



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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### AGENDA ITEM

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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CLERK OF THE BOARD  
OF SUPERVISORS

**DATE:** March 12, 2019

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

#### **SUBJECT**

**EVENING BUDGET HEARING TO ENHANCE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND  
TRANSPARENCY (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

It is a priority for the board to create opportunities for all members of the public to weigh in on the County of San Diego Budget process, which sets and funds priorities over the coming years. As it currently stands, budget hearing sessions are scheduled during the morning hours, which is a barrier for many working residents who want the opportunity to voice their input. In order to enhance civic engagement and transparency in county government, we are recommending that this Board modify the schedule for budget hearings to include at least one evening session.

The recommended action is that the Board amend the 2019 Board of Supervisors regular meeting calendar (or call a special board meeting) to include an evening budget session on Tuesday, June 11 at 5:30 PM. Should a quorum of the Board of Supervisors not be available on this date and time the Chief Administrative Officer will determine another date.

#### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**SUPERVISOR NATHAN FLETCHER AND SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND**

Direct the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to add an evening budget session at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 or any other evening of that week a quorum of the Board of Supervisors is available.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

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**ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT**

N/A

**BACKGROUND**

The County's Live Well San Diego vision is to create a region that is Building Better Health, Living Safely, and Thriving. The Thriving strategy focuses on the importance of partnerships between government, stakeholders and community to work together in effective and creative ways to achieve success. Civic engagement in the legislative process is the embodiment of the Thriving component. As such, it should be a priority for the board to create opportunities for all members of the public to weigh in on the County of San Diego Budget process, which sets and funds priorities over the coming years.

As it currently stands, budget hearing sessions are scheduled during the morning hours, which is a barrier for many working residents who want the opportunity to voice their input. Although there are other modes to express input on the budget, such as electronic written communication, the act of appearing before legislators and conveying input is an experience that should be afforded to all citizens. In order to enhance civic engagement and transparency in county government, we are recommending that this Board modify the schedule for budget hearings to include at least one evening session.

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We urge your support.

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

The proposed action supports the Thriving Initiative in the County of San Diego's 2019-2024 Strategic Plan by conducting business as openly as possible, resulting in the efficient and ethical use of public funds.

Respectfully submitted,



**NATHAN FLETCHER**  
Supervisor, Fourth District



**JIM DESMOND**  
Supervisor, Fifth 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:**

December 11, 2018 (29) RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DATES AND TIMES FOR REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN 2019

**BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:**

Board of Supervisors Rules of Procedure, Rule 1  
Board Policy A-72, Board of Supervisors' Agenda and Related Processes

**BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:**

N/A

**MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:**

N/A

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

N/A

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:** Districts 4 and 5

**OTHER CONCURRENCE(S):**    N/A

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