporting and solidifying efforts to ensure basic needs (shelter, food, healthcare) are met for communities impacted by natural disasters.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan in Finance Other, Community Enhancement ARPA Program. If approved, this request will result in estimated one-time costs of \$474,163 redirected to organizations assisting in storm response and recovery efforts in District 4 from January 22, 2024. The funding source is ARPA program allocation. These ARPA funds may be used directly or leveraged through a revenue loss strategy to redirect existing General Purpose Revenue, which will in turn be available for this program. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

- 11. **SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE  
AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION (3/12/24 - First Reading; 4/9/24  
- Second Reading, unless the ordinance is modified on second reading)  
(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On March 12, 2024 (8), the Board of Supervisors took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on April 9, 2024.

On January 9, 2024 (14), recommendation #5 Supporting County Workforce Well-Being and Hiring and Retention Goals by Investing in Healthcare Stipends, the Board directed labor negotiators to meet and confer with the labor organizations representing the County workforce to establish one-time payments. These one-time payments are to address the impacts of the projected increases in healthcare costs and to support County employee well-being and hiring and retention goals. Today’s recommendations are for the Board to approve the introduction of the ordinance (first reading) to amend the Compensation Ordinance. If the Board takes action as recommended, then on April 9, 2024, staff recommends the Board adopt the ordinance (second reading). If the proposed ordinance is altered on April 9, 2024, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance’s adoption.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Approve the adoption of the Ordinance (second reading):

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION.**

If the proposed ordinance is altered on April 9, 2024, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance’s adoption.



## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Department of Human Resources is committed to assuring that equity is considered in classification and compensation. Today's recommendations provide amendments to the compensation ordinance that will assist the County of San Diego to provide and retain a skilled, adaptable, and diverse workforce for County departments and enables the County to deliver superior services to the residents and visitors of the County of San Diego.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed actions amending the compensation ordinance align with the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals by promoting sustainable economic growth for our community. The proposed actions included in this letter provide just and equitable wages and benefits.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the 2023-24 Adopted Operational Plan. The estimated one-time cost for employee wellness compensation payments is \$13.0 million and will be funded by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds allocated to the Evergreen component of the ARPA Framework as approved by the Board of Supervisors on January 9, 2024 (14). ARPA funds may be used directly or leveraged through a lost revenue strategy to redirect existing General Purpose Revenue. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

- 12. SUBJECT: GENERAL SERVICES - ESTABLISH JOB ORDER CONTRACT CAPACITY AND AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING TO ADVERTISE AND AWARD JOB ORDER CONTRACTS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

## **OVERVIEW**

The Department of General Services requests authority to establish \$150 million in Job Order Contracts (JOC) capacity that may be utilized until exhausted to execute approved capital and major maintenance repair and remodeling work. The JOC authority would be utilized for work budgeted within departments for the Major Maintenance Implementation Plan (MMIP), minor capital remodels, along with other general maintenance and repairs. Contracts are advertised based on major maintenance and department forecasts of work with job orders issued under these contracts on an as-needed basis as projects are funded.

An emphasis on smaller, specialty job order contracts provide opportunities for smaller, local contractors to participate. Currently, all JOC contractors are small businesses, most are local to San Diego, and they also employ local sub-contractors. Additionally, as part of the Working Families Ordinance, the Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted amendments to Board Policy F-41, Public Works Construction Projects, on February 8, 2022 (17). These amendments require prospective bidders to be pre-qualified for construction bids, including JOCs, in order to be eligible for contract award. The amendments also ensure that contractors meet a set of

requirements to be a JOC so they are allowed to bid. Prequalifying all contractors (not just JOC) was a Board directive that was ancillary to the working family ordinance. In addition, registering with the Department of Industrial Relations means they are going to pay prevailing wage and that labor compliance will be enforced.

The Board previously approved authority for \$150 million in JOC capacity on April 26, 2022 (22). This authority has been exhausted and additional capacity is needed to award new JOC contracts.

Typically, 12 to 16 JOCs are awarded annually with a value ranging from \$2.5 million to \$5.4 million each, depending on the expected workload as determined by the annual approved MMIP. Project-based job orders are issued against each of these contracts depending on project scope. The average job order is approximately \$150,000 and includes trades such as roofing, heating/ventilation and air conditioning, renovations, fire protection, paving, and electrical work for County facilities. There are typically 150 to 175 active job orders annually.

Today's action requests the Board to authorize \$150 million for JOC capacity and authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to advertise and award job order contracts to execute capital and major maintenance programs, including unanticipated urgent work identified by departments. The continued use of JOC will enable the County to provide greater efficiency and speed of delivery in scoping, contracting, and constructing projects.

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

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

1. Find that the proposed action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article 5, Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines because it is not a project as defined by Section 15378.
2. Authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to advertise and award job order contracts and to take any action in accordance with Section 401, et seq. of the Administrative Code and Public Contract Code section 20128.5, with respect to job order contracting, and to amend the contracts as needed to reflect changes to services and funding.
3. Designate the Director, Department of General Services as the County officer responsible for the administration of all contracts associated with job order contracting for the County of San Diego.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The approval to advertise and award Job Order Construction (JOC) contracts will enable the County to provide greater efficiency and speed of delivery in scoping, contracting, and constructing projects. JOC contractors have utilized many sub-contractors and suppliers in the San Diego area. Some of these subcontractors may not have the insurance or bonding capabilities to participate as prime contractors, so this is an opportunity for many small businesses to gain experience working on a County project. Many of these projects occur on public-facing County buildings, which will have a positive impact on the culturally diverse population served.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Implementing effective sustainability objectives is crucial to ensuring safe and healthy communities and contributing to the overall success of the region. The authorization and award of Job Order Construction contracts will contribute to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals of engaging the community, providing equitable access to County services, transitioning to a green, carbon-free economy, and protecting the health and well-being of everyone in the region.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no direct fiscal impact resulting from today's requested action. If approved, this request will result in the establishment of contracts totaling up to \$150 million in capacity. Funding for issuance of job orders under the awarded contracts is budgeted by departments for specific project requests and included in the current and future years Operational Plans. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

Expenditures resulting from this action will create private sector jobs and economic opportunities in San Diego County. Contractors in the Job Order Contract (JOC) program are largely small businesses and provide jobs for small business sub-contractors. In fact, JOC contractors have utilized more than 500 sub-contractors and suppliers in the San Diego area, many of whom may not have the insurance or bonding capabilities to participate as prime contractors on larger County projects. This is fully supported by small and local businesses and sub-contractors. The annual contract renewals offer ample opportunities across numerous trades. Additionally, annual JOC contract renewals offer ample opportunities across numerous trades for small businesses to participate in Job Order Contracting.

13. **SUBJECT: GENERAL SERVICES - APPROVAL OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO GROUND LEASE FOR AGRICULTURE, WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, 325 S. MELROSE DRIVE, VISTA, AND NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (DISTRICT: 5)**

## **OVERVIEW**

On July 18, 2018, the Director, Department of General Services (DGS), administratively approved a ground lease agreement with the Judicial Council of California (JCC) for a trailer that houses Agriculture, Weights and Measures' (AWM) Pest Detection Program. The ground lease expired on June 30, 2023, and is currently on holdover, which has allowed the County to continue occupancy on a month-to-month basis while an amendment was negotiated.

Staff from DGS have negotiated an amendment for the AWM trailer to extend the term of the ground lease. Since the proposed term length exceeds administrative authority of 5 years, Board of Supervisors (Board) approval of the amendment is required. Today's request is for Board approval of the amendment.

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

1. Find the proposed ground lease amendment for the Agriculture, Weights and Measures Pest Detection Program is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.
2. Approve and authorize the Director, Department of General Services, to sign the proposed ground lease amendment for premises located at 325 S. Melrose Drive, Vista, California.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

It is anticipated that the proposed lease amendment for the Agriculture, Weights and Measures Pest Detection Program will have a positive impact on the community by providing early detection and prompt eradication of invasive agricultural pests and supporting agricultural trade and the food supply.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Implementing effective sustainability objectives are crucial to ensuring safe and healthy communities and contributing to the overall success of the region. The approval of this ground lease amendment is appropriate as it supports the County’s Strategic Initiative of Sustainability to ensure the capability to respond to the immediate needs of individuals, families, and the region.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for the request are included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan for Agriculture, Weights and Measures. If approved, this request will result in current year costs of approximately \$4,706 based on an amendment commencement date of July 1, 2023. Fiscal Year 2024-25 costs are estimated at \$28,452 which includes a 4% rent adjustment to go into effect July 2024. Funds for the remaining contract term and each option year, if exercised, will be included in future years’ operational plans for Agriculture, Weights and Measures. The funding sources are State Supplemental Funding and General Purpose Revenue. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

- 14. SUBJECT: ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO WAIVE COPY FEES FOR REPLACEMENT OF ALL ASSESSOR/RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK ISSUED IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS DAMAGED OR DESTROYED FROM 2024 WINTER STORMS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

In the winter of 2024, San Diego County experienced severe storms bringing intense rainfall and causing widespread flooding threatening life and safety, structures, and other critical infrastructure (“2024 Winter Storms”). The impacts from the 2024 Winter Storms caused widespread damage to public and private property as well as loss of important documents and records.

The County of San Diego Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk (ARCC) is on the frontline of helping San Diego County families rebuild after the 2024 Winter Storms. ARCC is an essential repository for property-related records, property ownership records, and fictitious business name business records. ARCC's property-related or business documents are necessary for our residents to qualify for relief funds and services from local, state, and federal agencies. Residents may also require these documents to claim insurance benefits and prove ownership of the property.

When the Governor issued Proclamations of a State of Emergency for the 2024 Winter Storms, ARCC was then able to only provide relief and issue Vital Records (birth, death, and marriage certificates) at no cost to those affected by the disaster. That did not include all the documents from the ARCC office necessary for our residents to file for key relief and begin the rebuilding process.

Today's actions will complement the relief delivered by any Governor issued Proclamations of a State of Emergency by waiving all the fees for all other documents held by ARCC for those impacted by the 2024 Winter Storms. Waiving ARCC's fees is another step forward in relief helping those impacted transition from victims to survivors and begin the rebuilding process.

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

#### **ASSESSOR/RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK, CHAIRWOMAN NORA VARGAS AND SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON**

1. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants and Revenue Contracts, Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery and grant the Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk's Office the authority to issue documents at no cost for those impacted by the 2024 Winter Storms Governor Proclaimed State of Emergency.
2. Adopt a resolution entitled: "A RESOLUTION TO WAIVE COPY FEES FOR REPLACEMENT OF ALL ASSESSOR/RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK ISSUED IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS DAMAGED OR DESTROYED FROM 2024 WINTER STORMS."

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The 2024 Winter Storms significantly impacted the lives of those who were unfortunate to be in their path. Several of the winter storm victims live in under-served communities and on limited incomes and charging them a copy fee for important property-related and fictitious business name documents held by ARCC would create a barrier in equity as they try to rebuild and restore their lives. Waiving the copy fee will break that barrier and provide the necessary legal documents that meet the needs of those affected so they can identify housing opportunities, avoid becoming unsheltered and begin rebuilding their lives.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's actions support immediate assistance and the waiver of copy fees are appropriate as they support the County of San Diego's Strategic Initiative of Sustainability to provide just and equitable access to County services and resource allocation in support of sustainable communities by building resilience in affected populations.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan in the Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk's Office. If approved, waiving copy fees for property and business documents will result in reduced revenues in the current fiscal year, estimated at approximately \$10,000 which is a small portion of total annual copy fee revenue. The funding source will be existing General Purpose Revenue. A waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested since the proposed fee waiver will not cover all operating costs. Unrecovered cost per Board Policy B-29 is estimated at approximately \$10,000. There will be no increase in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

15. **SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES FOR ASSESSOR/RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK (ARCC), LAKESIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SANDAG) AND STEELE CANYON HIGH SCHOOL (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

## **OVERVIEW**

The Board of Supervisors serves as the Code Reviewing Body for any local agency, other than cities, with jurisdiction wholly within the County, pursuant to Government Code Section 82011. The recommended action would approve the proposed amendments to the Conflict of Interest codes for ARCC, Lakeside Fire Protection District, SANDAG and Steele Canyon High School.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Approve the Conflict of Interest codes of the following agencies:

1. Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk (ARCC)
2. Lakeside Fire Protection District
3. San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)
4. Steele Canyon High School

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

the public's interest in favor of the official's private financial interests. To avoid actual bias or the appearance of possible improprieties, the public official is prohibited from participating in the decision.

The recommended action would approve the amended Conflict of Interest codes submitted by ARCC, Lakeside Fire Protection District, SANDAG and Steele Canyon High School. 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.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The funding source for administration of this task is included in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Adopted Budget for the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **16. 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)**

##### **CHAIR NORA VARGAS**

Appoint Veronica Nava to the HIV PLANNING GROUP, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO Seat No. 33, for a term to expire August 30, 2026.

Appoint Jaime Yslas to the SAN DIEGO MILITARY AND VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL, Seat No. 1 for a term to expire January 6, 2025.

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

Appoint Aaron Byzak to the BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD(BHAB), Seat No. 20 for a term to expire April 9, 2027.

Appoint Megan Van Leeuwen to the BONSALL COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP, Seat No. 6 for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

Re-appoint Clifford Kellogg to the SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE ADVISORY BOARD Seat No. 3 for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

Appoint Dawn Haake to the TWINS OAKS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP, Seat No. 2 for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

Appoint Matt Borden to the UPPER SAN LUIS REY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT Seat No. 3 for a term to expire November 27, 2026.

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Appoint Janelle Lopez to the COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP ADMINISTERING BOARD Seat No. 10, for a term to expire October 25, 2025

Appoint Summer Elliott to the COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP ADMINISTERING BOARD Seat No. 18, for a term to expire April 09, 2027.

Re-appoint Tyra Fleming to the HIV PLANNING GROUP, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO Seat No. 3, for a term to expire April 9, 2028.

Re-appoint Stephen Spector to the HIV PLANNING GROUP, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO Seat No. 31, for a term to expire April 9, 2028.

Appoint Ivy Rooney to the HIV PLANNING GROUP, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO Seat No. 43, for a term to expire January 26, 2025.

Appoint Juliet Rodriguez to the SAN DIEGO COUNTY ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION Seat No. 13, for a term to expire May 2, 2025.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

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



**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

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

**OVERVIEW**

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

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Note and file.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT**

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

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**18. SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:  
ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS BY THE CALIFORNIA  
MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF  
AUBURN PARK II APARTMENTS IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000,000 (DISTRICT: 4)**

**OVERVIEW**

The County has received a request from the California Municipal Finance Authority (“CMFA” 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 revenue bonds in an aggregate

principal amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 (the “Bonds”), for the benefit of AHG Auburn Park II, LLC, a California limited liability company (the “General Partner”), an affiliate of Affirmed Housing Group, Inc. (the “Sponsor”), on behalf of Auburn Park II, L.P., a California limited partnership, or another ownership entity to be created by the General Partner or by another affiliate of the Sponsor (such limited partnership or ownership entity being referred to herein as the “Borrower”). The Borrower has applied for the financial assistance of the Authority to finance and refinance the acquisition, rehabilitation and improvement of a 69-unit qualified residential rental project (the “Project”) to be owned and operated by the Borrower and located at 5135 University Avenue, in the City of San Diego, San Diego County (the “County”), California.

The Authority is authorized to assist in financing for nonprofit public benefit organizations or for-profit corporations with a public benefit project wishing to issue revenue bonds, 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 issuance of the Bonds. Although the Authority will be the issuer of the Bonds 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 Bonds on behalf of the Borrower for the Project.

**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 A PLAN OF FINANCE INCLUDING THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS BY THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000,000 TO FINANCE AND REFINANCE A QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROJECT FOR THE BENEFIT OF AUBURN PARK II, L.P., A CALIFORNIA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, AND CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

This financing will help in the creation of quality, affordable housing for 69 low-income households in the County of San Diego.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action would result in economic benefits for the community by allowing the borrower to continue serving 69 low-income households in the County of San Diego. The project will incorporate the latest energy efficiency trends, as well as extending the property’s affordability for an additional 55 years.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

The Borrower will be responsible for the payment of all present and future costs in connection with the issuance of the financing related to the Project. The County will incur no obligation of indebtedness as a result of today's actions.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **19. SUBJECT: UPDATE ON READINESS FOR CHANGES TO INVOLUNTARY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

On October 10, 2023, Governor Newsom signed into law Senate Bill (SB) 43. SB 43 amends the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act and significantly expands the definition of “gravely disabled”, by including severe substance use disorder as an allowable category for someone to be compelled into involuntary behavioral health evaluation and treatment, and if clinical standards are met, placed under conservatorship. This law also expands the criteria that can be considered in determining whether a person, because of their behavioral health condition, is unable to meet their personal needs, to include “personal safety” and “necessary medical care”. Other significant changes brought forth through SB 43 include the expansion of the array of testimony that can be submitted into conservatorship proceedings without requiring in-person cross examination; a requirement that counties consider less restrictive alternatives in conducting conservatorship investigations; and expansion of State reporting requirements. Together, these updates will make new populations of individuals eligible for involuntary holds for evaluation and treatment, and in some cases, conservatorship.

On December 5, 2023 (6), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted a resolution to implement SB 43 on January 1, 2025, and directed staff to establish a multi-sectoral implementation planning process inclusive of key parties and agencies impacted by and/or involved with the implementation of SB 43; add to the County of San Diego (County) 2024 State Budget Advocacy support for additional funding needed to implement SB 43, and apply for any available funding that will support implementation; and return to the Board in 90 days for an update on the implementation plan. Today's action requests the Board receive an update on progress of the implementation plan for SB 43, which outlines key actions needed to support readiness for the changes brought forth by this major update to State law.

Today's action supports the County vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by providing the necessary resources and infrastructure needed to ensure all individuals with behavioral health needs have the best possible outcomes.

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

Receive the 90-day update on Senate Bill 43 implementation plan as directed by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on December 5, 2023 (6).

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Senate Bill (SB) 43 introduces major changes that influence the rights of people with severe substance use disorder (SUD), and how they interface with the healthcare system, local law enforcement, and other facets of our communities. Aspects of the legislation may support a more equitable healthcare landscape by focusing on expanding access to treatment rather than punitive measures; considering less restrictive alternatives to treatment before conservatorship; and considering personal safety and necessary medical care as elements of well-being. However, much care must be taken in implementing the legislation to ensure that the dignity and autonomy of individuals with severe SUD are at the center of the conversation and that the application of involuntary treatment is equitably applied across demographic groups.

The County of San Diego is facilitating an inclusive, multi-sectoral planning process for Involuntary Behavioral Health Treatment (implementing SB 43) to ensure a thoughtful, rights-based approach that prioritizes the dignity and autonomy of individuals and invites community stakeholders into the conversation. The approach outlined in this Board action represents a collaborative, community-driven effort to address the behavioral health needs of our community members.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's action supports the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal #1 to engage the community in meaningful ways and continually seek stakeholder input to foster inclusive and sustainable communities. The implementation of SB 43 as outlined in this San Diego County Board of Supervisors action is designed to ensure that implementation is informed by the community including those with lived experience. Today's action also supports the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to County services, by supporting efforts to create parity and integration amongst mental health and substance use as disciplines within behavioral health.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommendation to receive an update on Senate Bill 43 (SB 43).

On February 27, 2024 (11), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) approved bridge funding totaling \$15 million from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Evergreen component to fund costs to support SB 43 implementation. Funds for the initial implementation of SB 43 are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Operational Plan. It is estimated that the initial implementation of SB 43 will result in estimated costs and revenue of up to \$0.4 million in FY 2023-24 and \$14.6 million in FY 2024-25. The funding source for the initial costs will be ARPA funds for costs that can be obligated before December 31, 2024, and General Purpose Revenue through the lost revenue strategy for programs that cannot be obligated before the end of 2024. As part of future updates to the Board, staff will outline recommended investments for

remaining amounts from the SB 43 ARPA Evergreen component and request mid-year action to adjust the budget if necessary and/or incorporate in future budgets. At this time, there will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

- 20. SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THE REGIONAL CAPACITY AND NEED FOR BOARD AND CARE AND SUBACUTE SERVICES TO SUPPORT MEDI-CAL ELIGIBLE ADULTS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONS, AUTHORIZE AMENDMENTS TO EXTEND EXISTING CONTRACTS, AND AUTHORIZE SUNSET OF REPORTING ON UPDATES TO ADDRESS THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKER SHORTAGE (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

In California, counties are responsible for administering specialty mental health and substance use services to residents eligible for Medi-Cal. In order to optimize access to care and quality as a health plan, the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Services (BHS) is required to maintain a local network of mental health and substance use services and providers that meets the needs of Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Recent work by BHS has sought to rebalance the entire care system using a more upstream approach that emphasizes prevention and connects people to care within least restrictive settings.

On September 27, 2022 (23), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) received an update on the Behavioral Health Continuum of Care that outlined strategies to rebalance the system and address the historical lack of equity within long-term care through enhancements to community-based care and shifts within subacute services. These strategies were informed by the Behavioral Health Optimal Care Pathways (OCP) model, a data-informed algorithm that quantifies utilization across three key service areas: community crisis diversion, subacute care, and community-based care.

Further building on the OCP model, on September 12, 2023 (23), the Board directed staff to assess the capacity of board and care and subacute beds that serve Medi-Cal eligible adults with behavioral health conditions in San Diego County. The Board also directed staff to report back with estimates on the capacity needed to adequately support individuals within the region and strategies to enhance capacity. Today's action provides an update on this direction and requests the Board to authorize amendments to extend five existing board and care contracts, known as augmented services programs. Additionally, today's action requests the Board direct the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to sunset previously directed time-certain reporting on addressing the behavioral health worker shortage in San Diego County. BHS has completed all actions set forth by the Board and has provided three updates on progress to date, and any additional workforce related items will be included as-needed in future updates to the Board.

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

1. Receive an update on the regional capacity of board and care and subacute beds for Medi-Cal eligible adults with serious behavioral health conditions and strategies to enhance board and care and subacute capacity in San Diego County.
2. In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, and Administrative Code Section 401, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, subject to successful negotiations and a determination of a fair and reasonable price, to amend five licensed board and care contracts, also referred to as augmented services programs, inclusive of adult residential facilities (ARFs) and residential care facilities for the elderly (RCFEs) listed below to extend the contract term up to June 30, 2025, and up to an additional six months, if needed; subject to the availability of funds; and amend the contracts as required in order to reflect changes to services and funding allocations, subject to the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.
  - a. Casa de Oro Residential Care ARF (Contract #560378)
  - b. Carroll's Community Care ARF Contract #560381
  - c. Tharon San Diego, LLC RCFE (Contract #569769)
  - d. Fancor Guest Home ARF (Contract #560379)
  - e. Orlando Residential Care ARF (Contract #560380)
3. Direct the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to sunset time-certain reporting for addressing the behavioral health worker shortage in San Diego County as directed actions have been completed.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The update on these recommendations highlights the equity considerations of enhancing board and care, as well as subacute bed capacity, for Medi-Cal eligible adults with serious behavioral health conditions in San Diego County. The initiatives to update regional capacity, amend contracts with care facilities, and address the behavioral health worker shortage directly target the needs of our most vulnerable populations. By focusing on equitable access and resource allocation, these actions aim to dismantle barriers in healthcare access, ensuring that every individual, irrespective of socioeconomic status, receives the necessary care and support.

Expanding services and extending contracts with adult residential facilities and residential care facilities for the elderly are pivotal steps toward creating a more inclusive healthcare system. Coupled with strategic efforts to overcome the workforce shortage in the behavioral health sector, these recommendations promise to significantly improve service availability and quality for underserved communities. The San Diego County Board of Supervisors consideration of these equity-focused proposals is crucial for fostering a healthcare environment where equity is not just an aspiration but a realized outcome for all San Diego County residents.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed actions align with the County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goal #2, which seeks to ensure equitable access to County services. Enhancing board and care facilities and increasing subacute bed capacity across the county prioritize equitable access to essential services for Medi-Cal eligible adults.

This item also supports Sustainability Goal #4 to protect the health and well-being of everyone in San Diego County. By increasing capacity within community-crisis diversion, community-based care, and establishing additional subacute care, this body of work moves our long-term care system to a more ideal state to better serve the entire region.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There are no fiscal impacts for recommendations #1 or #3. For recommendation #2, funds are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-26 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, today's recommendation will result in approximate costs and revenue of \$3.4 million in FY 2024-25. The funding source is Mental Health Services Act. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **21. SUBJECT: ENSURING CONTINUED ACCESS TO MEDICATION-BASED ABORTION TREATMENT FOR SAN DIEGANS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

The U.S. Supreme Court decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* in June 2022 turned-back the clock on decades of legal protections and the federal right to access abortion. States across the nation have been actively working to outlaw abortion access - most recently, in spring of 2023, a Texas federal judge's decision to issue a ruling against the abortion medication Mifepristone has the potential to be detrimental to an estimated 64 million child-bearing persons across the United States; this includes people living in safe haven states like California, and locally here in San Diego County.

Mifepristone is an oral medication taken with Misoprostol to terminate an early-stage pregnancy by blocking the hormone progesterone. It can also be utilized to aid in the process when a person is suffering from a pregnancy loss and can help prevent individuals from needing surgery or waiting for the pregnancy to pass on its own, which can take up to eight weeks. This medication has been well-tested, FDA approved since the year 2000, and has been on the market for twenty-three years. It is widely utilized and seen as a safe course of treatment. Recently, it has been made accessible at certain retail pharmacies in states like New York, California, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and Illinois. Additionally, Mifepristone has been a game-changer for people living in rural areas where access to abortion clinics is limited or non-existent, as it has been available by mail when an individual consults with a certified health provider or their doctor.

While the federal court case was appealed by the Department of Justice (DOJ) on April 12th, 2023, the appeals court tried to strip Mifepristone authorization for use in pregnancy up to ten weeks, and its availability to be mailed to those in need. This would have only allowed use until the seventh week of pregnancy, which can often be too late as one third of women find out they are pregnant after the sixth week, and twenty percent of individuals find out they are pregnant after the seventh week. This would leave individuals with an incredibly short period of time to

seek care for an abortion or pregnancy loss- for individuals living in remote areas or states with less access to care, and those that rely on medication-based treatment, this can determine whether they will get treatment at all.

While DOJ worked with the Biden Administration and Danco to reinstate the full use of Mifepristone by escalating the issue to the Supreme Court last year, this was only temporary, and the oral arguments were heard in March of 2024, with a pending decision by summer- this process will take time and it is not certain. While the State of California previously secured an emergency stockpile of a Misoprostol which can be used on its own as a safe and effective abortion treatment. It is imperative that the County of San Diego works to ensure there is a plan in place to secure continued access to abortion medication such as Misoprostol and Mifepristone, so it is readily available for those that need it across the region.

This Board Letter requests the Board take action to adopt a “Resolution to Ensure Continued Access to Medication-Based Abortion Treatment for San Diegans.” It directs the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to advocate for regulatory, budgetary, and legislative efforts to strengthen access to abortion medication. Additionally, this item directs the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to explore options with the State of California to ensure that there is adequate access, including the feasibility of an emergency stockpile of Misoprostol and Mifepristone and be prepared to act to advocate with our local medical providers, clinics, and telehealth providers to ensure continued availability of abortion medication such as Misoprostol and Mifepristone where needed.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

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

1. Adopt Resolution titled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TO ENSURE CONTINUED ACCESS TO MEDICATION-BASED ABORTION TREATMENT FOR SAN DIEGANS
2. In accordance with Board policy M-2, direct the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to add to the County’s 2024 Legislative Program support for regulatory, budgetary, and legislative efforts that strengthen access to abortion medications such as Misoprostol and Mifepristone.
3. Direct the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to explore options to ensure that there is adequate access to Misoprostol and Mifepristone available to the San Diego region and be prepared to act to advocate with our local medical providers, clinics, and telehealth providers to ensure continued availability of abortion medication such as Misoprostol and Mifepristone. Pending the Supreme Court’s decision, report back on next steps and fiscal impacts.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

When safe and legal access to abortion and reproductive care is limited, restricted, or jeopardized- people of color, immigrants, young individuals, and people with low incomes are often the first to be impacted. It is imperative that the County of San Diego be at the forefront in defending and protecting the right to an abortion and reproductive care and increase public awareness about what services are available within our local communities.



## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed actions to adopt a resolution to ensure continued access to medication-based abortion treatment and actions to ensure access Misoprostol and Mifepristone will help to further the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals through ensuring equity and access to important medical resources locally and will help promote the health and well-being of San Diegans. By ensuring this medication is readily available and amply stocked locally, it may also reduce greenhouse gas emissions that may be a repercussion of individuals traveling to specific destinations for this medication.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's item. There may be future fiscal impacts based on the recommendations from today's action. Any such recommendation would return for consideration and approval by the Board.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **22. SUBJECT: REPORT BACK ON THE RURAL HEALTH POST-HOSPITAL DISCHARGE PILOT PROGRAM (DISTRICT: 2)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

On March 14, 2023 (6), the Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Chief Administrative Officer to work with Grossmont Healthcare District to initiate a rural health post-hospital discharge program in Mountain Empire which includes the communities of Boulevard, Campo, Jacumba, Potrero, and Tecate. From July 2020-June 2023, the 30-day unplanned readmission rate averaged 12.1% for rural communities where Sharp Grossmont Hospital was the primary receiving hospital. While Sharp Grossmont Hospital has operated a post-hospital discharge program in more urban communities, no program has existed in rural areas.

County Fire partnered with the Health and Human Services Agency (HHS), Grossmont Healthcare District, Sharp Grossmont Hospital, Mountain Empire School District, San Ysidro Health, and Southern Indian Health Council, Inc. to establish the pilot program. Launched in June 2023, the pilot program's medical team includes a County Fire/CAL FIRE paramedic (paramedic) and HHS Public Health Nurse (Nurse). The Nurse reinforces the hospital discharge medical direction, assists clients with making follow-up appointments with a primary care provider, performs clinical and social assessments, provides case management services, and links clients to the County's Aging and Independence Services and Self-Sufficiency Services such as In-Home Supportive Services and CalFresh. The paramedic conducts voluntary defensible space inspections, looks for trip hazards and other household dangers, and can initiate an ambulance transport for medically critical patients, as needed. In the first six (6) months of the pilot program, the unplanned 30-day readmission rate has dropped to 4.0% for patients receiving those services compared to 13.9% for those who did not participate and resulted in an estimated cost avoidance of \$350,000, when annualized to the Sharp Healthcare system.

Today's recommendations include receiving a presentation regarding the Rural Health Post-Hospital Discharge program and potential next steps for County staff to make the program permanent or end it after the pilot phase concludes on June 30, 2024.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Receive a presentation from County staff on the Rural Health Post-Hospital Discharge program.
2. Provide direction regarding funding for the Rural Health Post-Hospital Discharge program.
  - a. Conclude the program on June 30, 2024, when pilot funds from County Fire, HHSA, and Grossmont Healthcare District end.
  - b. Direct County staff to work with Sharp Healthcare, Grossmont Healthcare District, health insurance plans, or any other government, healthcare, or non-profit agency, to identify non-County funding to fully support the program and return to the Board if there are any needed actions.

If the Board selects option 2b:

3. Approve and authorize the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to execute Revenue Agreements, upon receipt, for the Rural Health Post-Hospital Discharge Program including any annual extensions, amendments, and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or exceed \$500,000 annually from Sharp Healthcare, Grossmont Healthcare District, or insurance agencies for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2029.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Rural Health Post-Hospital Discharge program has supported equitable outcomes in traditionally underserved communities. According to the Health and Human Services Agency Community Health Statistics 2021 Demographics profile, the Mountain Empire region has the highest percentage of population living under the Federal Poverty Level, highest percentage of the population living with a disability, second lowest household income, second highest percentage of senior citizens, and second highest percentage of American Indian/Alaska Native population in our region. A focused program on the health and social needs in Mountain Empire can improve long-term outcomes and support a more resilient population.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's recommendations support the County's Sustainability Goal of providing just and equitable access to County services by focusing investment in chronically underserved communities in the Mountain Empire area.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's actions. However, today's recommended actions may result in future fiscal impacts, for which staff will return to the Board with funding source identified for consideration and approval.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**23. SUBJECT: OFFICE OF EVALUATION, PERFORMANCE, AND ANALYTICS: UPDATE TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND APPROVAL TO WAIVE BOARD POLICY A-87 AND AWARD CONTRACT(S) FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO UNIVERSITIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Across the country, governments are facing rapidly evolving challenges and increasing demand for accountability. Properly used data provides evidence of which programs and policies achieve their intended results. For the County of San Diego (County), which serves a population of 3.3 million residents, along with an \$8.2 billion budget, more than 20,000 employees, and hundreds of programs, this evidence can be an invaluable resource to help policymakers make decisions.

On May 18, 2021 (16) the County Board of Supervisors (Board) established the Office of Evaluation, Performance, and Analytics (OEPA) to serve an enterprise-wide function providing leadership, coordination, and capacity building to oversee County efforts around evidence-based policymaking, program evaluation, data sharing, collection, and metrics. Today's item provides an update on OEPA's efforts, highlighting its strategic approach to increase the use of data to inform decisions at the County. In addition, this item requests approval from the Board to award a contract or contracts for research and technical assistance services from universities.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Receive presentation: Update on Office of Evaluation, Performance, and Analytics.
2. Waive Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, and in accordance with Administrative Code Section 401, et. seq., of the County Administrative Code, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, to award contract(s) with universities for Research and Technical Assistance for up to one (1) year, with up to two (2) one-year option periods, and an additional six (6) months if needed, and to amend the contracts as needed to reflect changes to requirements and funding, subject to the approval of the Director of OEPA.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Equity is a priority area in the County of San Diego's (County) Annual Strategic Research Plan, which guides OEPA's research and evaluation work. Contracting with universities to receive research and technical assistance will significantly increase OEPA's capacity to provide answers to the most important questions around how to improve equity in the policy areas of highest priority to the County.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Sustainability is a priority area in the County of San Diego's Annual Strategic Research Plan. Contracting with universities to receive research and technical assistance will increase OEPA's capacity to provide answers to the most important questions around sustainability and the environment.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

If approved, today's action will result in costs of up to \$300,000 in Fiscal Year 2023-24. Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan in the Chief Administrative Office, Office of Evaluation, Performance, and Analytics. The funding source is General Purpose Revenue. Future costs and revenue of up to \$300,000 per year will be included in future Operational Plans and contract option years will be exercised upon availability of funding. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

Increasing business compliance with employment laws and regulations and reducing wage theft are among the priority questions in the Annual Strategic Research Plan. Contracting with universities to receive research and technical assistance will increase OEPA's capacity to address these questions.

## **24. SUBJECT: IN SUPPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTION ACT, SENATE BILL 1178 (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

For decades, the pollution in the Tijuana River Valley has impacted South Bay communities and is now impacting San Diego County's coastal communities to the north such as Coronado, San Diego's Ocean Beach, Point Loma, Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, La Jolla, and Del Mar. With increased poor air quality, sewage leaks, waste, plastic pollution, sediment, and trash, it is evident that these environmental issues should be viewed as a pressing crisis.

That is why the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors (Board) declared a local proclamation regarding the environmental crisis due to transboundary pollution on June 27th, 2023 (16). This was a result of the continued contamination to the nearly 70 miles of coastlines, beaches, and San Diego communities.

There has continued to be advocacy and legislation regarding this issue at the local, state, and federal levels. In the winter of 2024, after discussion with federal officials, experts, local representatives, and the public about their efforts to address cross-border pollution, California State Senator Steve Padilla introduced an important piece of legislation that aims to mitigate this issue.

Senate Bill 1178 (SB 1178) would require large corporations of 2,500 or more employees doing business in California to publicly disclose their wastewater discharges that can result in contamination of California watersheds. The measure also directs the State Water Resources Board Control Board (SWRCB) to create the "California Water Quality and Public Health Impact Surcharge" which will quantify the costs of mitigating that contamination. The County's support of State Senator Padilla's bill demonstrates that we take this water pollution crisis seriously and will also inform large corporations that accountability matters in San Diego County, and we want them to be responsible corporate partners.

The item today aims to gain the County's official support for SB 1178, consistent with Board policy M-2.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **VICE-CHAIR TERRA LAWSON-REMER AND CHAIRWOMAN NORA VARGAS**

Direct the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to express the County's support for California Senate Bill (SB) 1178, consistent with Board Policy M-2.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Our local communities have endured decades of negative impacts from the various pollution sources in the Tijuana River Valley, particularly our communities closest to the San Diego International Border. It is imperative that the County of San Diego remains committed to working with local, state, federal and Mexican authorities to improve conditions for these communities wherever possible.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

This board letter aligns with the County's sustainability goals of protecting the environment, and our beaches and coastlines for current residents, visitors, and future generations to enjoy.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's actions.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

With the persistent beach closures, there has been an impact to surrounding businesses due to the decreased visitors and traffic. The County continues to engage with businesses and non-profit service providers that have been impacted by the restricted access to our local beaches and oceans with the goal of assisting in identifying ways to connect them to any state or federal relief programs.

## **25. SUBJECT: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS AT THE DEL MAR FAIRGROUNDS (DISTRICT: 3)**

### **OVERVIEW**

The San Diego region is facing a decades-long affordable housing shortage that strains working families, seniors, veterans, and contributes to rising rates of homelessness. Local and state agencies have explored options to facilitate the development of more affordable housing. One of the most promising strategies is to leverage publicly-owned land for the development of affordable housing. The state-owned Del Mar Fairgrounds, located within the City of Del Mar, is one of the most prominent potential development sites.

The Del Mar Fairgrounds is a 324-acre parcel owned and operated by the 22nd District Agricultural Association (DAA), a California State Institution. The City of Del Mar and the DAA recently approved an Exclusive Negotiating Rights Agreement (ENRA), agreeing to work together to identify a one to two acre portion of the site to facilitate the development of at least 61 units of affordable housing. The DAA Board and Del Mar City Council unanimously approved the ENRA agreement on Feb 20, 2024, and March 4, 2024, respectively.

The Del Mar Fairgrounds site is of regional significance. It is one of the most prominent publicly owned developable parcels in San Diego County and located within a mobility hub in SANDAG's 2021 Regional Transportation Plan. Further, high-opportunity coastal regions of San Diego County have historically been challenging to locate and develop affordable housing due to high land prices. However, it is important that all communities incorporate attainable housing options to support affordability, diversity, inclusion, and avoid overconcentrating affordable housing in low-income communities.

Today's item requests the adoption of a resolution by the County of San Diego in support of the ENRA approved by the City of Del Mar and the DAA to work together to develop a pathway to support the development of at least 61 units of 100% affordable housing on the Del Mar Fairgrounds site. As the City of Del Mar will be submitting the ENRA to the State Housing and Community Development department in the coming weeks, it is timely for the County of San Diego to voice our support for collaborative approaches to increasing affordable housing on public land.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

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

Adopt the resolution titled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO IN SUPPORT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT THE DEL MAR FAIRGROUNDS.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The development of 100% affordable housing in high-opportunity areas will help address the housing affordability challenges facing our region. It would also increase geographic equity and diversity by locating affordable housing in high-opportunity areas along the coast and west of the I-5 freeway.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed actions are aligned with Sustainability Goal #2, assisting in providing just and equitable access to housing. The Del Mar Fairgrounds site is located within a mobility hub, according to SANDAG's Regional Transportation Plan with access to jobs, amenities, high quality schools, parks, and multiple public transportation routes.

### **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

**26. SUBJECT: SUPPORTING SAFETY AND SECURITY AT WINDSOR POINTE & FUTURE PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY NO PLACE LIKE HOME FUNDING (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

As a County of San Diego Supervisor, I want to ensure the County is doing everything in our power to support the safety of all residents living in permanent supportive housing developments especially those that are financially supported with No Place Like Home Funding, or similar funding sources that require the County to provide on-site support services. We also want to make sure these developments provide a healthy and safe place for residents and that they act as good neighbors, by not reduce the quality of life for anyone living on the property, or the surrounding neighborhood.

In one of the cities I represent, Carlsbad, is Windsor Pointe, a 50-unit affordable housing apartment development located on two non-contiguous sites, at 965 Oak Avenue, and 3606 Harding Street, in the Barrio neighborhood in the City of Carlsbad. This is a vital affordable housing development for our region providing veterans and formerly homeless individuals with a home. The City of Carlsbad provided the land through a ground lease agreement as well as \$8.3 million in City funding, while the County awarded \$13 million in No Place Like Home funds to the project and contracts with Alpha Project to provide on-site case management to the 24 No Place Like Home residents. Since opening in the Spring of 2022, community members and residents have consistently raised concerns about the project and its impact on safety and security in the neighborhood. Working with the City of Carlsbad, the affordable housing developer, our County staff and the community, progress toward resolving the concerns of Carlsbad residents is being made.

We need cities across our region to continue stepping-up to build more affordable housing in their neighborhoods, and we will continue to support their development, but there are valuable lessons to be learned from the Windsor Pointe project. This item requests County staff to take additional actions to support the addition of more security personnel on-site and assess all options for increasing the level of case management and support services at Windsor Pointe and future supportive housing development projects that leverage No Place Like Home Funding, or similar funding sources. This primary emphasis on higher levels of service is especially important in the initial lease-up period when new residents are stabilizing and adjusting to their new environment. Taking this action ensures that residents are provided with an appropriate level of service, and all residents and neighbors are afforded a safe and secure living environment.

Taking these actions will further demonstrate the County's commitment to continuing to work together with our 18 cities along with community members to help maintain safety in and around supportive housing developments.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**VICE-CHAIR TERRA LAWSON-REMER**

1. Direct the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to analyze all options and opportunities to maximize the level of services and hours of on-site case management services and referrals to behavioral health services, for Windsor Pointe, and future permanent supportive housing projects funded by No Place Like Home dollars, especially during the initial lease-up phase, when residents are more likely to need extra help connecting to services and adjusting to a new environment.
2. Direct the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to coordinate with the Windsor Pointe development team to develop a plan for utilizing No Place Like Home operating reserve funds to add supplemental security personnel. Advocate to the California Department of Housing and Community Development, requesting the State to maximize funding flexibility of Capital Operating Reserve funds for the Windsor Pointe project.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Permanent supportive housing is a key resource that addresses homelessness for some of the most vulnerable members of our communities. The No Place Like Home Program leverages state resources to provide permanent supportive housing for individuals with serious mental illness, pairing affordable housing with case management and referrals to additional supportive services.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's action supports the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal #1 to engage the community, Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access, and Sustainability Goal #4 to protect health and well-being.

**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

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

**OVERVIEW**

**A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph 2 of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9: (Number of Potential Cases – 1)

**B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph 4 of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9: (Number of Cases – 1)



- C.    CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
A.M. v. County of San Diego;  
Worker's Compensation Appeals Board, Case No. ADJ11391308
  
- D.    PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT  
(Government Code section 54957)  
Title: Chief Administrative Officer

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