



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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SUPERVISOR, FOURTH DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CLERK OF THE BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS

AGENDA ITEM

DATE: March 26, 2019

TO: Board of Supervisors

**SUBJECT: ESTABLISHING A REGIONAL HUB FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
CONTINUUM OF CARE (DISTRICTS: 4)**

OVERVIEW

Our Board held a behavioral health conference last October, which highlighted the importance of better linking different levels of psychiatric care and better integrating behavioral health and physical health care services. Strategically co-locating a continuum of mental health and substance abuse services near existing health care providers at one site would serve as a model that could be replicated throughout our area.

I am requesting the County's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) direct the Health and Human Services Agency to conduct a feasibility study for establishing a Regional Hub for Behavioral Health Continuum of Care. The services provided at this regional facility would include crisis stabilization, inpatient, residential psychotherapeutic rehabilitation, intensive outpatient, and other related services and programs. I am also requesting that opportunities be explored to collaborate with regional healthcare providers.

The County owns a 7.24 acre parcel located at 4307-4039 Third Avenue, San Diego, which has been vacant and non-operational for almost ten years. Adjacent to these dilapidated buildings is another County owned parcel that currently houses an Emergency Screening Unit that serves children and adolescents who are experiencing a mental health crisis or emergency. Also, less than a half of mile away, are two large hospital systems, UC San Diego Medical Center and Scripps Mercy Hospital, and many other medical office buildings.

To ensure we preserve this location for critical behavioral health services, I am requesting that the CAO cancel the current request for proposal for a ground lease for development of a portion of Accessor's Parcel Number (APN) 444-110-21 to build predominately high-priced residential housing. Lastly, I am asking the CAO to return to the board with a report and recommendations.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS
SUPERVISOR NATHAN FLETCHER**

- 1.) Find that the proposed action to cancel the Request for Proposal for the Hillcrest Site Ground Lease is not an approval of a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15352 and 15378(b)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines.
- 2.) Find that the proposed action to conduct a feasibility study is exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to Section 15262 of the State CEQA Guidelines.
- 3.) Direct the Director of the Department of General Services to cancel the Request for Proposals for the Hillcrest Site Ground Lease Opportunity for County owned property located at approximately the 4300 Block of Third Ave., San Diego, California, APN 444-110-21, and to terminate all related negotiations.
- 4.) Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to conduct a feasibility study for the development and use of County-owned property located at approximately the 4300 Block of Third Ave., San Diego, California, APN 444-110-21, for services that may include crisis stabilization, inpatient, residential psychotherapeutic rehabilitation, intensive outpatient, and other related services and programs along with opportunities to collaborate with regional health care providers, and to return to the Board of Supervisors no later than November 20, 2019, with a report and recommendation(s).

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT

N/A

BACKGROUND

Our Board held a behavioral health focused conference last October, which highlighted the importance of better linking different levels of psychiatric care and better integrating behavioral health and physical health care services. It emphasized that numerous individuals are struggling to manage their mental health and substance abuse disorders because the proper level and type of services to meet the need are lacking or difficult to access. This can be shown by the numbers of homeless individuals living on our streets and cycling in and out of our jails with untreated behavioral health disorders.

As an integral provider of behavioral health services, it is incumbent on the County to regionally distribute a broad array of services near where residents live and get their healthcare. Although the data is not currently available to determine the exact mix of behavioral health services

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needed by region in correlation to demonstrated needs of residents in each service area, there are plans underway by County Health and Human Services Agency to conduct a needs assessment that will give us that information. In turn, the data that is gleaned from this work will help us determine how to shore up the system.

There are inherent challenges to finding a location to house services for vulnerable populations such as individuals suffering from mental illness, homelessness and substance abuse disorders. As history has demonstrated, it can be very difficult to site a location for such services due to misguided opposition about the population that is being served. Harnessing a property with minimal residential impact that the County already owns and that it zoned for services, should remain in our possession.

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I am requesting that the CAO: 1.) Cancel the current request for proposal for a ground lease for the development of a portion of APN 444-110-21, which is in the procurement process to build predominately high-priced residential housing; 2.) Direct the Health and Human Services Agency to conduct a feasibility study for the development and use for services that will help a vulnerable segment of our community, including: crisis stabilization, inpatient, residential psychotherapeutic rehabilitation, intensive outpatient, and other related services and programs; 3.) Explore opportunities to collaborate with regional healthcare providers, and 4.) Return to the Board of Supervisors no later than November 20, 2019, with a report and recommendations.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN

N/A

Respectfully submitted,



NATHAN FLETCHER
Supervisor, Fourth District

ATTACHMENT(S)

A - Location Map

B - Site Map

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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:

N/A

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:

N/A

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:

N/A

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:

N/A

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

N/A.

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Fourth District

OTHER CONCURRENCE(S): N/A

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