

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TUESDAY, JUNE 04, 2024**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 13**

**SUBJECT: ESTABLISHING AN AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSFORMATIVE TECHNOLOGIES AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Recent advances in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and related transformative technologies are creating exciting opportunities to grow San Diego region's economy and improve the lives of its residents. At the same time, local governments across the country are facing increasingly difficult decisions about how to respond to the challenges posed by Generative AI and robotics integrated with AI, as these systems are different from previous automation technologies by behaving like agents of their own, leading to fear about job losses, security vulnerabilities and fraud.

Information technology and telecommunication services are a significant way the public interacts with the County of San Diego (County) and how the County staff interacts with the public and with each other. Over the past few years, technology has been rapidly evolving, including the introduction of ChatGPT, a Generative AI application that became the most downloaded application in history. The ever-evolving and changing information technology and telecommunication landscape also includes cloud-based applications and other rapidly advancing cloud-based technologies, and potentially significant threats to County information and telecommunication systems through ongoing and worldwide cyber-attacks.

Since information technology and telecommunications are rapidly changing along with AI advancements, and are critical to the County's ability to effectively perform its duties, we are requesting the Board's approval of an *ad hoc* subcommittee consisting of two Board members to better understand and leverage transformative technologies including, but not limited to, AI to make County services more responsive, efficient, and accessible to all. This subcommittee would develop appropriate recommendations and actions on AI-related policies, review new technology procurements and data initiatives that involve an AI system, and review the governance for proactively managing and monitoring new AI advancements. This subcommittee would also evaluate the County's current technology and telecommunication needs and how they are provided, and provide input to the Chief Administrative Officer which will then be used to recommend to the Board ways the County should meet its future information technology and telecommunications needs.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHAIRWOMAN NORA VARGAS AND SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON**

1. Establish an *ad hoc* subcommittee of the Board and appoint Chairwoman Vargas and Supervisor Anderson to serve on the subcommittee for the following purposes, including but not limited to:
  - a. Receive and review information from County staff and others on the currency of the County's information technology and telecommunication systems, the County's provision of information technology and telecommunication services, including the use of artificial intelligence (AI); and on strategies for monitoring and managing advances in transformative technologies and AI;

- b. Provide input to the Chief Administrative Officer on current and future information technology and telecommunication needs, services and strategies, including the use of AI; and on how advances in AI, smart robotics, information technology and telecommunication services could be aligned with the Board’s strategic objectives.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to report back to the Board by February 2025 with appropriate recommendations and actions for the Board to take, incorporating the *ad hoc* subcommittee’s input, after which the ad hoc subcommittee will be concluded. These recommendations may include AI-related policies, new technology procurements and data initiatives that involve an AI system, and the governance for proactively managing and monitoring new AI advancements.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Information technology and telecommunication services are a significant way the public interacts with the County of San Diego, and the increased proliferation of Artificial Intelligence has the potential for impacting County services and programs. The creation of an ad hoc committee of the Board allows for consideration of the equity impacts of these technological advances with community input.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this request. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years. There may be fiscal impacts associated with future related recommendations, which staff would return to the Board for consideration and approval.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

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County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



**Signed**  
**by** Andrew Potter

