



**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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**AGENDA ITEM**

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
2019 APR 19 AM 8:50  
CLERK OF THE BOARD  
OF SUPERVISORS

**DATE:** April 30, 2019

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**SUBJECT**  
**SUPPORT FOR H.R. 838 (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

House of Representatives Bill 838 (Congressman Brian Babin), the Threat Assessment, Prevention, and Safety (TAPS) Act, will standardize and provide a behavioral threat assessment and management process across the Country.

For decades, behavioral threat assessment and management has been in place to counter targeted violence for our presidents and foreign dignitaries. HR 838 will use these strategies to develop this threat assessment to protect our children and local communities.

The TAPS Act will provide states the training, resources, and support needed to establish community-based, multidisciplinary behavioral threat assessment and management units. These units will seek to enact best practices using locally driven efforts. The San Diego District Attorney's office has already implemented processes very much in line with the TAPS Act that have contributed to successful interventions in potential high threat situations, especially targeting our schools.

The TAPS Act recognizes that threat assessment and management processes must become part of the culture and fabric of contemporary law enforcement. It is through efforts like these that we can best protect our schools and communities from tragic violent events.

Today's action directs the Chief Administrative Officer to draft a letter expressing this Board of Supervisors' support for House of Representatives Bill 838 to San Diego County's legislative representatives in Washington, DC, and adds to the County's legislative program support for legislation that would create a national strategy to prevent targeted violence through behavioral threat assessment and management, or funding to support training and implementation of a behavioral threat assessment.

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**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHAIRWOMAN DIANNE JACOB AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY SUMMER STEPHAN**

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT**

N/A

**BACKGROUND**

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Due to the rapid increase of threats of targeted violence on school grounds made by juveniles in our county, the office of the San Diego County District Attorney, in collaboration with the San Diego County Office of Education, law enforcement agencies, and mental health professionals, created a comprehensive School Threat Protocol. The San Diego District Attorney's office have already implemented processes very much in line with the TAPS Act that have contributed to successful interventions in potential high threat situations, especially those targeting our schools.

This legislation would not expand on any current laws, but would seek to enact best practices on how to manage threats of targeted violence when a threat is identified. Participation in behavioral threat assessment will be voluntary, but grant funding will be made available for training and implementation.

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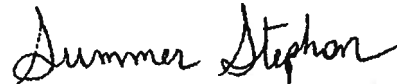
**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN**

The requested action supports the Living Safely Initiative in the County’s 2019-2024 Strategic Plan by supporting legislation that standardizes and provides a behavioral threat assessment and management process to protect our schools and local communities.

Respectfully submitted,



DIANNE JACOB  
Chairwoman, District 2



SUMMER STEPHAN  
District Attorney

**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:**

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:** Board of Supervisors, District 2

**OTHER CONCURRENCE(S):** District Attorney

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