



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

## AGENDA ITEM

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**DATE:** March 12, 2019 and March 26, 2019

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

### **SUBJECT**

**ADOPT AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING PROVISIONS IN THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO CREATE THE CHILD AND FAMILY STRENGTHENING ADVISORY BOARD OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

To enhance the ability of the County of San Diego (County) to prevent and respond to child abuse and neglect, a new advisory board is proposed to serve as a platform for cross-sector collaboration and transparent monitoring of the San Diego County child welfare system and to ensure the safety and well-being of children and families. This new advisory board will be known as the Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board of San Diego County and, among other functions, it will absorb the duties of the County of San Diego Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council (CAPCC) and work closely with the Polinsky Children's Center Advisory Board and the San Diego County Foster Care Services Committee.

Today's action requests that the Board of Supervisors (Board) approve the introduction of an Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Provisions of the San Diego County Administrative Code to Create the Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board of San Diego County. If approved on March 12, 2019, the Board is further requested to consider and adopt the Ordinance on March 26, 2019. This action supports the County of San Diego's *Live Well San Diego* vision by ensuring services are provided to strengthen families so that children and families are healthy, safe, and thriving.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

On March 12, 2019:

1. Approve the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading), read title and waive further reading of the Ordinance:

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If, on March 12, 2019, the Board takes action as recommended then, on March 26, 2019:

Consider and adopt the Ordinance (second reading):

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

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

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT**

The Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council (CAPCC) will review this item as an informational item on March 8, 2019.

**BACKGROUND**

The Board of Supervisors (Board) has taken a strong leadership role in supporting efforts to prevent and respond to child abuse and neglect. The efforts focus on strengthening families by identifying and addressing the needs of children and youth who are in the public charge as well as those whose safety and welfare may be at risk.

The Board has the authority to create permanent advisory boards to advise the Board and County of San Diego (County) staff on issues and policy. Currently, the County has three (3) advisory boards related to child welfare issues: the Polinsky Children’s Center Advisory Board, the San Diego County Foster Care Services Committee, and the County of San Diego Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council (CAPCC). The CAPCC serves as an informational resource to the Board on issues related to child abuse and neglect as well as provides a forum for interagency cooperation and coordination in the prevention, detection, treatment, and legal processing of child maltreatment cases. The CAPCC is also the local advisory body designated by the Board to perform certain duties related to reviewing and recommending proposals to be funded by the Children’s Trust Fund.

To enhance the ability of the County to prevent and respond to child abuse and neglect, a new advisory board is proposed that will be known as the Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board of San Diego County (Advisory Board). The mission of the Advisory Board will be to serve as a platform for cross-sector collaboration and transparent monitoring of the San Diego County child welfare system to ensure the safety and well-being of children and families. The Advisory Board will absorb the duties of the CAPCC and will work closely with and collaborate with the Polinsky Children’s Center Advisory Board and the San Diego County Foster Care

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Services Committee. The Advisory Board will have broad oversight over the County's child welfare system.

The Advisory Board will consist of twenty-one (21) voting members representing a broad cross-section of community stakeholders as follows:

- Two (2) members of the Board of Supervisors who shall serve as Co-Chairs
- Three (3) Supervisorial District representatives
- Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court or designee
- Health and Human Services Agency Director or designee
- Child Welfare Services Director or designee
- Chief Probation Officer or designee
- First 5 San Diego Executive Director or designee
- Former foster youth
- Foster parent association
- Foster family agency
- Congregate care provider
- Court Appointed Special Advocate
- Legal counsel for minors in juvenile court
- Legal counsel for parents in juvenile court
- San Diego County Office of Education
- Juvenile justice community-based organization
- Children's health care professional
- Social worker

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**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN**

This action supports the Living Safely initiative in the County of San Diego's 2019-2024 Strategic Plan, as well as the County of San Diego's *Live Well San Diego* vision, by ensuring services are provided that strengthen families and that children and families are healthy, safe, and thriving.

Respectfully submitted,



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**ATTACHMENT(S)**

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**AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**

**REQUIRES FOUR VOTES:**  Yes  No

**WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 1000.1 REQUIRED**

Yes  No

**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:**

December 11, 2018 (12), Child Welfare Services Review Working Group Report; April 3, 2012 (11), the Board approved the revised Administrative Code, Article IIIo establishing the new County of San Diego Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council (CAPCC)

**BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:**

Board Policy A-74

**BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:**

N/A

**MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:**

N/A

**ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):**

N/A

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:** Health and Human Services Agency

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