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SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Andrew Potter
Clerk of the Board
1600 Pacific Highway
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Dear Mr. Potter:

The following is submitted as recommendations for Budget Changes to the Chief Administrative Officer's Proposed Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget:

Land Use and Environment Group – Planning & Development Services

Planning & Development Services reviews permits for the installation of residential solar photovoltaic (PV), residential wind projects, residential electric vehicle (EV) charging systems, residential energy storage, and residential panel upgrade associated with renewable energy, EV charging, or battery storage. These permit fees range from \$98 (EV charging system) to \$488 (residential wind projects). Fees for residential solar PV are already waived by Planning & Development Services. This recommendation would develop a pilot program to waive fees for residential wind projects, residential EV charging systems, residential energy storage, and residential panel upgrades and report back to the Board.

Recommendation:

- 1.) Increase appropriations to waive permitting fees for the following permit types: residential wind projects, residential EV charging systems, residential energy storage, and residential panel upgrades associated with renewable energy, EV charging, or battery storage in the Planning & Development Services department by \$620,000 in Fiscal Year 2020-21 based on General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance and report back to the Board.

The weatherization program would reduce the energy costs of households in unincorporated areas by increasing the energy efficiency of the homes while ensuring the resident's health and safety. The funding would allow Planning & Development Services to work with a consultant to develop the program criteria and requirements including identifying qualifying criteria, the age of qualifying home and potential funding, and partnerships with community agencies and nonprofits. The criteria would also outline energy reduction and cost to benefit ratios. A program like this could align with future Climate Action Planning efforts to reduce greenhouse

gas emissions and energy consumption in the unincorporated areas. This program could be used as part of the local direct investment program.

Recommendation:

- 1.) Increase appropriations to engage a consultant to develop a loan/grant program for the weatherization of existing homes in the Planning & Development Services department by \$200,000 in Fiscal Year 2020-21 based on General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance.

Land Use and Environment Group – Air Pollution Control District

The USS Bonhomme Richard Navy Ship Fire in July 2020 exposed vulnerabilities within the Community Air Protection Communities (as designated pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 617). To address these concerns, a one-time allocation of funding for both residential air purifiers and Purple Air residential monitors would be granted for up to 1,000 residents of the Portside Environmental Justice AB 617 community for residential and community monitoring. Funds may be needed to acquire an outside research entity to gather and analyze data.

Recommendation:

- 1.) Establish appropriations of \$550,000 in the Land Use and Environment Group Executive Office, Operating Transfer Out, for residential air quality monitoring, air purifiers and data analysis, based on available prior year General Fund fund balance and establish appropriations of \$550,000 in the Air Pollution Control District for residential air quality monitoring, air purifiers and data analysis, based on an Operating Transfer In from the General Fund.

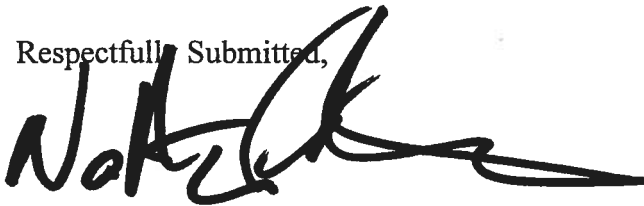
Land Use and Environment Group – Department of Public Works

The Department of Public Works repairs streets and sidewalks in the unincorporated area. One-time funding is proposed for developing a green streets master plan utilizing recently developed green infrastructure guidelines for public and private infrastructure projects. Green infrastructure reduces stormwater runoff and improves water quality.

Recommendation:

- 1.) Increase appropriations for development of a green streets master plan for public and private infrastructure projects in the Department of Public Works, General Fund by \$500,000 in Fiscal Year 2020-21 based on General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance.

Respectfully Submitted,



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