

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 14

SUBJECT: 2021 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVISION (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

On January 12, 2021, your Board paused the authority of the 2021 Legislative Program adopted on October 27, 2020 and directed the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to draft a new 2021 Legislative Program that includes abbreviated guiding principles and key legislative initiatives and priorities. Your Board also directed the CAO to review and calibrate the roles and responsibilities of the Office of Strategy and Intergovernmental Affairs staff and functions according to the new legislative program approach focused on proactive action and nimble advocacy of adopted guiding principles and legislative priorities and to have these changes reflected in Board of Supervisors Policies M-1 and M-2. In addition, your Board also suspended the authority of Board of Supervisors Policies M-3 through M-61.

Today's action, for your Board's consideration, includes a new 2021 Legislative Program, recommendations to permanently sunset Board of Supervisors Policies M-3 through M-61, and revisions to Board Policies M-1 and M-2. The goal of all of these actions is to provide the Office of Strategy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the County's representatives in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. with the ability to proactively advocate and engage in conversations to more effectively move forward with legislation that meets the Board's priorities and the operational needs of the County of San Diego.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Approve the revised 2021 Legislative Program Priority Issues (Attachment A) and Guidelines (Attachment B).
2. Permanently sunset Board of Supervisors Policies M-3 through M-61.
3. Approve the revisions to Board of Supervisors Policies M-1 and M-2 (Attachment C and D).

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. No additional staff years are required.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions:

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4. Added to Policy Guideline J. Public Health: County will identify, prioritize and advocate for sexual and reproductive health funding, programs and services that increase access in the region.
5. Include transportation in the list of re-authorization of federal bills in the Policy Guidelines, Guiding Principles.
6. Amend County of San Diego Priority Issue – Climate Change and the Environment (Wildfires):
Strike “appropriate vegetation management and habitat restoration” and replace with “habitat management and restoration.”
7. Amend County of San Diego Priority Issue – Climate Change and the Environment (Water Quality):
At the end of Water Quality, append the following: “The county should also engage legislatively in reducing upstream risks to water quality, including the repair and improvement of stormwater infrastructure and the preservation and restoration of riparian habitat.”
8. Amend County of San Diego Priority Issue – Climate Change and the Environment (Habitat):
At the end of Habitat, append “and increases the adoption of local native plants in public and private landscaping.”
9. Amend County of San Diego Priority Issue – Climate Change and the Environment (Environmental Justice and Protection), to read:
Environmental justice is defined as the equal protection and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. Historically, those most impacted by the effects of climate change, pollution and other environmental issues have come from low income communities and communities of color, despite having contributed the least to climate change and pollution. The County will engage in legislation and pursue funding for efforts to mitigate and reverse the impacts of climate change on all communities with an urgent focus on low income communities and communities of color that bear some of the greatest effects of climate change.
10. Amend County of San Diego Priority Issue – Equity and Justice:
 - In the last sentence of this section add: “The County of San Diego will engage in legislation that will strengthen community and law enforcement relationships and funding for programs designed to enhance transparency and foster positive interactions with law enforcement.”
 - Separately, but in this (or another section) add “Support legislation that would increase access to legal counsel for Immigrants and Refugees.”
 - Regarding Equity and Justice Section, add: “Systemic racism and racial inequities have been ongoing and sustained over time, and the County of San Diego must recognize and act on these deep seeded problems.”
11. In the County of San Diego Priority Issue – Homelessness and Affordable Housing, the Board directed to disaggregate the homelessness policies and housing policies into two separate sections.

12. Add an additional section to Policy Guidelines named “Supporting Working Families” to emphasize another priority that includes the following:
1. Support legislation that promotes living wage jobs with good benefits.
 2. Support legislation that protects the right for workers to organize.
 3. Support legislation that provides strong workplace safety standards.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.



ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors