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DIANNE JACOB
VICE-CHAIRWOMAN
SUPERVISOR, SECOND DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AGENDA ITEM

DATE: June 26, 2018

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT
PROTECTING GOOD GOVERNMENT PRACTICES (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The County of San Diego has gone through a dramatic transformation over nearly three decades, from a broken government on the brink of bankruptcy to a fiscally sound entity that strategically plans for current and future needs while maintaining a AAA credit rating. The County of San Diego has received national recognition for its management practices, business principles, innovative service models and protection of precious tax dollars, including being rated as one of the best managed in the United States by Governing Magazine. Just two months ago, the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada recognized the County with a GFOA Award of Excellence for best practices in the strategic management of liabilities.

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Today's item directs the Chief Administrative Officer to draft a charter amending ballot measure for the November 2018 election, and return to the Board within 30 days.

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**RECOMMENDATION(S)
VICE-CHAIRWOMAN DIANNE JACOB**

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to return to the Board within 30 days with a charter amending ballot measure for the November 2018 election that would include the following:

Pension Stabilization – Once the Board of Supervisors has appropriated funds for pension stabilization, these funds shall not be used for any purpose other than pension-related liabilities.

Long-Term Debt – proceeds from any long-term obligation of the General Fund of the County shall not be used to finance current operations or for recurring needs.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact related these recommendations.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT

N/A

BACKGROUND

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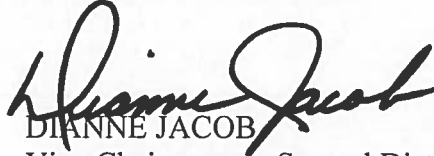
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LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN

These recommendations would help accomplish the County’s Strategic Initiatives and advance the County’s Vision of providing a safe, healthy and thriving community for all our residents.

Respectfully submitted,



DIANNE JACOB
Vice-Chairwoman, Second District

ATTACHMENT(S)

N/A

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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:

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: District 2, Board of Supervisors

OTHER CONCURRENCE(S): N/A

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