

## **2021 Legislative Action and Achievements**

***“I am here to make County government work for you. As I conclude my first year in office as County Supervisor for the Second District, I am proud of my team and the work we do on your behalf. Below is a list of our legislative accomplishments this year – many of which were proposed by my constituents. Together, we were successful and with your continued engagement and support, I am eager to continue serving our community in 2022.”***

***Joel Anderson  
Supervisor, Second District***

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### **Keeping the Public Safe**

- Increased funding and simplified the process for Sheriffs to be able to shut down nearly 100 illegal drug operations in the unincorporated communities of San Diego County.
- Increased the required distance legal marijuana dispensaries must be from parks, churches, and daycare centers.
- Stopped the placement of 3 Sexually Violent Predators in District 2 and changed policies to make it more difficult to place SVPs in East County.

### **Fire and Emergency Safety**

- Funded a plan to clear overgrown vegetation alongside roads in high fire threat areas.
- Directed County staff to mitigate community impacts of Public Safety Power Shutoffs.
- Streamlined emergency ambulance services in the greater Santee / Lakeside area.

### **Mental Health/Homelessness**

- Initiated finding locations for emergency homeless shelters and safe parking lots in East County.
- Secured funding for a rental assistance program for those at risk of becoming homeless.
- Expanded the Mobile Crisis Response Team and social service outreach in East County to treat behavioral and mental health emergencies.
- Initiated adding a Crisis Stabilization Unit for East County to provide those experiencing behavioral health crises the ability to get stabilized, obtain medical and mental health services, and be connected to resources.

### **Attainable Housing**

- Increased funding for construction of Affordable housing.

- Began update of building codes to make it easier to build senior and assisted living housing and allow use of innovative and cost-saving housing types.
- Incentivized the redevelopment of underused commercial sites.

### **Economic Development**

- Helped local businesses recover financially from the pandemic through a \$30 million small business grant program.
- Started County program to allow home chefs to prepare, sell, and serve meals from their licensed and inspected home kitchens.
- Provided rental assistance money to small landlords whose tenants cannot pay them due to COVID-19 financial hardships.
- Included innovative renewable energy resources like wave technology and geothermal in the County's plan to reduce carbon emissions.
- Expanding and enhancing broadband service for rural communities and tribal nations through microtrenching project.

### **Public Lands and Recreation**

- Secured \$6 million for park improvements at El Monte River Valley property in Lakeside.
- Began partnerships with local agencies to protect recreational access to East County lakes and reservoirs.
- Secured grant to create an off-highway motor vehicle park in San Diego County.

### **Refugee Assistance**

- Coordinated County response to Afghan refugees and requested Congress use "frozen" Afghanistan government assets to cover resettlement costs.