



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

County Language Services

The County is now providing translation and interpretation services in eight threshold languages, per [Board Policy A-139](#), as well as American Sign Language.

Threshold Languages

- Arabic
- Chinese (Mandarin)
- Korean
- Persian (Farsi and Dari)
- Somali
- Spanish
- Filipino (Tagalog)
- Vietnamese



Translations

The County has a Blanket Purchase Agreement with [translation and interpretation companies](#) that can provide services in the eight threshold languages and more than 200 others if needed.

Once you set up an account, you'll receive a code to access and pay for services, as well as contact numbers and other information.



Interpretations

(866) 874-3972 (Language Line)

(800) 444-6627 (Lionbridge Technologies)

(888) 362-0614 (United Language Group)

When in-person oral interpretation services are not available, services must be made available to limited English-speaking people by phone, internet or video.

If a resident brings their own interpreter, the person must be at least 18 years of age.



Interpretation Flyer

A flyer indicating that interpretation services are now available has been created. [The flyer must be printed and placed on every service counter as soon as possible.](#)

Resources

[A language services intranet site has also been created.](#)

It contains easy-to-understand guidance on what to do before, during and after communicating internally and externally as a County government.

Should you have any questions, contact the County Language Services Manager at (619) 964-1526 or jose.alvarez@sdcounty.ca.gov.