

September 26, 2023

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS

The Minutes of the

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

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 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 9:01 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 Pastor Jon Huckins.

D. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lisa Ogden.

E. Presentations or Announcement of Proclamations and Awards:

Chair Nora Vargas presented a proclamation declaring September 26, 2023, to be Gregory Knoll Day throughout the County of San Diego.

Chair Nora Vargas and Supervisor Joel Anderson presented a proclamation declaring September 26, 2023, to be National Public Lands Day throughout the County of San Diego.

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

Vice-Chair Terra Lawson-Remer presented a proclamation declaring the Month of September 2023, to be National Suicide Prevention Month throughout the County of San Diego.

Vice-Chair Terra Lawson-Remer and Supervisor Jim Desmond presented a proclamation declaring September 26, 2023, to be San Diego County Sheriff's Department Blue Envelope Program Day throughout the County of San Diego.

Supervisor Jim Desmond presented a proclamation declaring September 26, 2023, to be Ruth Ann Thorn Day throughout the County of San Diego.

G. Approval of the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the meeting of September 12, 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 September 12, 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

Category	#	Subject
Public Safety	1.	MAKING SAN DIEGO A BLUE ENVELOPE COUNTY [FUNDING SOURCE: GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE]
	2.	PROBATION - AUTHORITY TO ADD HOUSING SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR PRE-TRIAL CLIENTS TO PROBATION'S CONTRACT WITH HOME START, INC [FUNDING SOURCE: JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA]
	3.	PROBATION - SINGLE SOURCE AUTHORITY TO RENEW CONTRACT WITH CORRECTIONAL ALTERNATIVES, INC FOR RESIDENTIAL RE-ENTRY CENTER SERVICES [FUNDING SOURCE: COUNTY LOCAL REVENUE FUND 2011, COMMUNITY CORRECTION SUBACCOUNT]
Health and Human Services	4.	INTEGRATION OF COUNTYWIDE SHELTER BED MOBILE NETWORK FOR COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO SHELTERING AGENCIES

5. APPROVE SUBMISSION OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2024-2026 REFUGEE SUPPORT SERVICES PLAN, ADOPT A RESOLUTION FOR THE REFUGEE SUPPORT SERVICES PLAN, ACCEPT ADDITIONAL UKRAINE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ACT FUNDING, AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENTS, AND APPLY FOR FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
[FUNDING SOURCE: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (CDSS), REFUGEE PROGRAMS BUREAU (RPB), AND INCLUDES ONE-TIME SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT; ONE-TIME FUNDING ALLOCATIONS FROM THE ADDITIONAL UKRAINE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT]
6. APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES
[FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL FUNDS, INCLUDING REALIGNMENT]
7. AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTIVE SPENDING PROJECT GRANT FUNDING ADMINISTERED BY THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FOR MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS
[FUNDING SOURCE: ONE-TIME CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTIVE SPENDING (CDS) GRANT FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FUNDS FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29, 2024; MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT AND REALIGNMENT]
8. 2022 ESCHEATMENT OF UNCLAIMED MONEY IN COUNTY TRUST FUNDS
9. SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE: 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)
10. FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 APPROPRIATION LIMIT FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
11. GENERAL SERVICES - AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK CONTRACT FOR THE COMPASSIONATE EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS AND PATHWAYS TO HOUSING PROJECT AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTIONS
[FUNDING SOURCE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING]

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| | 12. | APPROVAL OF THE CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODE FOR RANCHO SANTA FE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT |
| Appointments | 13. | APPOINTMENTS: VARIOUS |
| Communications Received | 14. | COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED |
| Health and Human Services | 15. | RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE AGING ROADMAP AND SEEK EXPANSION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE EMERGENCY OLDER ADULT CARE FOR COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO EMPLOYEES [FUNDING SOURCE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING ALLOCATED DIRECTLY TO THE COUNTY] |
| Financial and General Government | 16. | DECLARING THE LACK OF RESOURCES FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT A HUMANITARIAN CRISIS |
| Closed Session | 17. | CLOSED SESSION |
| Public Communication | 18. | PUBLIC COMMUNICATION |

**1. SUBJECT: MAKING SAN DIEGO A BLUE ENVELOPE COUNTY
(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department (Sheriff's Department) has embraced and adopted a new resource called the Blue Envelope Program. The program is designed to promote inclusivity and serve as an enhanced communication awareness tool between law enforcement officers and community members diagnosed with a condition or disability such as Autism Spectrum Disorder, dementia, anxiety, or other conditions that might require additional accommodations or awareness during a law enforcement interaction. For example, a traffic stop or vehicle accident. The Blue Envelope Program prioritizes safety, effective communication, and provides an opportunity to alleviate misunderstandings through increased awareness for both the driver and the law enforcement officers.

The Sheriff's Department has received the support of the San Diego County Chiefs' and Sheriff's Association to expand the program countywide with local law enforcement agencies by extending training resources and distributing the Blue Envelope Program outreach materials to county partners and organizations who engage with individuals with a condition or disability where additional accommodations or awareness could be helpful.

On June 14, 2022 (23), Supervisor Lawson-Remer introduced an initiative to open doors, provide autonomy and dignity for neurodivergent San Diegans. Today's Board action will build on these efforts by supporting the County in implementing the Blue Envelope Program.

Today's Board action seeks to expand the Sheriff's Department's Blue Envelope Program by leveraging other County departments in promoting the program and making San Diego County more inclusive and equitable for our community members with a condition or disability by participating in this nationwide effort and declaring us a Blue Envelope County.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

SUPERVISORS JIM DESMOND, TERRA LAWSON-REMER, AND SHERIFF

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to identify core collaborative County department partners to work with the Sheriff's Department in the implementation of the Blue Envelope Program.
2. Declare San Diego County a Blue Envelope County.
3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to work collaboratively with the Sheriff's Department to identify grants and other funding sources to fund ongoing needs for a regional Blue Envelope Program and return to the Board in early 2024 with a set of recommendations and a cost analysis relevant to the complete implementation of the program within the fiscal year 2024/2025 budget.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The implementation of the Blue Envelope Program in San Diego County is intended to enhance communication between individuals with a condition or disability and law enforcement officers or other public service personnel. Awareness and training provided by the Blue Envelope Program will assist with identifying, recognizing, and communicating more effectively with members of our community with a condition or disability. By providing a visible display of the program’s logo, individuals can choose to voluntarily disclose, and provide awareness of, their needs to a law enforcement or a public service officer. This program promotes effective communication, thus reducing misunderstandings, and encouraging positive interactions.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

This proposed action contributes to the County of San Diego’s Sustainability Goal of engaging the community in meaningful ways and continually seeking stakeholder input to foster inclusive and sustainable communities. The Blue Envelope Program, as envisioned for San Diego County, is a collaboration between law enforcement, other first responders, county agencies, and community partners to encourage education, inclusion, and training to improve interactions with members of our community with a condition or disability. The goal is creating a means for equitable treatment for individuals who may need accommodations. Efforts will be made to ensure equitable access to and awareness of the program to prevent any potential bias or discrimination, furthering its impact on promoting equity.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan in the Department of Human Resources, which will be centrally funding these efforts. If approved this request will result in estimated costs of \$75,000 for the initial expansion of the Blue Envelope Program, based on today’s actions. The funding source is General Purpose Revenue. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years this fiscal year. However, today's recommended actions may result in future fiscal impacts, for which staff will return to the Board for consideration and approval.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

- 2. **SUBJECT: PROBATION - AUTHORITY TO ADD HOUSING SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR PRE-TRIAL CLIENTS TO PROBATION’S CONTRACT WITH HOME START, INC (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

In 2021, Senate Bill (SB) 129 authorized state funding for counties to provide a variety of services to pre-trial clients, including housing support. The San Diego County Probation

Department (Probation) operates the County's pre-trial services program. On January 23, 2023, Probation executed contract number 567429 with Home Start, Inc to provide Housing and Resource Navigation Services to Probation clients who are not on pre-trial status. Today's request is to amend this contract to add similar housing supportive services for pre-trial clients, which will result in the contract's value exceeding \$1,250,000, thereby requiring Board approval.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, and Administrative Code Section 401, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to amend contract number 567429 with Home Start, Inc. to add housing supportive services for pre-trial clients subject to the availability of funds and a need for services, and subsequently to amend as needed to reflect the changes to services and funding that do not materially impact or alter the program, subject to the approval of the Chief Probation Officer.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

This action supports justice-involved clients in overcoming systemic barriers by providing housing, assistance with seeking employment opportunities, facilitating self-sufficiency, and encouraging compliance with applicable laws throughout the transitional period of the pre-trial process. After pre-trial clients are assessed by the Sheriff and a pre-trial release is ordered by the Court, Probation's pre-trial program provides enhanced public safety monitoring and supportive services to promote efforts to reduce the incarceration of individuals with pending case resolutions.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

This action contributes to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals of providing equitable access to economic opportunity and reducing outcomes of poverty (homelessness and joblessness) for pre-trial clients. This program works with justice-involved individuals to assess needs and to create a plan and provide resources to promote self-sufficiency to improve clients' lives and community safety.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan for the Probation Department. If approved, today's recommendation will result in estimated costs and revenue of up to \$1,000,000. The funding source is the Judicial Council of California. Subsequent year costs and revenues will be included in future year Operational Plans for the Probation Department. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

This item was withdrawn at the request of the Chief Administrative Officer.

3. **SUBJECT: PROBATION - SINGLE SOURCE AUTHORITY TO RENEW CONTRACT WITH CORRECTIONAL ALTERNATIVES, INC FOR RESIDENTIAL RE-ENTRY CENTER SERVICES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

In response to California’s Public Safety Realignment 2011, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors adopted the Public Safety Realignment 2011 Implementation Plan on September 27, 2011 (2), as amended on December 6, 2011 (1). Pursuant to the Implementation Plan, and to provide alternative custody options supporting successful client re-entry to the community, on March 27, 2012 (5), the Board authorized the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to issue a competitive solicitation and award a contract for the Residential Re-entry Center. The current contract with Correctional Alternatives, Inc (now doing business as Correctional Alternatives, LLC, and owned by CoreCivic, Inc) is set to expire on December 31, 2023.

This request is to authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to enter into negotiations with Correctional Alternatives, Inc to procure Residential Re-entry Center services and award a contract for a term of twelve (12) months, with four (4) one-year option periods and up to an additional six months if needed.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, approve and authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to enter into negotiations with Correctional Alternatives, Inc for Residential Re-entry Center services and, subject to successful negotiations and a determination of a fair and reasonable price, award a contract for a term of twelve (12) months with four (4) option years and up to additional six (6) months if needed, subject to the availability of funds and a need for services, and to amend the contract as needed to reflect the changes to services and funding that do not materially impact or alter the program, subject to the approval of the Chief Probation Officer.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Probation’s Residential Re-entry Center supports justice-involved clients’ successful re-entry into the community by providing residential facilities, employment opportunities, and intervention services for cognitive behavioral therapy, transition skills education, and needed treatment for health conditions and substance use disorder. As a longstanding alternative to incarceration, this program supports clients in overcoming systemic barriers through supportive services and employment opportunities. Probation will track client demographics, participation, and employment to monitor clients’ successful re-entry and to ensure equitable outcomes.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Residential Re-entry Center contributes to the County of San Diego’s Sustainability Goals of providing equitable access to economic opportunity and reducing poverty for justice-involved individuals. This multifaceted residential program works with justice-involved individuals to assess their needs and risks and to create a plan that will lead to successful re-entry into the

community. Individuals will be provided with the services and resources needed to promote pro-social behaviors and obtain employment opportunities for self-sufficiency. These actions will have a long-term, positive impact in the lives of justice-involved clients and the community.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan for the Probation Department. If approved, today’s recommendation will result in approximate annual costs and revenue of \$800,000. The funding source is the County Local Revenue Fund 2011, Community Corrections Subaccount. Subsequent year costs and revenues will be included in future year Operational Plans for the Probation Department. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

- 4. **SUBJECT: INTEGRATION OF COUNTYWIDE SHELTER BED MOBILE NETWORK FOR COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO SHELTERING AGENCIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

On March 14, 2023, the Board of Supervisors unanimously took action to implement new technology for a countywide shelter bed mobile network providing access to real-time information on the availability of shelter beds and supportive services. This action was taken in response to the humanitarian and public safety crisis impacting unhoused persons and the community. The new technology will centralize and streamline access to shelter beds and services in the County, improving outcomes for unhoused persons, and expanding the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery. Additionally, this technology will allow the county to maintain accurate data regarding shelter use and availability, along with what is missing from the shelter housing inventory to help inform policy decisions regarding future needs and investments. The technology is now under development and near completion.

This Board’s expressed commitment to an equitable, transparent, and countywide cohesive response to this humanitarian and public safety crisis will require expanded collaboration and coordination with organizations providing sheltering and transitional housing services. The use of a robust and integrated technology will allow enhanced matching and expedited referral of unhoused persons to available shelter beds, fundamentally shifting access to housing and safety. I respectfully request my colleagues’ support.

Today's action will begin the process of developing and implementing a plan for the integration and utilization of the new technology by organizations providing sheltering and associated services to address and reduce barriers to shelter beds and supportive services in San Diego County. If approved, this action directs the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a plan and recommendations for the integration and implementation of the new technology into the current and future sheltering provider network and return to the board in 90 days with an update.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHAIRWOMAN NORA VARGAS

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a plan to integrate the already approved countywide shelter bed mobile network with all partner sheltering agencies. The plan should outline roles and responsibilities, encourage partner collaboration, accountability, equity and transparency in order to support accurate regional data, and maximize shelter and housing opportunities for all agencies that contract with the County of San Diego.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to report back in 90 days on the progress.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The County of San Diego seeks to facilitate an equitable, data driven, and transparent system to accessing emergency shelters and services throughout the region to alleviate the humanitarian and public safety crisis. In alignment with Board Policy A-128 Comprehensive Homeless Policy, the actions in this Board Letter would strengthen regional collaboration between community-based organizations serving individuals experiencing homelessness and County agencies; subsequently, reducing the barriers to sheltering solutions through synchronous data collection and information sharing.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed action contributes to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals of engaging the community and providing equitable access to services and resources. A countywide integrated shelter bed mobile application would provide information to effectively and efficiently allocate resources and provide linkages to sheltering organizations based on the specific needs of unhoused persons. This proposed action also provides the opportunity for increased partnerships and collaboration; potentially changing the trajectory for a person experiencing homelessness on a journey to a stable, permanent home, reducing the impact on the justice and public health systems. Addressing and ending the growing crisis of people experiencing homelessness in San Diego would lead to positive social and economic enhancements, contributing to the overall sustainability of the region.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's recommended actions though they may result in future fiscal impacts. Staff will return to the Board for consideration and approval of any such impacts. At this time, 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 Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

5. **SUBJECT: APPROVE SUBMISSION OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2024-2026 REFUGEE SUPPORT SERVICES PLAN, ADOPT A RESOLUTION FOR THE REFUGEE SUPPORT SERVICES PLAN, ACCEPT ADDITIONAL UKRAINE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ACT FUNDING, AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENTS, AND APPLY FOR FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

On August 6, 2019 (9), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) approved and adopted the Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2020-2022 Refugee Employment Services Plan and associated resolution. The proposed Refugee Support Services (RSS) plan for FFY 2024-2026, was developed with feedback from community stakeholders, including current participants in RSS programs, and providers serving refugees and newly arrived immigrants.

The County of San Diego (County) receives federal funding from the Office of Refugee Resettlement administered through California Department of Social Services (CDSS), Refugee Programs Bureau (RPB). Funding provides employment and supportive services designed to help refugees and newly arrived immigrants in the region thrive, achieve self-sufficiency, and integrate into society. The County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities, Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (HSEC-OIRA) has developed the FFY 2024-2026 RSS Plan to meet federal requirements which includes feedback provided by local stakeholders, refugee residents, and service providers.

HSEC-OIRA also received two new funding opportunities from CDSS to support refugees who were displaced due to the war in Ukraine. This funding will be used to provide housing and utilities assistance, childcare referrals and assistance, English language training, and support with job searches.

Today's item requests the Board approve submission of the FFY 2024-2026 RSS Plan to CDSS RPB and adopt the associated resolution; authorize the Agency Director, HHSA or designee to execute agreements and take any other action necessary as required for acceptance of the Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act funding; authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to issue a competitive solicitation for services to assist refugees displaced by the war in Ukraine; and authorize the Agency Director, HHSA or designee, to apply for future funding opportunities for programs or projects in alignment with the goal of expanding the economic inclusion of refugees and immigrants in the region.

Today's actions support the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically for communities in the County that have been historically under resourced as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities by supporting programs that remove barriers to employment and resources for refugee populations, thereby supporting regional economic inclusion and equity. This will be accomplished by pursuing additional funding opportunities to expand programs to increase refugee inclusion in economic growth in the region.

RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Approve submission of the Federal Fiscal Years 2024-2026 Refugee Support Services Plan to the California Department of Social Services, Refugee Programs Bureau and authorize submittal of revisions by the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, when required by changes in funding or services.
2. Adopt the Resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO REFUGEE SUPPORT SERVICES PLAN FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2024 THROUGH FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2026.
3. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to execute agreements and take any other actions necessary as required by the California Department of Social Services, Refugee Programs Bureau for the acceptance of approximately \$4.6 million of Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act Refugee Support Services funding, which includes allocations for the Housing Assistance for Ukrainians Program and for the Ukrainian Refugee Support Services Supplemental Funding.
4. In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to issue a competitive solicitation for services to assist refugees displaced by the war in Ukraine, and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award a contract or contracts for an initial term of up to one year, with four one-year options, and up to an additional six months if needed; and to amend the contract to reflect changes in program, funding or service requirements, subject to the availability of funds and the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.
5. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to apply for future funding, including grants, supplemental funding and other funding opportunities for programs or projects in alignment with the goal of expanding the economic inclusion of refugees and immigrants in the region.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities, Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (HSEC-OIRA) prioritizes engaging with stakeholders that are representatives of the refugee community. HSEC-OIRA requires qualitative surveys from all providers assisting the refugee population, language translation, and interpretation efforts to increase bilateral communication with the refugee population and collaboration with internal and external partners to identify successes and progress.

Between May 12, 2023, and June 16, 2023, HSEC-OIRA gathered community feedback by surveying Refugee Support Services program participants and providers of refugee services. HSEC-OIRA collected over 150 responses. The results of the surveys indicated most clients were happy overall with the services they received, and the most important services requested by participants were English language training, referrals to childcare, job search assistance, referrals to transportation, learning how to use computers, acculturation, and assistance with creating resumes. HSEC-OIRA will work with its providers on ways to bolster needed services and opportunities to improve areas identified in the survey results. HSEC-OIRA will also continue pursuing additional funding opportunities to expand programs to increase refugee inclusion in economic growth in the region.

According to the California Department of Social Services, Refugee Programs Bureau (RPB), San Diego County (county) is a designated refugee-impacted county. Current data available from RPB indicates 3,980 newly arriving refugees and Special Immigrant Visa holders resettled in the county between October 1, 2018, and June 30, 2023, making San Diego the third largest recipient of refugee arrivals in California, behind Sacramento and Los Angeles counties, during this period. These statistics do not include secondary migration, where refugees who initially arrive in another county or state, relocate to the county for any reason.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's actions support the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal #1 engaging the community in meaningful ways, Sustainability Goal # 2 providing just and equitable access, and Sustainability Goal #4 to protect the health and well-being of everyone in the region by engaging with the community through collaborative partnerships, regional listening sessions, forums, workgroups, steering committees, and conducting surveys to collect community input. The information collected was incorporated into designing Refugee Support Service programs to better serve the needs of refugee and immigrant communities. These programs aim to remove barriers and provide opportunities for equitable access to resources. To facilitate just and equitable access to these programs, language translation and interpretation services are utilized to increase access to vital information, services, and resources in a culturally competent manner. Opportunities for equitable access to resources assist with protecting the health and well-being of everyone in the region.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for Refugee Support Services, Services for Older Refugees, Afghanistan Refugee Support Services and Afghanistan Services to Older Refugees are included in the FY 2023-25 Operational Plan for the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of approximately \$3.0 million in FY 2023-24 and \$3.5 million in FY 2024-25. The funding source is the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), Refugee Programs Bureau (RPB) and includes one-time funding allocations from the Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriations Act. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

Funding for new allocations for Ukrainian Refugee Support Services and Housing Assistance for Ukrainians are included in the FY 2023-25 Operational Plan for Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of approximately \$2.1 million in FY 2023-24 and \$2.1 million in FY 2024-25. The total allocation for FY 2023-24 to FY 2025-26 is approximately \$4.6 million. The funding source is CDSS RPB and are one-time funding allocations from the Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, adopting Resolution No. 23-117, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO REFUGEE SUPPORT SERVICES PLAN FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2024 THROUGH FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2026.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

- 6. **SUBJECT: APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

Medicaid is a means-tested entitlement program that finances the delivery of primary and acute medical services as well as long-term services and supports to an estimated 85 million people in the United States. Medi-Cal is California’s Medicaid program, a public health insurance program that provides needed health care services to eligible seniors, persons with disabilities, families with children, foster care youth, pregnant women, and eligible individuals with diseases such as tuberculosis, breast cancer, or HIV/AIDS. Medi-Cal is financed through State and federal funds. To support increased State payments to Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans (Health Plans), California counties participating in Medi-Cal Managed Care may enter into Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) and Assessment Fee Agreements with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). IGT agreements consist of the transfer of eligible local funding to DHCS, which the

State then uses to increase the rates it pays the participating Health Plans within an actuarially sound range. Historically, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) has supported the County of San Diego's (County) participation in this program, with the most recent authorization approved on August 17, 2021 (12).

Today's actions request the Board authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency (HHS), to pursue and execute IGT and Assessment Fee Agreements with DHCS for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 and to amend or execute new agreements as necessary with six participating Health Plans. This would enable HHS to draw down approximately \$28.5 million in new funding to recover enhanced reimbursement for Medi-Cal services provided and/or financed by the County to Health Plan members. 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 providing resources for community partners to help clients continue to access health services.

RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to pursue an Intergovernmental Transfer agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services.
2. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, upon receipt, to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Transfer of Public Funds with the California Department of Health Care Services for the transfer of approximately \$15.0 million for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in local funds from the Health and Human Services Agency to the California Department of Health Care Services.
3. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to execute an Intergovernmental Transfer Assessment Fee Agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services for the transfer of approximately \$3.0 million for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 from the Health and Human Services Agency to the California Department of Health Care Services, and related documents.
4. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to amend the Healthy San Diego agreements or execute new agreements as necessary with Molina Healthcare of California, Community Health Group, Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan, Health Net of California, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc., and Aetna Better Health of California to implement the Intergovernmental Transfer agreements covering the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 and disburse approximately \$46.5 million of increased Medi-Cal reimbursement to the Health and Human Services Agency to support health services for Medi-Cal beneficiaries and other underserved populations, net of a two to five percent (2-5%) administrative fee calculated on the gross Intergovernmental Agreement amount retained by the Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Medi-Cal is California's Medicaid program, a public health insurance program that provides needed health care services to eligible individuals. As of March 2023, over one million individuals in San Diego County meet income eligibility requirements and 1,062,906 individuals are enrolled in Medi-Cal, representing one-third of the county's population and the second largest Medi-Cal population in California. Medi-Cal beneficiaries represent various demographic backgrounds and are among the most vulnerable including, Black, Indigenous, People of color (BIPOC), women, persons with disabilities, immigrants, youth, and the LGBTQ+ community. Local data indicates that as of March 2023, individuals between 19 to 44 years old represent the largest Medi-Cal population in San Diego County (38%), followed by children 0 to 18 years old (32%), adults 45 to 64 years old (20%), and adults 65 years of age and older (9%). Among Medi-Cal beneficiaries with a reported race/ethnicity, approximately 38% were Hispanic, 17% were White, 7% were Asian and Pacific Islander, 5% were Black, and under 1% were American Indian and Alaska Native. The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency is committed to building a health and human service delivery system which supports the needs of all San Diegans, specifically those most vulnerable.

The intergovernmental transfer process is a funding strategy that allows local governments to utilize State or local funds to increase federal matching dollars for Medicaid programs. The funds received through the Intergovernmental Transfer Agreement with the Department of Health Care Services support the accessibility and delivery of health care-related services and the County's role in achieving better outcomes for Medi-Cal eligible individuals across all age groups, regardless of their race/ethnicity.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's proposed actions support the County of San Diego's (County) Sustainability goals and commitments that strengthen the resilience of the community, including ensuring equitable access to services and affirming services meet health and social care needs which align, respectively, with County's 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 providing resources to community partners to ensure individuals, including those among chronically underserved communities, can continue to access needed services.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request is expected to result in costs of approximately \$18.0 million for the Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) period covering January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Of this amount, approximately \$15.0 million would fund the IGT and \$3.0 million would cover the State Assessment Fee. In return, the County of San Diego would receive \$46.5 million in revenue from the Health Plans in FY 2023-24, resulting in a net increase of \$28.5 million in new funds. The funding sources for the IGT and State Assessment Fee are local funds, including Realignment. 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 Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

7. **SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTIVE SPENDING PROJECT GRANT FUNDING ADMINISTERED BY THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FOR MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

To support the well-being of those with behavioral health conditions, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) and the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) remain committed to investing in services to meet the needs of this vulnerable population. In alignment with this commitment, County HHS, Behavioral Health Services (BHS) continues to pursue new funding opportunities to enhance and expand access to critical mental health and substance use disorder prevention, engagement, and treatment services.

In February 2023, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) began accepting non-competitive applications for a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) in response to Congressional Directive Spending Projects in SAMHSA’s Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriation. Within the NOFO, the County was identified as a prospective applicant for \$4,480,000 of available grant funds for the “mobile behavioral health crisis response team” program. In April 2023, BHS submitted the application for these grant funds and on September 7, 2023, SAMHSA notified BHS of a conditional award.

Today’s action requests authorization to accept this one-time grant funding award for the period of September 30, 2023, through September 29, 2024, to continue expansion of the Mobile Crisis Response Teams designed to help people who are experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis by dispatching behavioral health experts to emergency calls. Additionally, today’s action requests the Board to authorize the department to waive the Board Policy B-29 requirement for full cost recovery associated with the one-time grant funding, as the public benefit of this project far outweighs the B-29 unrecoverable costs.

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 by enhancing innovative programs that connect individuals with behavioral health needs to the best level of care.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Waive Board policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires full cost recovery for grants.

2. Authorize the acceptance of approximately \$4,480,000 of one-time Congressional Directive Spending grant funds administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for the period of September 30, 2023, through September 29, 2024, and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee to execute all required documents, upon receipt, including any annual extensions, amendments, or revisions that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The vision of the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Services (BHS), is to build a system in which mental health and substance use services are equitably and regionally distributed and accessible to all individuals and families within the region who are in need. In pursuit of this goal, BHS is committed to pursuing funding sources that will support the provision of services to vulnerable and underserved populations including those with serious mental illness (SMI). In 2021, according to the California Health Interview Survey conducted by the University of California Los Angeles, one out of every ten San Diego County residents reported experiencing serious psychological distress in the past month. However, residents living below 200% of the federal poverty level, those who reported a history of incarceration, or who identified as black, Hispanic/Latino, Asian, or multiracial were more likely to report serious psychological distress. Additionally, 2021 data from the California Department of Healthcare Access and Information show that black residents utilize the emergency department (ED) for SMI-related encounters at a rate that is 145% higher compared to others. The Mobile Crisis Response Teams (MCRT) helps reduce these disparities by responding to individuals in crisis, offering an alternative to the ED or potentially jail. To date, from January 2021 to July 2023, MCRT has responded to over 6,500 calls, with the majority of clients served identifying as a racial/ethnic minority.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

This item supports Sustainability Goal #2 and Sustainability Goal #4 - to provide just and equitable access to County of San Diego services, policy decision-making, and resource allocation in support of sustainable communities and to protect the health and well-being of everyone in the region. Mobile Crisis Response Teams (MCRT) provide an alternative response to law enforcement for individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis and further expansion of the program ensures that clinical teams can reach historically underserved communities who may avoid seeking assistance from law enforcement during a time of crisis. By securing additional funding for the MCRT, this item supports the expansion of the regional network of crisis services enabling people to access care near their networks of support.

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 action will result in estimated costs of approximately \$3,420,548 in FY 2023-24 and \$1,139,981 in FY 2024-25, and revenues of approximately \$3,360,000 in FY 2023-24 and \$1,120,000 in FY 2024-25 to enhance Mobile Crisis Response Teams services offered through contracted community-based providers. The funding source is one-time Congressional Directive Spending (CDS) grant funds administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration funds totaling approximately \$4,480,000 for the period of September 30, 2023 through September 29, 2024.

For the CDS grant program, a waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested because the funding does not offset all costs associated with the administration of the grant funds of approximately \$60,548 in FY 2023-24 and \$19,981 FY 2024-25. The anticipated funding sources for these costs are Mental Health Services Act and Realignment. The public benefit of providing these services far outweighs the unrecoverable costs and maximizes grant funds used to implement the project. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

8. SUBJECT: 2022 ESCHEATMENT OF UNCLAIMED MONEY IN COUNTY TRUST FUNDS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

This is a request to approve the escheatment of specified unclaimed funds pursuant to California Government Code sections 50050-50057 and Penal Code 1420-1422. Public notice has been given by the Treasurer-Tax Collector that 1) the amount of \$292,322.54 was deposited in Trust Funds in the Treasury of San Diego, 2) was not the property of the County of San Diego (the "County"), 3) has remained unclaimed for the requisite years, and 4) will become property of the local agency effective December 1, 2022, if no claim is received prior to that date. The final claim period ended on November 30, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to transfer total of \$189,377.51 from County Trust Funds from identified County Departments and deposit it as revenue in the County's General Fund.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer through the Office of Revenue and Recovery to transfer a total of \$102,945.03 from its Trust Funds and deposit it as revenue in the Office of Revenue and Recovery's Victim Services Fund.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Treasurer-Tax Collector recognizes the systemic impacts that inequitable policies may create for residents of the County of San Diego. Impacts have historically included outcomes related to racial justice and issues of belonging that are reflected in the programs, services and resources allocated to communities. County departments submit a list of unclaimed monies in their possession to the Treasurer-Tax Collector for inclusion in the Treasurer-Tax Collection

escheatment noticing and advertising activity. The Treasurer-Tax Collector includes those unclaimed monies in all widespread public notice that these unclaimed monies are available to claim by displaying a full list of items on the Treasurer-Tax Collector website, and by placing display ads in local community news publications throughout the County and supplying local shelters with the display ad information to post in their establishment as means to notify the public of the upcoming deadline to claim the monies before they are escheated. The notices and display ads utilize “plain language” and graphics to convey the message and action that is needed to make a claim. Concurrent to these efforts staff perform extensive research and make attempts to contact the rightful owner of the money and encourage a claim be submitted. It is anticipated that these actions have a positive impact on groups to include Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), women, people with disabilities, immigrants, youth, and the LGBTQ community.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed actions to escheat unclaimed refunds and return the revenue to the County General Fund are appropriate as they support the County of San Diego’s Strategic Initiative of Sustainability and the Goal of Economy, to align the County’s available resources with services to maintain fiscal stability and ensure long-term solvency. The proposed actions to escheat revenue are also in alignment with the County of San Diego’s Sustainability Goal of providing just and equitable access as the process to claim refunds is widely accessible to all claimants.

FISCAL IMPACT

If approved, this request will result in \$189,377.51 of unanticipated revenue to be realized by the County’s General Fund and \$102,945.03 by the Office of Revenue and Recovery Victim Services 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 Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

9. **SUBJECT: SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE: 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

On September 12, 2023 (14), the Board of Supervisors took action to consider and adopt the Ordinance on September 26, 2023.

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**

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
C (A+B)	Total Ongoing Cost <i>(incremental)</i>	\$ 1.10	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.52
D	Total Onetime Cost	\$ 0.40	-	-
E (C+D)	Total Cost	\$ 1.50	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.52

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, adopting Ordinance No. 10864 (N.S.), entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR THE SUPERVISING PROBATION OFFICERS EMPLOYEE BARGAINING UNIT.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

10. SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 APPROPRIATION LIMIT FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

Each year, pursuant to Article XIII B: Government Spending Limitation of the California Constitution and Government Code Section 7910, the Board of Supervisors establishes its appropriation limit for the County of San Diego. Today's action requests adoption of a resolution establishing the County's Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2023-24, calculated to be approximately \$7.1 billion. Only revenues from Proceeds of Taxes (property tax and certain state subventions) are subject to this limit. The County is substantially under the limit, having approximately \$3.5 billion of appropriations tied to Proceeds of Taxes that are subject to the limit in Fiscal Year 2023-24.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Adopt the Resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO ADOPTING APPROPRIATION LIMIT FOR COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Appropriation limit is based on appropriations from tax revenue. It is intended to address potential inequities to the public by capping the growth of County expenditures and returning excess revenue from proceeds of tax to taxpayers.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommended action has no sustainability impact to the County.

FISCAL IMPACT

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

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, adopting Resolution No. 23-118, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO ADOPTING APPROPRIATION LIMIT FOR COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

11. **SUBJECT: GENERAL SERVICES - AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK CONTRACT FOR THE COMPASSIONATE EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS AND PATHWAYS TO HOUSING PROJECT AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTIONS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

On June 8, 2021 (15), the Board of Supervisors (Board) authorized the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, for a period of five years, to take any action authorized by Article XXIII, Section 401, et seq. of the Administrative Code and Public Contract Code Section 20146 to advertise and award Construction Manager at Risk contracts for various projects up to \$10 million.

On June 26, 2023, after a successful Request for Proposals (RFP), the County of San Diego (County) awarded a Construction Manager at Risk Contract (CMAR) (Contract #569169) to Turner Construction, for the Compassionate Emergency Solutions and Pathways to Housing (CESPH) project, which included work at the Magnolia and Bancroft Safe Parking sites as well as options for other sites. The project commenced in response to the County's commitment to address homelessness and provide emergency housing solutions. This action aligns with the Framework for Ending Homelessness, which is anchored in five strategic domains, Root Cause and Upstream Prevention, Diversion and Mitigation, Treatment and Outreach, Emergency/Interim Housing and Resources and Permanent Housing and Supportive Services.

At the time of the procurement and contract award, the Magnolia and Bancroft Safe Parking sites were identified with an expected budget of \$6.35 million. Since that time, and subsequent to the Board's adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023-25 Operational Plan, the Health and Human Services Agency has identified additional sites, to include a recreational vehicle (RV) senior and family parking site in Lakeside (Willow Road RV Senior and Family Parking). This additional site may be added by the exercise of options within the existing contract. The exercise of this option would impact the planned project budget and may exceed the existing \$10 million authority of the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting. It is possible that the total budget of the Contract may be up to \$50 million. Today's request would therefore increase the Budget Not-to-Exceed amount under the Contract up to \$50 million, but the exercise of options for such work would be subject to availability of funding and approval by the Board. Today's request will increase County staff's authority to contract for up to \$50 million in CMAR costs, subject to availability of funding and approval by the Board.

Today's actions request the Board of Supervisors to approve the amendment of construction contract #569169 for the CESP project. Construction at Bancroft site is expected to begin in September 2023 with estimated completion in June 2025.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Find in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) of the State of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that amending the Compassionate Emergency Solutions and Pathways to Housing (CESPH) project contract may have a significant effect on the environment and is, therefore, exempt from CEQA.
2. Find that the work proposed at the Willow Road Recreational Vehicle Senior and Family Parking site is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines sections 15301, 15303, 15304, and 15311.
3. Find that future sites for the CESP project, not yet identified, will be reviewed pursuant to CEQA.
4. In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement and Administrative Code Section 401, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to enter into negotiations with Turner Construction, and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, and subject to appropriation and availability of funds, amend Contract #569169, to increase the Budget Not-to-Exceed amount to \$50 million and exercise options under the Contract; and to amend the contract as required to reflect changes to services and funding allocation, for the CESP project.
5. Designate the Director, Department of General Services, as the County officer responsible for administering the Construction Manager at Risk Contract (CMAR) (Contract #569169) and authorize the Director, Department of General Services to execute any and all documents necessary for the implementation of the CMAR contract.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Compassionate Emergency Solutions and Pathways to Housing (CESPH) project will serve communities within the County of San Diego with a focus on east unincorporated county. Today's recommendations will result in the development of much-needed emergency temporary housing. People of color are disproportionately impacted among those experiencing homelessness, with 19% identifying as Black or African American, which is nearly five times the proportion of African Americans in the region; 3% identify as American Indian or Alaska Native, which is nearly three times the proportion in the region. Additionally, the incidence of people who identify as LGBTQ+ experiencing homelessness mirrors the disparities found at the broader community level. The CESP project would address the immediate emergency housing needs of a diverse population of San Diegans experiencing homelessness. Emergency Housing is intended to provide safe, dignified, low-barrier, temporary housing, as well as stabilization and supportive services to assist individuals and families experiencing homelessness with housing solutions. The CESP project will provide a welcoming environment, meaningful resources and tools, and dignified support to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness stabilize and transition back into permanent housing.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed project will implement low-impact development standards and use sustainable design principles, practices, and performance. The design will also incorporate energy-efficient technologies.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are partially included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan for Major Maintenance Capital Outlay Fund (MMCOF) associated with CESP projects. Currently, construction and design costs of \$13.5 million is appropriated for CESP projects. It is anticipated that the next options exercised within the contract would add \$0.84 million for Willow Road RV Senior and Family Parking site and \$0.55 million for construction work at the Bancroft Safe Parking site. The funding source is American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. Future appropriations for CESP projects will be established subject to availability of funding and approval by the Board. At this time, there will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

Expenditures for construction will create private sector jobs and economic opportunities in San Diego County.

ACTION:

This item was withdrawn at the request of the Chief Administrative Officer.

- 12. **SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODE FOR RANCHO SANTA FE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

The Board of Supervisors serves as the Code Reviewing Body for any local agency, other than city agencies, with jurisdiction wholly within the County, per Government Code Section 82011. The recommended action would approve the proposed amendment to the Conflict of Interest code of Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Approve the amended Conflict of Interest code of Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

County government includes standing and special citizen boards, commissions, committees and task forces formed to advise the Board of Supervisors and County staff on issues and policies and to serve as links to the community. Boards, commissions and committees provide an inter-relationship between the residents and the government of the County and as such must provide transparent bias-free decision-making. The Board of Supervisors serves as the Code Reviewing Body for any local agency, other than city agencies, with jurisdiction wholly within the County, pursuant to Government Code Section 82011. Under the California Political Reform Act, a public official has a disqualifying conflict of interest in a governmental decision if it is

foreseeable that the decision will have a financial impact on their personal finances or other financial interests. In such cases, there is a risk of biased decision-making that could sacrifice the public's interest in favor of the official's private financial interests. To avoid actual bias or the appearance of possible improprieties, the public official is prohibited from participating in the decision.

The recommended action would approve the amended Conflict of Interest code submitted by Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District. The Conflict of Interest code in this Board Letter enables the County of San Diego to provide transparency and accountability to individual residents, ensuring equitable operations of the government that are free from undue influence.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

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

FISCAL IMPACT

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

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

13. SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS: VARIOUS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

These appointments are in accordance with applicable Board Policy A-74, "Citizen Participation in County Boards, Commissions and Committees," Board Policy A-77, "Appointments to Fill Vacancies and Cancellation of Election where Insufficient Nominations Filed Prior to Uniform District Election and Citizen Planning Group Election," and Board Policy I-1, "Planning and Sponsor Group Policies and Procedures."

RECOMMENDATION(S)
SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND

Waive Board Policy A-74, "Citizen Participation in County Boards, Commissions and Committees," and re-appoint Delores Chavez Harmes to the I-15 CORRIDOR DESIGN REVIEW BOARD, Seat No. 4, for a term to expire February 12, 2025.

Appoint Shirley Anderson to the PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Seat No. 3, for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

Appoint Armen Kurdian to the PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Seat No. 8, for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

Appoint Michael W. Farrier II to the VALLEY CENTER COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP, Seat No. 6, for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

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 Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

14. 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 Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

15. SUBJECT: RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE AGING ROADMAP AND SEEK EXPANSION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE EMERGENCY OLDER ADULT CARE FOR COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO EMPLOYEES (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

According to population projections from the California Department of Finance, of the nearly 3.3 million people currently residing in San Diego County, approximately 783,500 are adults aged 60 years and older. By 2030, the number of adults aged 60 years and older who reside in San Diego County is expected to increase to more than 910,000. Additionally, San Diego County's

population over the age of 85 is projected to diversify and grow more than any other age group. Thus, it is crucial that we take the needs of our region's older adults into account as we plan for the future. Launched at the direction of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) on September 24, 2019 (4), the Aging Roadmap is the County of San Diego's (County) plan to ensure that the region has communities and programs that equitably support the needs and leverage the contributions of the growing population of older adults. The Aging Roadmap serves as the County's framework for aging and identifies goals and action steps in ten priority areas of: Health & Community Support; Housing; Social Participation; Transportation; Dementia; Caregiver Support; Safety; Preparedness; Silver Economy; and Medical & Social Services System.

The Aging Roadmap annual report provides an update on each of the ten priority areas to include the current landscape, accomplishments, and next steps towards reaching the vision for that area. It also describes the programs and initiatives for Fiscal Year 2023-24 through an updated Aging Roadmap Action Plan. Today's action requests the Board receive the fourth annual report of the Aging Roadmap.

In addition, on September 12, 2023 (22), the Board approved several recommendations to support the County's efforts to combat the region's childcare crisis. As part of this action, the Board directed staff 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 American Rescue Plan Act funds, with the intent of providing up to three (3) paid days off for employees to use for emergency childcare purposes. In discussion of this action, the Board acknowledged the need to address unexpected employee demands of providing care to older adult family members and expressed interest in expanding this pilot to include County employees providing care to older adult family members. Today's action seeks to expand the September 12, 2023 (22) item, requesting the Board authorize staff to meet and confer with the County unions/associations and expand the pilot program to include an emergency older adult care flex day system for County employees, with the intent of providing a total of up to three (3) paid days off, for employees to use for emergency older adult care purposes.

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 supporting older adults and persons with disabilities through various programs and initiatives and ensuring a community that is livable for people of all ages. This item aligns with and advances the State of California's Master Plan for Aging, which prioritizes advancing local and statewide goals to include person-centered and equity-focused age- and disability-friendly policies, programs, and services.

RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Receive update on the Aging Roadmap.

2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to expand the pilot program implementing an emergency childcare flex day system approved on September 12, 2023 (22) to include emergency older adult care for County of San Diego employees and return to the Board with any necessary future actions.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Recognizing the increasing diversity of San Diego County's population, the Aging Roadmap represents a commitment to ensuring that all residents can age well while accessing needed services, regardless of their race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender identity, and/or sexual orientation. Principles of equity guide the County of San Diego's (County) ongoing community engagement efforts and the programs and initiatives within each of the ten Aging Roadmap priority areas. By convening diverse community coalitions and collaboration with community-based organizations, the County ensures that the voice of the community remains central to informing the development of Aging Roadmap programs and initiatives. Listening sessions with older adults, community stakeholder interviews, and strategic planning with diverse County departments are just a few examples of the equity-focused strategies that informed the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Aging Roadmap Action Plan.

In February 2023, an "Aging for All" Workshop was hosted by the County Health and Human Services Agency, Aging & Independence Services (AIS), in partnership with the Sharp HealthCare Health Education Lecture Series. With the goal of weaving equity, diversity, and inclusion into all Aging Roadmap priority areas and providing a space for people of all backgrounds to participate, the event focused on defining equity, discussing inequities older adults encounter, and encouraging questions and topic exploration. Community partnerships have also facilitated the development of programs for at-risk populations such as refugee and immigrant communities, non-English-speaking residents, homebound older adults, and individuals living with disabilities. From January to June 2023, AIS provided technical assistance to the El Cajon Collaborative to offer multilingual transportation training classes and field trips in English, Spanish, Arabic, and Tagalog. These trainings served as enriching experiences for diverse populations interested in learning about local transportation options available to older adults and how to confidently use these options to retain independence and remain socially engaged, despite barriers such as physical mobility and language. Additionally, interdepartmental collaboration has been integral to the success of the Aging Roadmap. Through the bi-monthly convenings of the Age Well San Diego teams, the County departments of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities, Behavioral Health Services, Housing and Community Development Services, Planning and Development Services, Public Works, Office of Emergency Services, and San Diego County Library, provide input in the strategic planning process of the Aging Roadmap.

With a commitment to applying an equity lens across all Aging Roadmap priority areas, the County will continue to engage community partners in future planning activities as programs and initiatives are formulated. Community coalitions and other forums for community input will be promoted and made accessible to diverse groups across San Diego County. Additionally, cross-departmental collaboration and coordination will continue to be a foundational component of the Aging Roadmap to effectively address the feedback provided by the community.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's 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 to County services, and Sustainability Goal #4 to promote health and well-being. The Aging Roadmap represents the County's comprehensive system of care, including both person-centered and community-wide efforts. Engaging the community through ongoing convenings with community coalitions, including the Age Well Community Teams, ensures that diverse input and contributions from impacted stakeholders inform Aging Roadmap priorities. Additionally, equity and service accessibility are prioritized across all ten priority areas within the Aging Roadmap. Specific efforts that contribute to this goal include ensuring resources are available in multiple languages, closing the digital divide, and administering programs that keep older adults healthy and housed. Utilizing the Aging Roadmap as the guide, the County and community organizations leverage impactful partnerships to improve and expand services that contribute to the safety and welfare of older adults.

FISCAL IMPACT

Recommendation 1: Receive update on the Aging Roadmap

There is no fiscal impact associated with recommendation 1. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

Recommendation 2: Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to expand the pilot program implementing an emergency childcare flex day system approved on September 12, 2023 (22) to include emergency older adult care for County of San Diego employees and return to the Board with any necessary future actions

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan in Finance Other. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue not to exceed \$500,000 in Finance Other for an emergency child and older adult care flex day pilot for County of San Diego (County) employees. Today's action is an expansion of the implementation of the emergency childcare flex day pilot for County employees utilizing the same allocation of funds approved on September 12, 2023 (22). Actual costs of the County employee emergency child and older adult care pilot program will depend on certain unknown factors such as level of usage. The funding source for this request is American Rescue Plan Act funding allocated directly to the County. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

16. SUBJECT: DECLARING THE LACK OF RESOURCES FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT A HUMANITARIAN CRISIS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

Starting September 13, 2023, migrants have been released to transit stations across the region, including two stations in San Diego, a station in Oceanside and a station in El Cajon. The Federal government has not provided adequate resources to manage asylum seeking migrants, presenting a strain on local resources in the San Diego region. These street releases are continuing daily, with no set end date. The County of San Diego is faced with an urgent humanitarian crisis that needs to be addressed. Migrants are being released across the county with little direction and few resources. Local Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) that have shown initiative and taken leadership to respond need additional resources.

This item is urgent and timely due to the influx street releases throughout the County of San Diego beginning September 13, 2023 and continuing at least twice daily. On September 20th, 2023 the Board of Supervisors received a letter on behalf of the San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium, a coalition of approximately 50 community, faith, labor and legal organizations across San Diego County. The County has played a role in immigration, through the creation of the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs and will continue to explore creative and strategic ways to address this humanitarian crisis. Due to the urgent nature of the needs, this item cannot be placed on a future agenda.

Multiple NGOs have elevated their needs as they continue to step in to help during this humanitarian crisis. On September 20, 2023 the Board of Supervisors received a letter (Attachment A) from a coalition of community and faith-based organizations requesting resources to assist asylum seekers being “street-released”, dropped at transit stations across the region with no resources except what they carry with them. The letter states, “Individuals are dropped at the MTS stations with no resources other than what they arrived with and need assistance navigating their way to their final destination. Numerous non-profit organizations, faith organizations, community groups and other partners have stepped up to assist and have provided food, water, shelter, and assistance securing transportation as they are able.”

San Diego County needs further federal assistance. Our country’s immigration system requires comprehensive immigration reform and adequate resources deployed to border communities. The Federal Government must step up and provide resources to address this urgent humanitarian crisis.

NGOs on the ground need support to manage basic needs and transportation for asylum seekers to safely be reunited with their family members at their end destination. Additional federal resources will help our region prioritize the dignity and safety of asylum seekers.

Today’s action proposes to declare an urgent humanitarian crisis and to prompt additional action and resources from the Federal Governments to either limit the number of asylum seekers released into the region or to provide the resources for Non-Government Partners to adequately manage them through to their destinations.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHAIRWOMAN NORA VARGAS AND SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND

1. Declare the lack of resources for asylum seekers from the Federal government a humanitarian crisis.
2. Take the following positions as a Board:
 - A. The Federal Government should designate resources and personnel to manage asylum seekers, in a safe and humane manner, to connect to their sponsors and reach their final destinations to prevent future street releases.
 - B. Oppose lateral transfers from other states and jurisdictions.
3. Send a letter detailing the specific needs of local non-governmental organizations and impacted communities to San Diego's Federal delegation to request additional resources.
4. Advocate for federal funding to help our region develop a long-term solution that includes a permanent facility and operational support when federal agencies release asylum seekers in our region.
5. Per the February 7, 2023 Board Action, direct the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to continue convening with the 18 incorporated cities, state, federal governments, and non-governmental organizations to further collaborate and develop a comprehensive, innovative regionwide approach to address short-term and long-term goals for our permanent border community, including cross-system solutions, and clear lines of responsibility and partnership;
6. Direct the CAO to pursue federal funding to address the above recommendations.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

All San Diego residents deserve the opportunity to live in a dignified manner in communities that provide them a safe and supportive environment. The County and its partner organizations can assist in this effort by helping asylum seekers arriving in our region with respite shelter, assistance needed to expedite travel to their final destination, and other basic necessities. By seeking additional Federal funding and support, the County can ensure we better support our partners and impacted communities.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

By requesting additional support and resources from the Federal government we can ensure our region has the necessary resources to continually assist this population and prevent additional homelessness in San Diego County.

FISCAL IMPACT

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

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

Noting for the record that an Errata was submitted that amended the recommendations; ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions:

1. Declared the lack of resources for asylum seekers from the Federal government a humanitarian crisis.
2. Took the following positions as a Board:
 - A. The Federal Government should designate resources and personnel to manage asylum seekers, in a safe and humane manner, to connect to their sponsors and reach their final destinations to prevent future street releases.
 - B. Opposed lateral transfers from other states and jurisdictions.
3. Send a letter detailing the specific needs of local non-governmental organizations and impacted communities to San Diego's Federal delegation to request additional resources.
4. Advocated for federal funding to help our region develop a long-term solution that includes a permanent facility and operational support when federal agencies release asylum seekers in our region.
5. Per the February 7, 2023, Board Action, directed the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to continue convening with the 18 incorporated cities, state, federal governments, and non-governmental organizations to further collaborate and develop a comprehensive, innovative regionwide approach to address short-term and long-term goals for our permanent border community, including cross-system solutions, and clear lines of responsibility and partnership.
6. Directed the CAO to pursue federal funding to address the above recommendations.
7. Directed the CAO, through the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, to look for additional opportunities to support local Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO).

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

17. SUBJECT: CLOSED SESSION (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
The Estate of Omar Moreno Arroyo, et al. v. County of San Diego, et al.; United States District Court, Southern District, No. 21-cv-1956-RBM-SBC

- B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
(Government Code section 54957)
Title: County Counsel
- C. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
(Government Code section 54957)
Title: Chief Probation Officer
- D. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
(Government Code section 54957)
Title: Chief Administrative Officer

ACTION:

Noting for the record that Closed Session matters were heard on September 27, 2023; County Counsel reported that for Closed Session, the Board of Supervisors took no reportable actions.

18. SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

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

Mark spoke to the Board regarding SANDAG and the United Nations agenda.

Truth spoke to the Board regarding the timing of proclamations and Supervisors' grants funding to community groups, and an audit on the P-Card program.

Frankenstein spoke to the Board regarding fraud in past elections.

Michael Brando spoke to the Board regarding the film, "The End of COVID."

Paul the Bold spoke to the Board regarding the Board's actions and the Code of Civil Discourse.

Diane Grace spoke to the Board regarding concerns of marijuana impaired driving.

Terri-Ann Skelly spoke to the Board regarding support of AB 1207, the Cannabis Child Safety Act.

Peggy Walker spoke to the Board regarding the harmful effects of THC on teens.

Kelly McCormick spoke to the Board regarding concerns of marijuana impaired driving.

Barbara Gordon thanked the Board for recognizing September as National Suicide Prevention Month.

Leila Rhodes spoke to the Board regarding concerns of actions at Family Court.

Becky Rapp spoke to the Board regarding concerns of marijuana advertising to youth.

Audra spoke to the Board regarding human trafficking.

Kathleen Lippitt spoke to the Board regarding concerns of legalized marijuana.

ACTION:

Heard, Referred to the Chief Administrative Officer.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 1:12 p.m. in memory of Siobhan Arnold and Dr. Patrick Ebert.

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, October 10, 2023.



NORA VARGAS
Chair

Attest:



ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board

09/26/2023