

**September 12, 2023**

**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS**

*The Minutes of the*

***REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS***

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

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COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023, 9:00 AM**  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, ROOM 310  
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Order Of Business

- A. **REGULAR SESSION:** Meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

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

**ABSENT:** (District 4 Seat Vacant)

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

- C. Invocation was led by Reverend Matt Nault of Renew San Diego.

- D. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Edward Bauer.

- E. **Presentations or Announcement of Proclamations and Awards:**

Chair Nora Vargas presented a proclamation declaring September 12, 2023, to be Chicano Federation Day throughout the County of San Diego.

Chair Nora Vargas and Vice-Chair Terra Lawson-Remer presented a proclamation declaring the month of September 2023, to be Childhood Cancer Awareness Month throughout the County of San Diego.

Vice-Chair Terra Lawson-Remer presented a proclamation declaring September 12, 2023, to be San Diego County Child Care and Development Planning Council Day throughout the County of San Diego.

Supervisor Joel Anderson presented a proclamation declaring the Month of September 2023, to be National Preparedness Month throughout the County of San Diego.

Supervisor Jim Desmond presented a proclamation declaring the month of September 2023, to be Vets Beyond the Uniform Month throughout the County of San Diego.

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

- G. Approval of the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the Regular meeting of August 29, 2023; and, Special Meeting of August 25, 2023.

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors approved the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the Regular Board of Supervisors meeting of August 29, 2023; and, Special Meeting of August 25, 2023.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

- H. Consent Calendar
- I. Discussion Items
- J. Board Member Committee Updates. This is an opportunity for Members of the Board to provide informational updates on their committee assignments. No action may be taken.

NOTICE: THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE ANY ACTION WITH RESPECT TO THE ITEMS INCLUDED ON THIS AGENDA. RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY COUNTY STAFF DO NOT LIMIT ACTIONS THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD NOT RELY UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE BOARD LETTER AS DETERMINATIVE OF THE ACTION THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE ON A PARTICULAR MATTER.

**Board of Supervisors' Agenda Items**

<b>Category</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Public Safety	1.	ADVOCATING FOR THE CONTINUED REMOVAL AND RELOCATION OF SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL FROM THE SAN DIEGO REGION
	2.	SHERIFF - REQUEST APPROVAL TO ISSUE A COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION FOR ON-SITE CLINICAL SERVICES AT DETENTION FACILITIES
	3.	SHERIFF - COUNTY REVENUE AGREEMENT FOR SECURITY FOR EARLY ACCESS AND STABILIZATION SERVICES [FUNDING SOURCE: UNANTICIPATED REVENUE FROM LIBERTY HEALTH SERVICES, INC] (4 VOTES)
	4.	SHERIFF - RATIFY ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS FROM THE SAN DIEGO HONORARY DEPUTY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION AND KATHRYN ROBINSON

5. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITIES FOR EXPENDITURE CONTRACTS, REVENUE AGREEMENTS, OTHER AGREEMENTS, AND GRANTS
6. COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO PUBLIC DEFENDER - ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY FOR INDIGENT DEFENSE GRANT APPLICATION
7. AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF CALFRESH HEALTHY LIVING PROGRAM GRANT ALLOCATION AND AUTHORIZE APPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES [FUNDING SOURCE: CALFRESH HEALTHY LIVING PROGRAM GRANT THROUGH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AS DIRECTED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; EXISTING REALIGNMENT]
8. AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL MATERNAL, INFANT, AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING FUNDING FOR THE CALIFORNIA HOME VISITING PROGRAM [FUNDING SOURCE: EXISTING REALIGNMENT]
9. AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING AND APPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES [FUNDING SOURCES: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING]
10. AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF COMPLEX CARE CAPACITY BUILDING FUNDING AND AUTHORIZE APPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES [FUNDING SOURCE: STATE REVENUE FROM CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES]
11. APPROVE AND RATIFY THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND THREE-YEAR FUNDING PROPOSAL [FUNDING SOURCE: AB 2994 CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND]
12. PROCUREMENT OF BOOKS, AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS, AND RELATED SERVICES FOR COUNTY LIBRARY BRANCHES [FUNDING SOURCE: COUNTY LIBRARY FUND]
13. RECEIVE THE COUNTY-WIDE PLAN FOR EQUITABLE DATA ACCESS AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

Health and  
Human Services

Land Use and  
Environment

Financial and  
General  
Government

14. AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE RELATING TO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE EMPLOYEE BARGAINING UNIT - SO REPRESENTED BY THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY SUPERVISING PROBATION OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION (9/12/23 - First Reading; 9/26/23 - Second Reading, unless the ordinance is modified on second reading)
15. SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE: AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE RELATING TO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE EMPLOYEE BARGAINING UNIT - PO REPRESENTED BY THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION (8/29/23 - First Reading; 9/12/23 - Second Reading, unless the ordinance is modified on second reading)
16. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES: AMENDMENT TO THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 496 (8/29/23 - First Reading; 9/12/23 - Second Reading, unless the ordinance is modified on second reading)
17. PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24
18. APPOINTMENTS: VARIOUS
- Communications Received 19. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED
- Public Safety 20. ESTABLISHING ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR THE NEW SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT GROUND AMBULANCE SERVICE AREA  
[FUNDING SOURCE: EXISTING GENERAL-PURPOSE REVENUE]
- Health and Human Services 21. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING - FISCAL YEAR 2022-23  
CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS
22. COMBATTING THE CHILDCARE CRISIS  
[FUNDING SOURCE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)  
FUNDING ALLOCATED DIRECTLY TO THE COUNTY]
23. ASSESSING THE REGIONAL CAPACITY AND NEED FOR BOARD AND CARE AND SUBACUTE SERVICES TO SUPPORT MEDICAL ELIGIBLE ADULTS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONS

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| Financial and<br>General<br>Government | 24. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING: ISSUANCE OF TAX-EXEMPT AND/OR TAXABLE REVENUE OBLIGATIONS BY THE CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF TRUECARE PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC, NORTH COUNTY HEALTH PROJECT INCORPORATED, D/B/A TRUECARE, AND/OR A RELATED OR SUCCESSOR ENTITY IN AN AGGREGATE MAXIMUM AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,500,000 |
|  | 25. EXCESS CONTRIBUTION TO REDUCE PENSION UNFUNDED ACTUARIALLY ACCRUED LIABILITY<br>[FUNDING SOURCE: GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE BASED ON GREATER-THAN-ANTICIPATED GROWTH IN ASSESSED VALUE]<br>(4 VOTES)   |
| Closed Session                         | 26. CLOSED SESSION  |
| Public<br>Communication                | 27. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION  |

**1. SUBJECT:      **ADVOCATING FOR THE CONTINUED REMOVAL AND  
RELOCATION OF SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL FROM THE SAN DIEGO  
REGION (DISTRICTS: ALL)****

**OVERVIEW**

The San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) operated in the northwest corner of San Diego County for more than 47 years. The station ceased all nuclear operations in June 2013 after excessive vibrations and other issues degraded tubes in steam generators. Stored on the site today is 1,400 metric tons of spent nuclear fuel, a direct byproduct of 45 years of nuclear power operations. SONGS is currently in year three of an eight-year dismantling process of facilities and equipment at the site.

At this time, the federal government has not provided a permanent repository for spent nuclear fuel that could accept SONGS' spent fuel. Thus, Southern California Edison (SCE) must continue to store the nuclear waste onsite, in dry cask storage, indefinitely. The spent fuel must be relocated offsite for the SONGS site to be fully restored and for the land to be returned to the U.S. Navy to support the national security mission of training Marines.

The Spent Fuel Solutions coalition is led by an executive board that includes the plant owners and representatives of surrounding local governments. More specifically, this decision-making body is composed of Southern California Edison, San Diego Gas & Electric, The Counties of Orange and San Diego County. Moving San Onofre's spent nuclear fuel offsite is a shared priority for local communities and SONGS's co-owners. The executive board currently sets goals and directs efforts to advocate for the removal of spent fuel from SONGS to a federally licensed facility.

Today's board letter provides an update on the current status of SONGS, including continued participation in the Spent Fuel Solutions coalition. In addition, today's action will approve a resolution in which the coalition will advocate for the continued removal and relocation of spent nuclear fuel from the San Diego region and would also authorize the Director of the Department of Purchasing and Contracting to enter into single source negotiations with Southwest Strategies to procure management services that continue to support the work of the coalition.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND AND SUPERVISOR TERRA LAWSON-REMER**

1.     Adopt a resolution entitled: "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AUTHORIZING CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE SPENT FUEL SOLUTIONS COALITION", which is a coalition of regional partners who seek to advocate for the removal and relocation of spent nuclear fuel from the San Diego County region.
  
2.     In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, approve and authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to enter into negotiations with Southwest Strategies; and, subject to successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award a contract for management of the Spent Fuel Solutions coalition with an objective to secure a federally licensed storage or disposal solution for the spent fuel at SONGS for one year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024 with one option year to extend, and to amend the contract as needed to reflect changes to services and funding.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego recognizes the impact the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) site has had on the community. Based on a continued review of available data, it is understood that health disparities and inequalities do exist across a wide range of environmental exposures, social determinants, and access by sex, race and ethnicity, income, education, disability status and other social characteristics.

The County of San Diego will continue encouraging federal leaders to pursue legislation, appropriations, and consent-based siting for spent fuel storage/disposal facilities; mobilizing at key points in the legislative process to advocate for necessary legislation and appropriations; and securing a federally licensed storage or disposal solution for the spent fuel at SONGS and other facilities. Day-to-day activities will be managed by a coalition manager in the hope to alleviate community impacts.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's actions to support the removal and relocation of spent nuclear fuel from the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) site, contributes to the County of San Diego Sustainability Goals by advocating for the removal of toxic materials to protect the health and wellbeing of everyone in the region, with a focus on collaborating with community partners and advocating for environmental justice for communities that may have been disproportionately impacted.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

One-time funds for this request estimated at \$100,000 are included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan in the Office of Emergency Services. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, adopting Resolution No. 23-114, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AUTHORIZING CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE SPENT FUEL SOLUTIONS COALITION.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

2. **SUBJECT: SHERIFF - REQUEST APPROVAL TO ISSUE A COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION FOR ON-SITE CLINICAL SERVICES AT DETENTION FACILITIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

## **OVERVIEW**

The Sheriff's Department provides comprehensive health care services to incarcerated persons in custody at all Sheriff's detention facilities across San Diego County as required by Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations. The impacts of Assembly Bill 109, enacted in 2011, have



mandated the Sheriff's Department to house both sentenced and unsentenced individuals who are completing long-term sentences in County jail rather than State prison. Therefore, medical needs have elevated, as the population is serving a greater amount of time in County custody. As the incarcerated population needs have changed and obligations for medical services have increased to address complex diagnoses there has been a fundamental shift of health service delivery from ad-hoc acute care services in an ambulatory setting to comprehensive, preventive, and chronic care services in a structured institutional environment.

On August 4, 2020 (1) the Sheriff's Department requested the Board of Supervisors' approval to issue a competitive solicitation for health care services and currently contracts with Naphcare, Inc. (566117) for the provision of comprehensive health services. Contracted services for the Sheriff's Department initiated on June 1, 2022, and Naphcare subcontracted the on-site physician service component to another vendor. After one year of contracting with Naphcare for the provision of physical healthcare providers, the Sheriff's Department is recommending a separate, direct contract with a provider who can maximize in-person direct care to incarcerated persons in Sheriff's custody. Naphcare will continue to provide all other services for which they are contracted. This will be for the best interest of patient care, as clinical service is a high-risk point.

Today's action requests the Board to authorize a competitive procurement for on-site physicians and licensed healthcare practitioners for daily and weekly medical clinical service, in the Sheriff's detention facilities, for an award for up to ten years and an additional six-month option to extend.

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

##### **SHERIFF**

In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code authorizes the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to issue a competitive solicitation for on-site physician and licensed healthcare practitioner services in Sheriff's detention facilities, and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award contracts for a term of one year, with nine option years and an additional six months if needed, and to amend the contract as needed to reflect changes to services and funding.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Healthy People 2030 defines a health disparity as a "particular type of health difference that is closely linked with social, economic, and/or environmental disadvantage." Health disparities adversely affect groups of people who have systematically experienced greater obstacles to health care based on their racial or ethnic group and other characteristics historically linked to discrimination or exclusion. This request to allow for on-site physician and licensed healthcare practitioner services builds greater health equity for our incarcerated population. It gives them access to high quality and affordable health care services while in custody. The department is dedicated to advancing health equity outcomes for incarcerated persons and having an on-site provider allows timely and effective clinical engagement.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The majority of individuals in the carceral environment have experienced, or continue to experience, notable health disparities. Having an on-site provider supports the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal to provide just and equitable access. Advancing health care equity outcomes means ensuring that everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be as healthy as possible and has ready access to medical and behavioral care with proximity to clinical services.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this request. After evaluating the proposals submitted for the competitive solicitation, the Sheriff's Department will return to the Board of Supervisors, if needed, with any required recommendation for additional appropriations prior to contract award. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

- 3. **SUBJECT: SHERIFF - COUNTY REVENUE AGREEMENT FOR SECURITY FOR EARLY ACCESS AND STABILIZATION SERVICES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The California Department of State Hospitals (DSH) is responsible for restoring competency to individuals with serious mental illness who are found mentally incompetent to stand trial (IST) on felony charges, pursuant to California Penal Code 1370. IST defendants cannot be tried or sentenced while mentally incompetent and are instead committed to a State hospital for care and treatment to restore competency to stand trial. There is a high demand for State hospital beds for substantive services to restore competency, which has created delays in admittance to a State hospital for IST treatment.

To address the delay, on November 15, 2016 (2), the Sheriff was granted approval for a Jail Based Competency Treatment (JBCT) program from the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board). DSH and the County of San Diego (County) officially launched a 30-bed JBCT program at the San Diego Central Jail and began treatment of IST patients in February 2017. On August 9, 2019 (3), a new-five-year revenue agreement with DSH was approved for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024. To address the continued IST treatment delays and to meet required treatment timelines, DSH implemented a new program called Early Access and Stabilization Services (EASS) program and contracted with Liberty Health Services, Inc. (Liberty), to provide EASS program services for the Sheriff. Liberty is requesting that the Sheriff provide security services for Liberty staff while they are performing IST services on-site at County jails. Liberty will obtain any necessary medications for the IST incarcerated

individuals under a separate agreement with the Sheriff's pharmacy contractor NaphCare Inc. This request is to approve a revenue agreement with Liberty for security services for a one-year initial term and two one-year option periods from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2026.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **SHERIFF**

1. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery that requires docketing Revenue Contracts with the Board at least 60 days prior to the effective date of the contract.
2. Approve and authorize the Clerk of the Board to accept and execute upon receipt a one-year revenue contract with two option years between the County of San Diego and Liberty Health Services, Inc. for security services while on-site IST services are being performed at County jails for the period of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2026.
3. Establish appropriations of \$600,000 in the County of San Diego Sheriff's Department, Salaries & Benefits (\$590,000), and Services & Supplies (\$10,000), for security services based on unanticipated revenue from Liberty Health Services, Inc. **(4 VOTES)**
4. Authorize the Sheriff to execute all required contract documents, including any extensions, amendments, or revisions thereof that do not materially impact either the program or funding level.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The California Department of State Hospitals (DSH) and San Diego County Sheriff's Department (Sheriff) recognize the systemic impact the Statewide waitlist for incompetent to stand trial (IST) treatment services has had on incarcerated persons with serious mental illness who are awaiting trial. The Early Access and Stabilization Services increases equity by decreasing the disparity from the State justice system and benefits the incarcerated person by accelerating and facilitating improved access to restoration services.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action supports the County of San Diego's Sustainability Initiative of resiliency by ensuring the County's capability to respond more efficiently to the immediate needs of incarcerated persons with serious mental illness requiring incompetent to stand trial treatment services. The proposed action to expedite access to restoration and forensic services for incarcerated persons contributes to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal to provide just and equitable access because it lessens the time that incarcerated persons need to be housed in a Jail Based Competency Treatment Program or in a State hospital.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan for the Sheriff's Department. If approved, this request will result in Fiscal Year 2023-24 costs and revenue up to \$600,000. Subsequent year costs and revenue will be included in future year Operational Plans and will be adjusted based upon the deputy coverage provided by the Sheriff's Department to Liberty. The funding source is unanticipated revenue from Liberty Health Services, Inc. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no increase in staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

4. **SUBJECT: SHERIFF - RATIFY ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS FROM THE SAN DIEGO HONORARY DEPUTY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION AND KATHRYN ROBINSON (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

County of San Diego Administrative Code Article III, Section 66 Acceptance of Gifts and Board of Supervisors Policy A-112, Acceptance and Use of Gifts and Donations, provide a process for accepting gifts by the administrative heads of each department in the County, subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors. This is a request to ratify the acceptance of donations from the San Diego Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association for equipment, food, boots, and books valued at \$24,091, and Padres tickets with parking valued at \$5,680 from Kathryn Robinson for the Sheriff's Department.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**SHERIFF**

1. In accordance with County of San Diego Administrative Code Article III, Section 66 Acceptance of Gifts and Board of Supervisors Policy A-112, Acceptance and Use of Gifts and Donations, ratify the acceptance of equipment, food, boots, and books valued at \$24,091 from the San Diego Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association and Padres tickets with parking valued at \$5,680 from Kathryn Robinson for the Sheriff's Department.
2. Authorize the Chairwoman of the Board of Supervisors to sign letters of appreciation on behalf of the Board of Supervisors and the County of San Diego to the San Diego Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association and Kathryn Robinson.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's request to ratify the acceptance of donations valued at \$29,771 from the San Diego Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association (\$24,091) and Kathryn Robinson (\$5,680). There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **ACTION:**

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

5. **SUBJECT: OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITIES FOR EXPENDITURE CONTRACTS, REVENUE AGREEMENTS, OTHER AGREEMENTS, AND GRANTS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

## **OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego (County) Office of Emergency Services (OES) coordinates the overall county response to disasters. OES is responsible for alerting and notifying appropriate agencies when disaster strikes, coordinating agencies that respond, ensuring resources are available and mobilized in times of disaster, developing plans and procedures for response to and recovery from disasters and developing and providing preparedness materials for the public.

Today's actions will authorize administrative authorities for expenditure contracts and revenue agreements with other agencies to help ensure the safety of county residents by maximizing the region's ability to prevent, respond to and recover from terrorist incidents and other man-made or natural disasters. In addition, the Board is also requested to authorize the Office of Emergency Services to submit grant applications related to the planning and support of emergency responders throughout the region.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, approve and authorize the Director of the Department of Purchasing and Contracting to enter into negotiations with Fire Protection Districts, Water Districts, Cities, Joint Powers Agencies/Authorities, recognized Tribal Governments, Hospitals, and other agencies and, subject to successful negotiations and a determination of a fair and reasonable price, award contracts for providing all-hazard planning, mitigation, response, recovery, outreach, services and supplies necessary to coordinate emergency management across the San Diego region through June 30, 2033, and to amend the contracts as needed to reflect changes to requirements and funding.
2. Authorize the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to execute revenue agreements with Fire Protection Districts, Water Districts, Cities, Joint Powers Agencies/Authorities, recognized Tribal Governments, Hospitals, and other agencies for County-provided all-hazard planning, mitigation, response, recovery, outreach, services and supplies necessary to coordinate emergency management across the San Diego region.
3. Authorize the Director, or designee, of the Office of Emergency Services to enter into Memoranda of Agreement, Memoranda of Understanding, and other Agreements with Fire Protection Districts, Water Districts, Cities, Joint Powers Agencies/Authorities, recognized Tribal Governments, Hospitals and other agencies for County-provided all-hazard planning, mitigation, response, recovery, outreach, services and supplies necessary to coordinate emergency management across the San Diego region.
4. Authorize the Office of Emergency Services, through June 30, 2033, to continue to apply for grant funds and execute all required grant documents, including any annual extensions, amendments and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.
5. 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.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Office of Emergency Services (OES) recognizes the systemic impacts that inequitable policies may create for County of San Diego residents. Impacts have historically included outcomes related to racial injustice and issues of belonging that may be reflected in the programs, services and resources allocated to communities. To improve response to all hazards in the community more proportionately, OES will continue to take a whole community approach to emergency management and, through an equity lens, collaborate with partner agencies to implement projects and policies to address gaps in underserved communities. OES anticipates these actions will have a positive effect on all San Diego County residents and increase preparedness and resiliency in all communities across the region.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed actions contribute to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal to protect the health and wellbeing of citizens. These actions will impact the sustainability of health and wellbeing by providing emergency management planning, outreach, and equipment necessary to mitigate terrorism and all hazards across the San Diego region.

Additional efforts are focused on proactively reaching at-risk, vulnerable, and underserved communities, enhancing equity and inclusion of impacted communities, and helping socio-economic groups historically burdened by wildfires, natural and human-caused hazards. The need to share information quickly and efficiently is essential in emergencies, such as communicating what areas are evacuated, the location of emergency shelters, enhanced public understanding of life-saving emergency alert and warning messages, and disaster health and response services.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's recommendations. The Office of Emergency Services will return to the Board of Supervisors as necessary to accept grant awards and to establish appropriations. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **ACTION:**

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

6. **SUBJECT: COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO PUBLIC DEFENDER - ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY FOR INDIGENT DEFENSE GRANT APPLICATION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

## **OVERVIEW**

The Department of the Public Defender's diverse staff provide legal representation to indigent persons charged with a crime, all persons at arraignment without private counsel, and some civil cases such as mental health matters. As community needs evolve and changes in statutes and legislation designed to improve equity in the legal justice system take effect, the Department will benefit from additional external funding to adjust and respond to these realities.

Today's action will authorize the Public Defender or designee, to execute and submit all documents necessary to apply for grant funds to improve indigent defense programs in San Diego County. If authorized and grant funds are awarded, the Public Defender will return to the Board to accept grant funds and establish appropriations as necessary.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery.
2. Authorize the Department of the Public Defender through June 30, 2028 to submit grant applications for grants to improve indigent defense efforts in the County of San Diego.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed action will benefit indigent clients represented by the Public Defender. The department represents some of the most vulnerable populations in the County and increasing opportunities to identify and receive funding will directly benefit these communities.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action to authorize the Department of the Public Defender to apply for grant funding for indigent defense programs will contribute to the County of San Diego strategic initiatives: engage the community; and provide just and equitable outcomes. The department will seek out and apply for funding to create or expand existing outreach and engagement activities, as well as improve access to County services that primarily benefit chronically underserved communities.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no current fiscal impact related to the requested actions. The Department of the Public Defender will return to the Board as necessary to accept grant awards and establish appropriations. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

7. **SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF CALFRESH HEALTHY LIVING PROGRAM GRANT ALLOCATION AND AUTHORIZE APPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) plays a vital role in improving nutrition for low-income children and adults. SNAP is comprised of different components, notably the SNAP-Electronic Benefit Transfer (SNAP-EBT) and SNAP-Education (SNAP-Ed) Programs. SNAP-EBT, referred to as CalFresh food benefits in California, supports low-income families and individuals that meet certain



income guidelines by providing benefits that supplement food budget and allow low-income residents to purchase nutritious foods. CalFresh food benefits are administered locally by the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) Self-Sufficiency programs and focus on enrolling eligible populations through community outreach activities with a no-wrong-door approach. SNAP-Ed, separately funded by the USDA, is administered in California as CalFresh Healthy Living (CFHL) through the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). The goal of CFHL is to improve the likelihood that low-income individuals will make healthy food choices and lead physically active lifestyles through nutrition education, policy, system, and environmental (PSE) change, and social marketing. Locally, the County HHSA administers the CFHL Program.

Historically, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) has been supportive of these efforts and has authorized acceptance of CFHL grants since 2012, most recently on September 24, 2019 (7). All CFHL funding is utilized for staffing and contracted services that are mandated by the State to serve only CalFresh-eligible individuals, families, and communities, predefined by the State (at or below 185% of the federal poverty level). Since 2012, CFHL has provided nutrition education to more than 81,500 San Diego County residents, implemented nearly 550 PSE changes in various community settings, and partnered with ten jurisdictions to advance municipal policies that improve access to active transportation and healthy food systems.

Today's actions request the Board authorize acceptance of the CFHL grant allocation for the term of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2026, and authorize applications for additional funding opportunities to improve access to healthy foods and increase opportunities for physical activity for San Diego County residents.

Today's actions support the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished through nutrition education and supporting the implementation of PSE changes to prevent or reduce diet-related chronic disease and obesity among low-income residents.

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

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 of grants.
2. Authorize the acceptance of \$11,762,094 in grant funds from the California Department of Public Health for the CalFresh Healthy Living Program for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2026, and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to execute all required grant documents, upon receipt, including any annual extensions, amendments, or revisions that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.
3. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to apply for additional funding opportunity announcements, if available, to support chronic disease prevention and management efforts.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

San Diego County is a multicultural region with approximately 3.3 million residents. Data from the 2017-2021 United States Census Bureau American Community Survey shows that the majority of San Diego County residents living in poverty (at or below 100% Federal Poverty Level) identify as Black (20%), followed by Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (16%), Other Races (14%), Hispanic (14%), Asian (9%), and White (8%). Additionally, County data underscores disparities among low-income residents related to food insecurities and diet-related chronic disease. According to 2020 data from Feeding America, the overall rates of food insecurity among low-income residents and families with children in San Diego County were recorded at 10% and 14%, respectively.

Locally administered by the County of San Diego (County), the SNAP-Electronic Benefit Transfer (SNAP-EBT) and SNAP-Education (SNAP-Ed) Programs aim to address such disparities. SNAP-EBT, referred to as CalFresh food benefits in California, supports low-income families and individuals that meet certain income guidelines by providing benefits that supplement food budget and allow low-income residents to purchase nutritious foods. SNAP-Ed, referred to as CalFresh Healthy Living (CFHL) in California, aims to improve the likelihood that low-income individuals will make healthy food choices and lead physically active lifestyles. Data highlights the importance of such interventions as the 2021 California Health Interview Survey indicated that of those eligible in San Diego County for SNAP-Ed, 25% of children 2-11 years of age and 61% of adults are overweight or obese, which can be attributed to unhealthy diet habits and lack of active lifestyles. For example, among eligible children and teens 12-17 years of age, approximately 30% reported having consumed at least one glass of sugary drinks (other than soda) the day before the survey. Among eligible adults, 22% reported having ate fast food at least once in the week preceding the survey. In addition, 59% of eligible adults reported not regularly walking for transportation, fun, or exercise. Preventing and reducing the leading risk factors for obesity-related chronic diseases are the primary focus of CFHL, as 12% of CFHL-eligible adults reported ever being diagnosed with diabetes, and 31% reported having high blood pressure, both higher when compared to the total adult population.

CFHL aligns with the resolution adopted by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on January 12, 2021 (8), which acknowledged racism as a public health crisis and necessitates continued efforts to fully address the public health impacts of racial injustice. This will be accomplished by increasing the County's capacity to address health equity by reducing barriers for communities disproportionately impacted by lack of access to healthy food options and access to safe physical activity opportunities. To reach populations at higher risk, underserved, and disproportionately affected, including racial and ethnic minority groups, the County Health and Human Services Agency, and key partners, will continue the coordinated approach that builds on culturally, linguistically, and locally tailored strategies, existing resources, and best practices. Equity has been threaded throughout the planning process to identify and analyze health inequities through local data and in the selecting and designing of strategies.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's actions support the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal #3 to transition to a green and carbon-free economy, Sustainability Goal #4 to protect the health and well-being, and Sustainability Goal #7 to reduce pollution and waste. This would be accomplished through providing workforce training and technical assistance to local small farms on business planning

and climate-smart practices and improving connections to the local marketplace, thereby creating a sustainable system where produce is made accessible to low-income target populations in their own communities. Additionally, today's actions aim to reduce waste and promote responsible consumption through evidence-based education, thereby reducing methane-producing waste in landfills. Other activities in areas of education, policy, system, and environmental changes focused on increasing the number of water bottle filling stations will also lead to decreased usage of single-use plastics. By promoting the utilization of locally grown produce in the marketplace and improving the safety and availability of multiple modes of active transportation within communities, today's actions would also reduce vehicle miles traveled for food production and access. CalFresh Healthy Living is designed to improve the nutrition and physical activity among eligible individuals and families, and ultimately aims to reduce rates of obesity, other chronic diseases, and usage of healthcare services among this population.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-25 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in costs of \$4,212,320 and revenue of \$3,920,698 in FY 2023-24 and costs of \$4,239,929 and revenue of \$3,920,698 in FY 2024-25. This will result in total costs of \$12,699,573 and revenue of \$11,762,094 for FY 2023-24 through FY 2026-27. The funding source is the CalFresh Healthy Living Program grant through the California Department of Public Health as directed by the United States Department of Agriculture. A waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested because the funding does not offset all costs. These unrecovered costs are estimated to be \$291,622 for FY 2023-24 and \$319,231 for FY 2024-25. This will result in a total estimated unrecovered cost of \$937,479 for FY 2023-24 through FY 2026-27. The funding source for these costs will be existing Realignment. The public benefit for providing these services far outweighs the B-29 unrecoverable costs. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

8. **SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL MATERNAL, INFANT, AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING FUNDING FOR THE CALIFORNIA HOME VISITING PROGRAM (DISTRICTS: 2, 3, 5)**

### **OVERVIEW**

In 2012, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) approved an initial agreement with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Division to accept federal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) grant funds for the California Home Visiting Program (CHVP). The MIECHV initiative, a

component of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, was created to support and expand home visiting programs serving at-risk pregnant women and their families. Funds are disseminated through the states to local health jurisdictions who implement such programs. The Board approved three-year agreements for CHVP MIECHV funding on June 28, 2016 (11), and August 6, 2019 (10), respectively. Since the initial release of MIECHV funding in 2012, it has supported Public Health Nurse home visiting services in the North Inland and North Coastal Regions of San Diego County. Recently, on January 24, 2023 (8), the Board authorized acceptance of additional CHVP funding, allocated through the California State General Fund, which is a separate funding source, to expand home visiting services in the Central, East, and South Regions of San Diego County.

The CHVP requires the adoption of one of three evidence-based home visiting models, Nurse-Family Partnership, Healthy Families America, and Parents as Teachers, to guide services for families. Evidence-based home visiting models are designed to support families at-risk for adverse childhood experiences such as child maltreatment, domestic violence, mental illness, and substance abuse.

Today's action requests Board approval to accept CHVP MIECHV funding in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 in the amount of \$949,268, and an estimated \$949,268 annually thereafter through FY 2027-28 and Waive Board Policy B-29. Funding will support ongoing Public Health Nurse home visiting efforts, ensuring pregnant women and families with young children, in the North Inland and North Coastal Regions of San Diego County, have access to resources and support that promote healthy pregnancy and infant development. Additionally, today's action requests the Board authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency to apply for any additional funding opportunities to support preventive health care and early intervention and treatment programs for at-risk women, children and families in San Diego County.

Today's actions support 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 improving access to quality care and tangible supports for mothers, infants, children, adolescents, and families.

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

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

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 of grants.
2. Authorize the acceptance of \$949,268 in federal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting funding, from the California Department of Public Health Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Division for Fiscal Year 2023-24 and an estimated \$949,268 annually through Fiscal Year 2027-28, for an estimated total of \$4,746,340, for the California Home Visiting Program, and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency to execute all required agreement documents, upon receipt, including any annual extensions, amendments, or revisions that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.

3. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency to apply for any additional funding opportunity announcements, if available, to address preventive health care and early intervention and treatment programs for at-risk women, children, and families in San Diego County.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The evidence-based, in-home support offered to families enrolled in the California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) helps to improve access to critical health and social services for underserved families with young children in the North Coastal and North Inland Regions of San Diego County. CHVP enrollment efforts are focused on communities experiencing the greatest need for support, including low-income families, immigrants and refugees, teen parents, and those with medical risk factors that might impede a healthy pregnancy. For example, during Fiscal Year 2022-23, 20% (36/179) of CHVP families had incomes below the federal poverty level and 24% (43/179) of participants enrolled were between the ages of 14-19. Additionally, 88% (157/179) of families enrolled were insured through Medi-Cal and 96% (172/179) were identified as being food-insecure. CHVP works to address inequities in maternal and infant health outcomes and to ensure access to quality prenatal and postpartum health care and community resources through individual, family, and group-based support offered by Public Health Nurse Home Visitors.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed actions support the County of San Diego's (County) Sustainability Goal #1 to engage the community; Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access; and Sustainability Goal #4 to protect the health and well-being of everyone in the region. This will be accomplished by ensuring vulnerable populations in underserved communities are given access to resources provided under the California Home Visiting Program, which promotes the overall health and well-being of those disproportionately impacted or underserved. The County Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services will seek community input through the Family Support Connection collaborative, which is comprised of local agencies, programs, and community stakeholders dedicated to supporting families with young children in San Diego County.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-25 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in estimated annual costs of \$1,153,274 and revenue of \$949,268 in FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25, and is anticipated annually through FY 2027-28, for an estimated total of costs of \$5,766,370 and revenue of \$4,746,340. The funding source is the California Department of Public Health. A waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested because the funding does not offset all costs. These unrecovered costs are estimated to be \$204,006 for FY 2023-24 and \$204,006 for FY 2024-25. The total unrecovered costs are estimated to be \$1,020,030 through FY 27-28. The funding source for these costs will be existing Realignment. The public benefit for providing these services far outweighs the B-29 unrecoverable costs. Funds for this program will use existing appropriations and will be included in future Operational Plans, as needed. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

9. **SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING AND APPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On January 26, 2021 (14), the revised 2021 Legislative Program was approved and adopted by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board). The revised 2021 Legislative Program included new abbreviated guiding principles and key legislative initiatives and priorities. Included in the revised Priorities section was new language and direction to “actively pursue all available funding to lift up and invest in our communities to ensure the San Diego region receives its fair share.”

In the spring of 2021, the United States Congress announced the return of Community Project Funding, also known as earmarks, for Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2021-22 through FFY 2025-26 after more than a decade hiatus. In accordance with the direction provided with the approval of the revised 2021 Legislative Program, the County of San Diego (County) applied for funding to support various programs and projects from our Congressional Delegation. During the federal budget process, San Diego County Representative Sara Jacobs proposed the earmark for the County Health and Human Services Agency, Child and Family Well-Being Department (CFWB), approved as a part of the FFY 2023 Omnibus Bill.

Earlier this year, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration of Children and Families, notified CFWB that the project for outreach and recruitment of resource families to support foster children was recommended for funding at \$500,000, and the project for training and materials was recommended for funding at \$139,104 for FFY 2023-24.

Today’s actions request to authorize the acceptance of the federal Community Project Funding, and applications for additional funding opportunity announcements to improve services and supports for children and youth in foster care.

This item supports the County’s vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by expanding placement options, services, resources, training of staff, and supports needed for children and youth in foster care.

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

1. Authorize the acceptance of \$500,000 in U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families Congressionally Directed Community Projects Funding for the anticipated funding period of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023-24 for outreach and recruitment of foster care families to support children and youth, and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to execute all required grant documents, including any annual extensions, amendments and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.
2. Authorize the acceptance of \$139,104 in U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families Congressionally Directed Community Projects Funding for the anticipated funding period of FFY 2023-24 for training and materials for child welfare programs, and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to execute all required grant documents, including any annual extensions, amendments and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.
3. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to apply for any additional funding opportunity announcements, if available, to improve services, placements, and resources for children and youth in the foster care system.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Training staff in equity and justice and providing a more helpful learning environment for new staff are steps the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Child and Family Well-Being Department, Office of Child Safety (OCS) will take to promote better outcomes for children, youth, and families with the monies provided through the Community Project Funding, also known as the earmark. At any given time, black families represent 12% of children in referrals and 19% of children in foster care, while only making up 5% of the San Diego County population. To further maximize racially equitable community outcomes, CFWB partners with subject matter experts for training, coaching, and facilitated dialogue related to diversity, equity, and inclusion. To maintain and enhance the number of family-setting placements available for incoming foster youth, or foster youth who need a change of placement, recruitment and retention efforts need to increase. On average, OCS approves and places 40% of children and youth in familiar environments, with 60% of children and youth in need of community member resource family homes for placement. In June 2023, there were 1,842 children and youth, ages 0-17, requiring out of home placement. Of the 1,842 children and youth, there were 773 placed in relative/non-related extended family member homes, 481 in community resource family homes, and 37 at Polinsky Children's Center, the County's temporary shelter care facility. The earmark dollars will be spent to increase community recruitment in underserved areas of San Diego County to ensure children and youth have the opportunity to be placed in a familiar community, increase the opportunity for children and youth to keep their natural supports, and help children and youth of all ages maintain safe and stable housing.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today’s actions support the County of San Diego’s (County) Sustainability Goal #1, to foster inclusive and sustainable communities and Sustainability Goal #2, to provide just and equitable access to County services by accepting federal Community Project Funding that will increase services and supports to children and youth in foster care. When children and youth are placed in safe and stable homes that can meet their needs for care, supervision, and treatment, they can be successful in school, developmentally, and can transition into permanency, reducing the need for reliance on the foster care system. Furthermore, training staff in equity and justice and providing a more helpful learning environment for new staff will promote changes at all levels and have a positive impact on County policies, procedures, and outcomes related to children, youth, and families.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-25 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$532,587 in FY 2023-24 and estimated costs and revenue of \$106,517 in FY 2024-25. The funding sources is U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families Congressionally Directed Community Project Funding. Funds for this program will use existing appropriations and will be included in future Operational Plans, as needed. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

- 10. SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF COMPLEX CARE CAPACITY BUILDING FUNDING AND AUTHORIZE APPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

In 2021, a Statewide need was identified to increase system capacity of care for foster youth with complex care needs and ensure the provision of a high-quality continuum of care, including the care and supports needed for youth who may otherwise have been placed in out-of-state facilities. As a result, the California legislature passed Assembly Bill 153 to distribute funds to support new or expanded programs, services, practices, and trainings that build system capacity and ensure the provision of a high-quality continuum of care for children and youth. These funds, known as Complex Care Capacity Building (CCCB), are distributed by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to support a system of care-delivery that is designed to reliably identify family-based caregivers for every child and youth. The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Child and Family Well-Being Department,



partnered with key impacted stakeholders and assessed the local continuum of care for children and youth to identify areas of need along with potential remedies. This information was combined into a three-year funding proposal, which was approved by CDSS in May of 2023.

Today's actions request the San Diego County Board of Supervisors authorize acceptance of Complex Care Capacity Building funds from CDSS and authorize applications for additional funding opportunity announcements to improve services to foster youth with complex care needs. Today's actions support the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by supporting the establishment of a high-quality continuum of care through expanding placement options, services, resources, and supports needed for foster youth with complex needs.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Authorize the acceptance of \$2,461,820 in Complex Care Capacity Building funds from the California Department of Social Services for the anticipated funding period of Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 through FY 2025-26 to address needs within the County's continuum of care for children and youth, and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to execute all required grant documents, including any annual extensions, amendments and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.
2. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to apply for any additional funding opportunity announcements, if available, to improve services to youth in the foster care system who are experiencing complex care needs.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Child and Family Well-Being (CFWB) Department recognizes the impact that placement in foster care has on adolescents, and the importance and urgency of a high-quality continuum of care to support placement options in San Diego County for children and youth in foster care. In Fiscal Year 2021-22, CFWB, received 39,025 reports of abuse and neglect to the Child Abuse Hotline, representing 67,824 children. Upon investigation and confirmation that abuse or neglect occurred, cases may be opened with the CFWB, Office of Child Safety. As of June 2023, there were 2,592 children and youth with open cases, of whom 1,842 reside in out-of-home placements. Of these 1,842 children and youth, 120 reside in residential programs due to their complex care needs and 38 were at Polinsky Children's Center waiting for placement, many of whom meet the criteria for complex care needs requiring higher levels of supervision and supports. Among children and youth awaiting placement, 37% were Hispanic, 33% Black, 25% White, 4% Asian, and 2% were Native American. These statistics underscore the need to enhance the continuum of care for children and youth in San Diego County, especially for those with complex care needs. Throughout the process of identifying gaps in the local continuum of care for children and youth, the County engaged various local stakeholders to capture the voices of those most impacted. The community's contributions served as a cornerstone of the County's

Complex Care Capacity Building proposal, which aims to support critical components of the local continuum of care for children and youth, expanding capacity to services, supports, and placement options throughout the continuum of care, and advancing efforts to equitably serve those with complex care needs.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's actions support the County of San Diego's (County) Sustainability Goal #1, to engage the community in meaningful ways and to foster inclusive and sustainable communities; and Sustainability Goal #2, to provide just and equitable access to County services. Throughout the complex care capacity building proposal assessment, special attention was given to engaging key community partners and stakeholders in meaningful discussions regarding the current needs in the continuum of care as well as remedial strategies. By locally establishing a high-quality continuum of care, the County will increase services and supports to children and youth experiencing complex care needs, eliminate the placement of foster youth in out-of-county facilities whenever possible, and invest in building resilience in vulnerable populations through impactful partnerships.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-25 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in estimated annual costs and revenue of \$820,607 in FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25, for a total estimated costs and revenue of \$2,461,820 through FY 2025-26. The funding source is State revenue from California Department of Social Services. Funds for today's action will use existing appropriations and will be included in future Operational Plans, as needed. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

11. **SUBJECT: APPROVE AND RATIFY THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND  
THREE-YEAR FUNDING PROPOSAL (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) has taken a strong leadership role in supporting efforts to prevent and respond to child abuse and neglect. The efforts focus on strengthening families by identifying and addressing the needs of children and youth who are in the public charge as well as those whose safety and welfare may be at risk. On March 26, 2019 (11), the Board adopted Ordinance No. 10598 (N.S.) repealing and replacing provisions in the San Diego County Administrative Code to establish the Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board of San Diego County (CFSAB).

The CFSAB is charged with recommending funding proposals for child maltreatment prevention and intervention services for the Children’s Trust Fund (CTF) to ensure the safety and well-being of children and families. California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 18966 directs the CTF to be used for child maltreatment prevention and intervention programs operated by private nonprofit organizations or public institutions of higher education with recognized expertise in fields related to child welfare. The CTF consists of funding from birth certificate fees, license plate fees, child maltreatment court restitution fines, Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention funds, grants, and gifts or bequests from private sources.

Today’s actions request the Board approve and ratify the CTF Three-Year Funding Proposal for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 through FY 2025-26 and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to approve expenditures in accordance with the CTF Funding Proposal.

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 upholding sustainable practices to provide just and equitable access to prevention, intervention, and family strengthening services, and opportunities for participation to ensure all children, families, and communities in the region flourish and thrive.

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

1. Approve and ratify the Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board of San Diego County Children’s Trust Fund (CTF) Three-Year Funding Proposal for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 through FY 2025-26.
2. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to approve expenditures in accordance with the CTF Three-Year Funding Proposal.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board of San Diego County (CFSAB) represents a broad cross-section of community and stakeholders including individuals with lived experience; resource parents; public and private child and family-serving systems; judicial, health, and education systems; and representation from supervisorial districts. Some of the duties and responsibilities of the CFSAB include:

- Recommending improvements in services to families and victims who are in the public charge, as well as children, youth, and families whose safety and welfare may be at risk;
- Serving as the designated child abuse prevention coordinating body and local Children’s Trust Fund (CTF) body as set forth in California Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 18965 et seq. and 18982 et seq. regarding proposals to be funded by the CTF; and
- Recommending proposals to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors that the CFSAB agrees merit funding.

Input on proposed services and activities were gathered from the community at CFSAB and workgroup meetings and recommended by the CFSAB for CTF funding to align with sustainability practices to promote equity, justice, and community with focused investment in providing services to low-income families and families of color residing in underserved and under-resourced communities.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22, the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Child and Family Well-Being Department, Office of Child Safety (OCS) received 39,025 reports of abuse and neglect to the Child Abuse Hotline, representing 67,824 children. Despite a minor increase in reports compared to FY 2020-21, OCS saw a 12% decline in reports over the previous five years as a result of work in prevention and family strengthening. The number of children in foster care has also decreased by 7% over the previous four years, while the number of children placed in kinship care has increased by 4%. Kinship care is a priority, as it is important to keep children in a familiar environment safely, whenever possible. As a result of increased CTF funding to Kinship Caregiver assistance in FY 2022-23, case management services to kinship families increased by 40% and emergency kinship assistance increased by 18%, supporting the rise in the number of children in kinship care and helping to narrow the gap of children in foster care, who are not placed in relative or non-related extended family member homes.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Funding programs for the prevention and intervention of child abuse and neglect align with the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal #1, to engage the community in meaningful ways and Sustainability Goal #2, to provide just and equitable access to County services by keeping families together through supporting kinship placements. The CTF funding proposal, prevention services, and financial assistance supports keeping families together through kinship placements and preventing children from entering foster care by strengthening families' ability to meet their own needs, increase self-sufficiency, and reduce trauma to help achieve healthy, safe, and thriving communities.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-25 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$1,600,000 in FY 2023-24 and estimated costs and revenue of \$1,600,000 in FY 2024-25. The three-year funding proposal for FY 2023-24 through FY 2025-26 is an estimated total costs and revenue of \$4,800,000. The funding source is the AB 2994 Children's Trust Fund. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

**12. SUBJECT: PROCUREMENT OF BOOKS, AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS, AND RELATED SERVICES FOR COUNTY LIBRARY BRANCHES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

As the epicenter for many communities, the San Diego County Library (County Library) is a trusted space for people to gather, learn, and find credible resources and support. County Library branches with relevant, diverse, and engaging collections increase community literacy, and allow customers to explore ideas, learn new skills, and relax with a good movie or book. Access to library materials allows county residents to expand their horizons through life-long learning. To provide access to books and media the Library spends \$3 million out of the \$6.8 million book budget per year on print material for the collection. Titles are accessible across the 33 branches, five 24/7 Library-To-Go kiosks, and in the near future, four EV bookmobiles. To support the enjoyment of reading and learning, the County Library works with the Department of Purchasing and Contracting (DPC) to select a primary materials vendor. This procurement includes services to prepare materials for customer use.

In 2018, the Board approved the Request for Proposal (RFP) that resulted in the current contract, with Baker and Taylor, awarded on January 16, 2019, and expiring in 2024. In order to continue providing new content for our constituents, the County Library will need to go through a competitive procurement process that will allow the County Library to purchase titles from thousands of publishers, collection of materials from mainstream, and small and independent organizations. The process will support the County Library with efficient purchasing, competitive rates, and a good value for County residents. In accordance with DPC guidelines, the Library engages in the competitive process to procure the contract for a primary materials vendor, following Board Policy A-87.

Today's Board Action requests the approval and authorization for the Director of Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to procure a contract through a competitive solicitation for physical books and audiovisual materials prepared for circulation in the amount of \$5 million dollars per year, for a total of 5 years, up to a total contract amount of \$25 million.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to issue a competitive solicitation for books, audiovisual materials, and associated services, and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award a contract or contracts for a one-year initial term and four one-year options and up to an additional six months if needed, and to amend the contract(s) as needed to reflect changes to services and funding, subject to approval of the County Library Director.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County Library provides just and equitable access to books and videos for all San Diego residents to promote personal growth, civic engagement, literacy, and enjoyment of reading. Access to all library materials is provided at no cost to the communities and customers we serve. Approval of a competitive solicitation for books, audiovisual materials, and associated services will enable the County Library to continue to offer a wide range of titles for our customers.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County Library is committed to implementing sustainability initiatives through operational sustainable practices, providing space to promote enterprise-wide sustainability programs, and sharing library materials focused on environmental and climate justice. Today’s request to procure books, audiovisual materials, and related services for County library branches supports the County of San Diego’s sustainability initiative of providing just and equitable access to help customers achieve personal and professional goals, access health information, and promote well-being through leisure and recreational activities such as reading and watching movies. Growing the County Library materials allows for a diverse collection that reflects our community as well as allows customers to explore the perspective of others.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Operational Plan for the County Library. If approved, this request will result in an estimated \$5,000,000 per year in cost and revenue. The funding source is County Library Fund. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond  
ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

- 13. **SUBJECT: RECEIVE THE COUNTY-WIDE PLAN FOR EQUITABLE DATA ACCESS AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego declared racism a public health crisis and established the Office of Equity and Racial Justice (OERJ) and the Office of Sustainability and Environmental Justice (OSEJ) in 2021, committing to dismantling systemic racism and creating a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all. A key component of creating this vision and dismantling systemic racism is equitable access to data, information sharing, and investment in community leadership development. To work toward these goals, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved a range of recommendations on March 14, 2023 (23), which are outlined in the subsequent background section, and directed staff to return to the Board with a community-driven plan.

This report provides an update to the Board on their proposed recommendations.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Receive the County-wide Plan for Equitable Data Access and Community Empowerment.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Access to data, information sharing, and leadership development are tools that encourage civic engagement and can contribute to the health and well-being of communities of color. Ensuring equitable access to these tools will amplify the voices of communities of color and provide opportunities to advocate for their community. Ensuring the County Data Portal is accessible and community members are empowered to use data will help communities address health, social, and economic disparities. Establishing a community-driven outreach plan to improve information sharing between groups, coalitions, and County departments will create a more open and equitable partnership between community and the County. Reevaluating County metrics will also ensure that the most up-to-date metrics are used to improve the well-being and health of these communities. Continuing to fund leadership empowerment trainings such as the Resident Leadership Academy will provide residents the opportunity to improve quality of life where they live and supports development of strong community leaders.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

This plan will support the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals #1, #2, and #4. It will support engagement and collaboration with community members to advocate for health, social, and economic equity by acknowledging how communities of color have been disproportionately impacted by the social determinants of health. It highlights the importance of information sharing and data access to identify key needs and gaps in opportunity. It will provide more just and equitable access to services and policy decision-making as well as protect the health and wellbeing of everyone in the region by strengthening community voices through inclusion of community in leadership meetings, coalitions, and trainings, and by providing critical input toward the development of plans for expanding data access and information sharing.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommendation to receive this plan. However, it is anticipated there may be fiscal impacts in the future based on community input and recommendations for the community-driven plan to maintain sustainable funding of leadership development, other training programs, development of metrics, and community engagement activities. Fiscal impact related to any future recommendation will be submitted to the Board for consideration and approval. At this time, there is no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **ACTION:**

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

14. **SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE RELATING TO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE EMPLOYEE BARGAINING UNIT - SO REPRESENTED BY THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY SUPERVISING PROBATION OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION (9/12/23 - First Reading; 9/26/23 - Second Reading, unless the ordinance is modified on second reading) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

Today's actions reflect the compensation changes negotiated with the San Diego County Supervising Probation Officers' Association (Association) representing the Supervising Probation Officers (SO) Unit for a three-year agreement including salary and benefit increases. Today's recommendations are for the Board to approve the introduction of an ordinance (first reading) to amend the Compensation Ordinance. If the Board takes action as recommended, then on September 26, 2023, staff recommends the Board adopt the ordinance (second reading). If the proposed ordinance is altered on September 26, 2023, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance adoption.

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

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

##### **On September 12, 2023:**

1. Approve the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading), read title, and waive further reading of the Ordinance entitled:  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR THE SUPERVISING PROBATION OFFICERS EMPLOYEE BARGAINING UNIT.

##### **If, on September 12, 2023, the Board takes action as recommended in item 1 above, then, on September 26, 2023:**

1. Consider and adopt the Ordinance (second reading) entitled:  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR THE SUPERVISING PROBATION OFFICERS EMPLOYEE BARGAINING UNIT.
2. Set September 26, 2023, as the date for consideration and approval of the Memoranda of Agreement between the County and the San Diego County Supervising Probation Officers' Association.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's actions reflect the partnership between the County and the Association to strengthen their relationship and work together to provide equitable salaries, implementation of a retention incentive, and compensation that ensures recruitment, retention, and just and fair benefits.

#### **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 for County employees.



## FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Operational Plan for the Probation Department. The estimated fiscal impact is comprised of net increases in ongoing base and supplemental pay, including various premiums and equity adjustments, ongoing flex credit increases, and one-time monetary payments. If approved, these recommendations will result in a total estimated ongoing and one-time costs as follows. There will be no additional staff years.

<i>(in millions)</i>		FY23-24	FY24-25	FY25-26
A	Base Salary and Benefit Increases	\$ 1.07	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.46
B	Flex Credit Increases	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.06
<b>C (A+B)</b>	<b>Total Ongoing Cost <i>(incremental)</i></b>	<b>\$ 1.10</b>	<b>\$ 0.50</b>	<b>\$ 0.52</b>
D	Total Onetime Cost	\$ 0.40	-	-
<b>E (C+D)</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$ 1.50</b>	<b>\$ 0.50</b>	<b>\$ 0.52</b>

## BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

### ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on September 26, 2023, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

15. **SUBJECT: SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE: AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE RELATING TO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE EMPLOYEE BARGAINING UNIT - PO REPRESENTED BY THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION (8/29/23 - First Reading; 9/12/23 - Second Reading, unless the ordinance is modified on second reading) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### OVERVIEW

On August 29, 2023 (13), the Board of Supervisors took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on September 12, 2023.

Today's actions reflect the compensation changes negotiated with the San Diego County Probation Officers' Association (Association) which represents the Probation Officers (PO) Unit for a three-agreement that includes salary and benefit changes.

Today's recommendations are for the Board to approve the introduction of an ordinance (first reading) to amend the Compensation Ordinance. If the Board takes action as recommended, then on September 12, 2023, staff recommends the Board adopt the ordinance (second reading). If the proposed ordinance is altered on September 12, 2023, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance adoption.

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

1. Consider and adopt the Ordinance (second reading) entitled:  
 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND  
 ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR PROBATION OFFICERS EMPLOYEE  
 BARGAINING UNIT.
  
2. Set September 12, 2023, as the date for consideration and approval of the ratified  
 Memoranda of Agreement between the County and the San Diego County Probation  
 Officers Association.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today’s actions reflect the partnership between the County and the Association to strengthen their relationship and work together to provide equitable salaries, implementation of equity increases, and compensation that ensures recruitment, retention, and just and fair benefits.

**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 for County employees.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Operational Plan for the Probation Department. The estimated fiscal impact is comprised of net increases in ongoing base and supplemental pay, including various premiums and equity adjustments, ongoing flex credit increases, and one-time monetary payments. If approved, these recommendations will result in a total estimated ongoing and one-time costs as follows. There will be no additional staff years.

<i>(in millions)</i>		<b><u>FY 23-24</u></b>	<b><u>FY 24-25</u></b>	<b><u>FY 25-26</u></b>
A	Base Salary and Benefit Increases	\$ 4.05	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.55
B	Equity Increases	\$ 1.33	\$ 1.33	\$ 1.33
C	Flex Credit Increases	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.40
<b>D (A+B+C)</b>	<b>Total Ongoing Cost (incremental increase)</b>	<b>\$ 5.58</b>	<b>\$ 4.23</b>	<b>\$ 4.28</b>
E	Total One-time Cost	\$ 2.87	-	-
<b>F (D+E)</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$ 8.45</b>	<b>\$ 4.23</b>	<b>\$ 4.28</b>

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, adopting Ordinance No. 10860 (N.S.), entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR PROBATION OFFICERS EMPLOYEE BARGAINING UNIT.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

16. **SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:  
AMENDMENT TO THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND  
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 496 (8/29/23 - First Reading;  
9/12/23 - Second Reading, unless the ordinance is modified on second  
reading) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On August 29, 2023 (12), the Board of Supervisors took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinances on September 12, 2023.

Today's actions propose amendments to the Compensation Ordinance that reflect the addition of the Chief Deputy, CLERB, and Clinical Pharmacist classifications. Changes also include retitling of positions in the Department of Child and Family Well-Being to reflect the new title of the Department. Additional amendments also include the extension of incentives and bonuses for hard to recruit classes, the removal of an obsolete section pertaining to per diems for commissioners on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), and other administrative modifications. Also, there are proposed salary increases to several classifications due to compaction issues.

Today's actions also propose amendments to the Administrative Code Section 496 to add classifications eligible for an automobile allowance.

Today's recommendations are for the Board to approve the introduction of the two ordinances (first reading) to amend the Compensation Ordinance and Administrative Code. If the Board takes action as recommended, then on September 12, 2023, staff recommends the Board adopt the ordinances (second reading). If the proposed ordinances are altered on September 12, 2023, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance's adoption.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Consider and adopt the Ordinances (second reading) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND  
ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 496

## **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 provide equitable services to all constituents of this County.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed actions amending the compensation ordinance aligns 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 as well as the establishment of quality job opportunities.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommendations to add, delete and retitle various classifications, associated with the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), and other administrative modifications. There will be no change in net General Fund cost.

Funds for the requests to extend certain premiums, incentives and bonuses for eligible classifications, proposed amendments to classifications due to compaction issues, and updating the list of classifications eligible for an automobile allowance are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Adopted Operational Plan for the impacted departments. The estimated fiscal impact is comprised of net increases in ongoing base and supplemental pay, including various premiums, incentives and one-time monetary payments. If approved, these recommendations will result in total estimated ongoing and one-time costs as identified in the following table. There will be no additional staff years.

<i>(in millions)</i>		<b><u>FY 23-24</u></b>	<b><u>FY 24-25</u></b>
A	Base salary and benefit increases	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.16
B	Premiums and auto allowance	\$ 0.41	-
C (A+B)	<b>Total Ongoing Cost (incremental increase)</b>	<b>\$ 0.44</b>	<b>\$ 0.16</b>
D	One-time premiums, incentives & bonuses	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.09
E (C+D)	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$ 0.66</b>	<b>\$ 0.25</b>

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

Prior to the Board taking action, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors read a statement into the record regarding the summary of the recommendations on the salary and compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits, ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, adopting Ordinance No. 10861 (N.S.), entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION; and, Ordinance No. 10862 (N.S.), entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 496.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

**17. SUBJECT: PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24  
(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

This is a request to set the annual countywide ad valorem tax rates and the tax rates for school district debt service funds.

State law requires that these rates be adopted by the Board of Supervisors (Board) on or before October 3rd annually so the rates can be used to prepare the property tax roll and property tax bills. State law also requires that taxes be levied upon the taxable property of the County.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Adopt the resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX RATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2023" (Attachment B, on file with the Clerk of the Board) incorporating the various rates as computed by the Auditor and Controller for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

General Obligation Bonds are a vital financing mechanism for school districts in our community. The proceeds from the voter approved bonds are used to provide much needed infrastructure and equipment to school districts that might not otherwise have the resources for the acquisition and/or construction of these public improvements. There is strong evidence that high-quality infrastructure facilitates better instruction, improves student outcomes, and reduces dropout rates, among other benefits. School districts must conduct an annual, independent performance and financial audit.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action supports the County of San Diego Strategic Initiative of Sustainability. Supporting school districts by authorizing the Fiscal Year 2023-24 property tax rates will raise the funds necessary to make the annual principal and interest payments on voter approved bonded debt.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with adoption of this resolution that will allow the Auditor and Controller to prepare the tax roll and produce the annual property tax bills. This action also will allow the Tax Collector to collect property taxes for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

The collection of taxes will provide funds to satisfy debt service requirements and to finance operations of the County and other government entities. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, adopting Resolution No. 23-115, entitled: RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX RATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2023.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

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

**OVERVIEW**

This appointment is in accordance with applicable Board Policy A-74, "Citizen Participation in County Boards, Commissions and Committees."

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Re-appoint Parina Parikh to the COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP ADMINISTERING BOARD, Seat No. 7, for a term to expire January 14, 2026.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

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

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

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

**OVERVIEW**

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

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Note and file.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT**

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

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

**20. SUBJECT: ESTABLISHING ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR THE NEW SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT GROUND AMBULANCE SERVICE AREA (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On May 23, 2023 (19), the Board of Supervisors approved San Diego County Fire's (County Fire) proposal to reimagine ambulance service in the County's unincorporated communities known as the Unified Service Area which provides critical emergency medical services to residents in rural communities. This proposal included establishing an agreement between the County of San Diego and the San Diego County Fire Protection District (SDCFPD), to exclusively provide and/or manage emergency ambulances in the areas where the County has, or will have, the responsibility for ambulance transportation services in compliance with California Health and Safety Code Section 1797.230-231. On August 14, 2023, the County of San Diego and SDCFPD executed the agreement. When the new model is implemented, the Unified Service Area will be known as the SDCFPD Ground Ambulance Service Area (ASA).

On the SDCFPD Board of Directors agenda, there is an implementation update to establish the new ASA through a combination of public and private ambulance operators. County Fire provides administrative support and oversight for all SDCFPD activities. A critical component of promoting equitable outcomes, reducing health disparities, and establishing a fiscally sustainable model in the new ASA is the addition of staff support for public and private subcontracts, and data management and reporting.

Today's request is for the Board of Supervisors to authorize four (4.00) staff years to perform these duties and establish a special revenue fund. Today's request is also to authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to amend the existing ambulance transportation billing contract for an additional three years to maintain continuity, efficiencies, and revenue collections. This will allow the SDCFPD to maintain collections for ASA operations during the onboarding of a new competitively procured ambulance provider.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Approve the request to add four (4.00) staff years to support the Office of Emergency Services for program implementation, system oversight, and data management of the San Diego County Fire Protection Ground Ambulance Service Area.
2. Direct the Department of Human Resources to classify the positions at the appropriate level.
3. Waive Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, approve and authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to amend contract 561132 with Advanced Data Processing, Inc for an additional three (3) years through 6/30/27, ensuring the continuity and efficiencies of these critical services.



4. Waive Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, approve and authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to amend Contract 566934 with California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) to allow for fleet maintenance for ambulance and fire apparatus when mutually agreed upon by the Department of General Services and County Fire.
5. Direct the Auditor and Controller to establish a special revenue fund for ambulance transport revenues collected to support the ambulance services in the unincorporated area with interest earnings allocated and distributed to the new fund.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Advanced (Paramedic) and Basic (Emergency Medical Technician) Life Support ambulances are critical components to an emergency medical services system that seeks to reduce health disparities in our region. The proposed positions will provide data monitoring and contract oversight to ensure the new San Diego County Fire Protection District's Ground Ambulance Service Area promotes equitable outcomes for all residents in rural San Diego County communities.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Implementing the new ambulance transportation model provides just and equitable access to County emergency medical ambulance services. The action also supports efforts for our services to reflect the County's values and priorities.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan for San Diego County Fire. If approved, this action will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$0.5 million. The funding source is existing General Purpose Revenue. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and an increase of 4.00 staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

**21. SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:  
FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE  
AND EVALUATION REPORT FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS  
(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego (County), as a recipient of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement program funding, develops a five-year Consolidated Plan for long term planning purposes. Administered by the County Health and Human Services Agency, Housing and Community Development Services (HCDS), funds from four federal entitlement programs serve to support a variety of housing and community development activities in the region. These entitlement programs include the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS, and Emergency Solutions Grant. The current Consolidated Plan covers the period from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2025. For each of the five years included in the Consolidated Plan, HCDS follows an annual cycle, which includes three key documents: the Annual Plan Strategy, the Annual Plan, and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The Fiscal Year 2022-23 Annual Plan Strategy was presented to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) on October 19, 2021 (13), and the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Annual Plan was presented to the Board on April 5, 2022 (3). Today's action requests the Board hold this public hearing and accept the Fiscal Year 2022-23 CAPER, which reflects program accomplishments from the previous year.

The County prepares a CAPER to summarize yearly program accomplishments through activities that predominantly benefit lower income residents. In alignment with HUD requirements, this process provides opportunities to receive public input through a public comment period and a public hearing before the CAPER is submitted to HUD. The public hearing provides an opportunity for the Board to receive public comment on the Fiscal Year 2022-23 CAPER.

This item supports the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by providing accountability towards increasing quality of life for low-income residents and assistance to vulnerable populations in San Diego County. In addition, the accomplishments described in this item support the five strategic domains outlined in the County's Framework for Ending Homelessness by ensuring accountability towards providing low-income residents healthy and vibrant neighborhoods, safe and affordable housing options, and services supporting housing stability. HUD programs prioritize investments in historically under-resourced communities through creating parks and green spaces, improving streets and sidewalks, and supporting community non-profits.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Hold this public hearing to receive public comment on the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS programs were established to meet community development, housing, and public services of low-income households and individuals with special needs.

The County of San Diego (County) has seen increasing housing and community development investment needs throughout the region, particularly among the region's most vulnerable residents. According to 2022 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy data, 68% of low- and moderate-income households in San Diego County are housing-cost burdened and nearly 61% experience some form of housing problem, such as overcrowding or nonfunctional utilities. Additionally, seniors, persons experiencing homelessness, those living with disabilities, and those living with HIV/AIDS are more susceptible to poverty and housing affordability issues. For example, data from the 2021 American Community Survey indicated that individuals with a disability are nearly twice as likely to live at or below 149% of the federal poverty level compared to individuals without a disability.

As the program administrator in the region, the County Health and Human Services Agency, Housing and Community Development Services holds community forums across the region to ensure all residents, including low-income and historically underrecognized residents, can express their communities' needs. The input gathered from the community forums guide the County on how best to utilize its entitlement funds equitably. Robust community engagement is held every five years for the development of the Consolidated Plan, as well as annual community forums to update the community and receive feedback on HUD entitlement programs. All projects incorporated into the County's Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) are aligned to key Consolidated Plan goals prioritizing affordable housing, homelessness, community infrastructure, and housing for individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

## **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. Sustainability Goal #1 is supported through providing diverse engagement opportunities to shape the path of the programs described in today's action moving forward. Each accomplishment described in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report aligns to goals set out through robust community engagement for the development of the Consolidated Plan, as well as priorities determined through annual community forums. Today's action supports the County's Sustainability Goal #2 through programs that prioritize underserved communities and create opportunities for affordable housing, public recreation, shelter, and supportive services for San Diego County's most vulnerable residents. Additionally, building safe and affordable neighborhoods with access to sidewalks, playgrounds, and green space, assisting non-profits who provide care and services to residents in need, and supporting access to diverse housing options as a social determinant of health support the County's Sustainability Goal #4.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

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

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

Projects funded through the Annual Plan process positively impact the business community, as some of the recommended projects involve construction that will be implemented by private firms selected through competitive bid processes. Additionally, Annual Plan projects ensure economic stability for much of the region’s workforce through affordable housing, community infrastructure, and public services.

**ACTION:**

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

**22. SUBJECT: COMBATting THE CHILDCARE CRISIS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego is facing a dire childcare crisis. Not only have services become unaffordable for the average family, but there is a lack of available care providers. It is estimated that 77% of parents struggle to find caregivers for their children. Many licensed childcare centers have incredibly long waitlists, and several areas within the region are considered childcare deserts.

Lack of access to childcare has a direct impact on the workforce, particularly for lower income workers, working parents, single parents, and women- especially women of color, making it difficult to balance work and family needs.

The impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated this issue even further. One in eight childcare settings closed after March of 2020, many never reopening their doors. This impacted many of the already vulnerable neighborhoods where access to childcare was already a persistent disparity. Significant and coordinated investments are needed to support the workforce, families, and grow the local childcare industry. It is imperative that the County of San Diego (County) strengthen resources and infrastructure needed to make meaningful changes within the childcare system, supporting accessible childcare options for families.

In June 2023, the Child Care Blueprint was provided to the Board of Supervisors, focusing on three priority areas. The Blueprint is grounded in the following vision: San Diego County is a place where every family has access to childcare that meets their geographic, scheduling, cultural, language, and economic needs; the childcare provider workforce is highly valued and financially thriving; and all types of childcare settings support children's healthy development. The three priority areas in the Blueprint are:

1. The childcare workforce is well-trained, supported, valued as a profession, and paid competitive wages.
2. Safe and quality facilities are developed and renovated to expand childcare programs, particularly in geographic areas where childcare is scarce, or family demand outpaces supply.
3. All families have access to childcare that meets their needs and preferences and supports their children's learning, physical and mental health, and social-emotional development.

Today's action requests that the CAO create a pilot program utilizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to provide streamlined resources and infrastructure needed to provide childcare services locally. The pilot would aim to focus on licensing and facility needs and providing resources to enhance infrastructure for new and existing childcare providers within identified childcare deserts. Additionally, we request that the CAO implement a pilot program for emergency childcare days, by which employees will be able to take paid time off to tend to important familial needs, allowing for a better work-life balance.

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

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

1. Direct CAO to create a pilot program and issue a competitive procurement utilizing \$500,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars to provide streamlined resources and infrastructure for childcare services locally. The pilot would focus on licensing, and providing resources to enhance infrastructure needs particularly for new and existing childcare providers and family childcare homes within identified childcare deserts. This pilot shall consider any necessary wages and benefits for childcare workers with accordance to the County's negotiation processes and look for potential ways to uplift training and workforce development.
2. Direct CAO to meet and confer with the County unions/associations and create a pilot program that would implement an emergency childcare flex day system for County employees, utilizing an estimated \$500,000 in ARPA dollars, with the intent of providing up to three (3) paid days off for employees to use for emergency childcare purposes.
3. Revise the ARPA Framework to use a portion of the \$2,000,000 Child Care Facility Development and Improvement element of the Framework to fund recommendations 1 and 2.
4. Transfer appropriations of \$500,000 from Finance Other, Other Charges, to the Health and Human Services Agency, Services and Supplies, to fund the pilot program to provide streamlined resources and infrastructure for childcare services locally (recommendation 1), based on ARPA funds described in recommendation 3.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

San Diego County is facing a massive childcare crisis. Many families live in childcare deserts without access to providers, creating a complex equity issue. This item will help to streamline resources and enhance local infrastructure so that providers in childcare deserts are able to

provide services more easily to their respective communities. In addition, this item will help to move forward emergency childcare flex days at the County of San Diego, providing employees with some additional flexibility in their work schedule so that they can prioritize both their family and work priorities.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action to provide and streamline resources for childcare providers might help to reduce overall greenhouse gases in San Diego County by reducing a family's need to drive as far to access viable childcare providers. Emergency childcare flex days may also have similar impacts as individuals could choose to work from home or setting that is closer to where their family member is being cared for.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan in Finance Other. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of \$500,000 in the Health and Human Services Agency to provide streamlined resources and infrastructure for childcare services locally and an estimated \$500,000 in Finance Other for an emergency childcare flex day pilot for County employees. Actual costs of the County employee emergency childcare pilot program noted in recommendation 2 will depend on certain unknown factors such as level of usage. The funding source for this request is American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding allocated directly to the County. As part of the ARPA Framework, \$1,000,000 will be redirected from funds originally allocated for consideration of a childcare facility. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed actions will support the local workforce and businesses in San Diego County through advancing much needed childcare resources and infrastructure. Additionally, providing emergency childcare flex days at the County of San Diego may help worker's familial obligations to be better met and in turn foster better engagement and productivity. Thus, benefitting the County enterprise and the local economy through better employee retention.

### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Lawson-Remer, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions:

1. Directed CAO to create a pilot program utilizing \$500,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars to provide streamlined resources and infrastructure for childcare services locally. The pilot would focus on licensing, and providing resources to enhance infrastructure needs particularly for new and existing childcare providers and family childcare homes within identified childcare deserts. This pilot shall consider any necessary wages and benefits for childcare workers with accordance to the County's negotiation processes and look for potential ways to uplift training and workforce development.

2. In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code, authorized the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to issue competitive solicitations to support the implementation of the pilot program related to the County of San Diego’s Childcare Blueprint as outlined in recommendation 1, and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award contracts for a term of one (1) years, with four (4) option years and up to an additional six months if needed, and to amend the contracts as needed to reflect changes to services and funding.
3. Directed CAO to meet and confer with the County unions/associations and create a pilot program that would implement an emergency childcare flex day system for County employees, utilizing an estimated \$500,000 in ARPA dollars, with the intent of providing up to three (3) paid days off for employees to use for emergency childcare purposes.
4. Revised the ARPA Framework to use a portion of the \$2,000,000 Child Care Facility Development and Improvement element of the Framework to fund recommendations 1 through 3.
5. Transferred appropriations of \$500,000 from Finance Other, Other Charges, to the Health and Human Services Agency, Services and Supplies, to fund the pilot program to provide streamlined resources and infrastructure for childcare services locally (recommendation 1), based on ARPA funds described in recommendation 4.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

**23. SUBJECT: ASSESSING THE REGIONAL CAPACITY AND NEED FOR BOARD AND CARE AND SUBACUTE SERVICES TO SUPPORT MEDI-CAL ELIGIBLE ADULTS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Adult Residential Facilities (ARFs) and Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFEs), more commonly known as “board and cares,” provide licensed, 24-hour/day staffed residences with support for adults who are unable to live independently and require care and supervision. As such, board and cares are important living environments for many vulnerable adults with behavioral health conditions, non-complicated medical comorbidities, and psychosocial challenges who experience an ongoing risk of homelessness.

Many ARFs and RCFEs that serve low-income residents at the Social Security Income (SSI) rate face financial challenges due to rising operational expenses and inadequate reimbursement rates. These facilities rely on the monthly SSI benefits of low-income residents to cover their expenses. As a result of the high operating costs and low reimbursement rates, many of these facilities continue to struggle with recruiting and retaining qualified staff, maintaining their facilities, and sustaining operations. Low reimbursement rates have disincentivized facilities from accepting placement of Medi-Cal eligible adults with behavioral health conditions.

As a result of the homelessness crisis throughout San Diego County, there is a growing need for these licensed facilities within the continuum of permanent housing. There is a significant unmet need for this type of housing placement among various populations including: highly vulnerable individuals with serious mental illness experiencing homelessness; individuals with behavioral health conditions who are ready to transition from subacute care, inclusive of Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Patches, Department of State Hospital (DSH) beds, SNF-Specialized Treatment Program (STP) beds, County-funded SNFs, Mental Health Rehabilitation Centers (MHRCs), and SNF Neuro-Behavioral Unit (NBU) beds to a less-restrictive setting; and adults who are on the Medi-Cal Assisted Living Waiver waitlist; all of whom require this level of care.

The Board has taken multiple actions to maintain and expand board and care capacity through State grant opportunities by accepting over \$16.6 million for the Community Care Expansion Preservation program to help sustain existing licensed residential adult and senior care facilities that may be struggling to continue operating. The County has also obtained \$44.3 million of Behavioral Health Bridge Housing grant funding to expand board and care capacity for individuals with behavioral health conditions through increased reimbursement rates; however, a prevalent gap in regional board and care bed reimbursement rates and capacity still remains.

To determine the need for board and care resources that support Medi-Cal eligible adults with behavioral health conditions, I recommend that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to assess the Countywide board and care (ARF and RCFE) and subacute bed capacity in each Supervisorial district and to report back to the Board identifying the quantity of beds needed to adequately support Medi-Cal eligible individuals with behavioral health conditions within our region and strategies to enhance system capacity.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**  
**SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON**

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to assess the board and care (Adult Residential Facility and Residential Care Facility for the Elderly) and subacute bed capacity for Medi-Cal eligible adults with behavioral health conditions in each Supervisorial district and report back to the Board in 180 days with the estimated number of beds needed. The report back should differentiate beds that are federally reimbursable for the Medi Cal/SSI eligible population.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to identify strategies to enhance board and care and subacute capacity to increase the number of these beds, as needed, and return to the Board in 180 days.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The recommendations advance policy that seeks to provide housing opportunities that meet the needs of our most vulnerable community members. Expanding the number of facilities designed to assist vulnerable residents not only enhances access to essential services but also promotes a more inclusive and supportive housing ecosystem. These facilities serve as vital resources for those who are unable to afford private care options and may lack alternative housing arrangements that meet their specific needs.



**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Investing in the development of additional board and care facilities (ARFs and RCFEs) and subacute beds that support Medi-Cal eligible adults with behavioral health conditions contributes to the sustainable use of resources. By providing affordable housing and care options, we can reduce the strain on public services and avoid potential environmental impacts associated with homelessness and inadequate living conditions.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today’s recommendations. There may be future fiscal impacts based on recommendations from today’s action and any such recommendations would return back for consideration and approval by the Board. Upon return by staff, funding for future costs will need to be identified by the department and will proceed once identified. For today’s actions, there are no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

- 24. **SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:  
ISSUANCE OF TAX-EXEMPT AND/OR TAXABLE REVENUE  
OBLIGATIONS BY THE CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF TRUECARE  
PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC, NORTH COUNTY HEALTH PROJECT  
INCORPORATED, D/B/A TRUECARE, AND/OR A RELATED OR  
SUCCESSOR ENTITY IN AN AGGREGATE MAXIMUM AMOUNT  
NOT TO EXCEED \$12,500,000 (DISTRICT: 3)**

**OVERVIEW**

The County has received a request from the California Enterprise Development Authority (“CEDA” or the “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 obligations in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$12,500,000 (the “Obligations”), for the benefit of TrueCare Property Holdings, LLC, North County Health Project Incorporated, d/b/a TrueCare, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, and/or a related or successor entity (the “Borrower”). The Borrower has applied for the financial assistance of the Authority. The proceeds of the Obligations will be used to finance, refinance and/or reimburse the cost of the acquisition, construction, installation, furnishing and equipping of the real property located at 3998 Vista Way, Oceanside, California 92056 (the “Project”). A portion of such proceeds of the Obligations will be used to pay the costs of issuance and other related costs in connection with the financing.

The Authority is authorized to assist in financing for nonprofit public benefit organizations or for-profit corporations with a public benefit project, 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 is located 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 Obligations. Although the Authority will be the issuer of the Obligations for the Borrower, the financing cannot proceed without the approval of an applicable legislative body.

Today's recommendations will provide the Authority with the required authorization to pursue its determination to issue the Obligations 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 THE ISSUANCE BY THE CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ITS REVENUE OBLIGATIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF TrueCare Property Holdings, LLC, NORTH COUNTY HEALTH PROJECT INCORPORATED, d/b/a TrueCare, IN AN AGGREGATE MAXIMUM STATED PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$12,500,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING, REFINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSING THE COST OF ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF FACILITIES, PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SUCH REVENUE OBLIGATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

California Enterprise Development Authority was established to assist in financing of nonprofit public benefit organizations or for-profit corporations with a public benefit project wishing to issue or reissue obligations. The Obligations will be used to finance, refinance and/or reimburse the cost of acquisition, construction, improvement, furnishing and equipping of the facilities located in San Diego County and pay certain expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the Obligations. The Obligations will assist the Borrower in connection with its mission of improving the health status of diverse communities by providing quality healthcare that is comprehensive, affordable, and culturally sensitive.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action would result in economic, social, health and wellbeing benefits for the community by allowing the Borrower to continue to provide comprehensive and affordable quality healthcare to diverse and underserved communities. The Borrower operates ten health centers to fully cover the gaps in health services throughout the North County. These centers are located in five cities serving rural, semi-rural, suburban and urban populations in Ramona (1 center) and San Marcos (2 centers) and the coastal cities of Encinitas (1 center), Carlsbad (1

center), and Oceanside (4 centers, including a dental site). In addition, the Borrower operates two fully-equipped, mobile clinics which provide both medical and dental services to better serve migrant farm workers and their families as well as schools and others who have significant access barriers.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

If approved, the proposal will result in approximately \$991 of unanticipated revenue to be used to reimburse the County for 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 issuance of the financing. The County will incur no obligation of indebtedness as a result of these actions.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors closed the Hearing and took action as recommended, adopting Resolution No. 23-116, entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ITS REVENUE OBLIGATIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF TRUECARE PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC, NORTH COUNTY HEALTH PROJECT INCORPORATED, D/B/A TRUECARE IN AN AGGREGATE MAXIMUM STATED PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$12,500,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING, REFINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSING THE COST OF ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF FACILITIES, PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SUCH REVENUE OBLIGATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond  
ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

- 25. **SUBJECT: EXCESS CONTRIBUTION TO REDUCE PENSION UNFUNDED ACTUARIALLY ACCRUED LIABILITY (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego (County) has a history of actively and comprehensively managing its retirement liabilities and costs including: establishing new employee retirement benefit tiers, prepaying pension obligation bonds when feasible, providing additional contributions to the retirement fund and committing General Fund fund balance for retirement costs. Section 113.5(b) of the San Diego County Code of Administrative Ordinances and Board Policy B-65, Long-Term Financial Obligation Management Policy, require one-time over-realized general purpose revenue generated by greater-than-anticipated assessed value growth be used to reduce the pension fund's Unfunded Actuarially Accrued Liability (UAAL).

In alignment with the County's long-term strategy for managing growing retirement costs, and consistent with code and policy requirements, today's action will establish appropriations to direct \$31.1 million of one-time over realized revenue generated by greater than anticipated assessed value growth as a one-time contribution to the San Diego County Employees Retirement Association (SDCERA) in Fiscal Year 2023-24 to reduce the pension fund's UAAL. These actions are a part of a long-term plan to manage ongoing pension costs to help ensure the County's commitment to providing for employees' retirement while maintaining service delivery to the public in the long term.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Establish appropriations of \$31,142,813 in Finance Other, Services & Supplies and related revenue for a one-time excess contribution to SDCERA to reduce the pension fund's UAAL, based on General Purpose Revenue generated from one-time unanticipated growth in assessed value. (4 VOTES)

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Approval of this recommendation will direct one-time over realized revenue generated by greater-than-anticipated assessed value growth be used to reduce the pension fund's UAAL. SDCERA's retirement benefits support a broad community of diverse employees and retirees, providing long-term financial support well after active employment with the County concludes.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed actions support the County's Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access by aligning the County's available resources with services to maintain fiscal stability and ensure long term solvency.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue in Finance Other of \$31,142,813 in Fiscal Year 2023-24. The funding source is General Purpose Revenue based on greater-than-anticipated growth in assessed value. Today's recommendation will result in a one-time requirement of General Fund revenues. No additional staff years are required. The ongoing increase to General Purpose Revenue will be incorporated into the Fiscal Year 2024-25 and future Operational Plans.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

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

**OVERVIEW**

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
Darryl Dunsmore, et al. v. County of San Diego, et al.; United States District Court, Southern District, No. 20-cv-00406-AJB-WVG
- B. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT  
(Government Code section 54957)  
Title: Chief Administrative Officer

**ACTION:**

County Counsel reported that for Closed Session on August 29, 2023, the Board of Supervisors took the following reportable action:

On Item 26 B, the Board voted unanimously to commence a new search for the impending CAO vacancy.

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

**27. SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Alan C. spoke to the Board regarding the closure of Harborside Park and homelessness issues in Chula Vista.

Bryant spoke to the Board regarding public engagement and the Board's actions.

Jana T. spoke to the Board regarding a support group for vaccine injuries.

Pam spoke to the Board regarding the harmful effects of face masks.

Justin Castro spoke to the Board regarding ballot counting.

Paul the Bold spoke to the Board regarding Board of Supervisors actions.

Consuelo C. spoke to the Board regarding Board of Supervisors actions.

Terri-Ann Skelly spoke to the Board regarding concerns of youth using flavored vaping products.

Truth spoke to the Board regarding political institutions.

Diane Grace spoke to the Board regarding concerns of marijuana marketing to youth.

Audra spoke to the Board regarding the September 11 terrorist attacks and vaccines.

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

Becky Rapp spoke to the Board regarding the harmful effects of marijuana use.

**ACTION:**

Heard, Referred to the Chief Administrative Officer.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

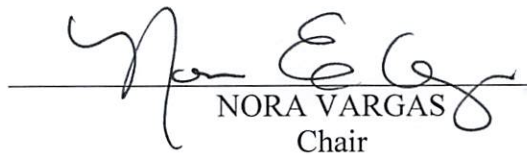
ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of San Diego, State of California

Consent: Vizcarra


Discussion: Zurita

NOTE: This Statement of Proceedings sets forth all actions taken by the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors on the matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.

Approved by the Board of Supervisors, on Tuesday, September 26, 2023.

  
NORA VARGAS  
Chair

Attest:

  
ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board

09/12/2023