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**ANDERSON & VARGAS HOME KITCHENS INITIATIVE
RECEIVES UNANIMOUS SUPPORT**

***Staff to Return to Board of Supervisors in 120 Days with Ordinance for
Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations***

(SAN DIEGO) – On Wednesday, September 15, 2021, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to approve a board letter put forth by Supervisor Joel Anderson and Vice Chair Nora Vargas. This is the first step which will begin the process of establishing “MEHKOs”, or microenterprise home kitchen operations, in San Diego County.

Supervisor Anderson commented, “MEHKOs are a great opportunity for those with an entrepreneurial spirit and a desire to enrich their community through their food. I am thankful to Vice Chair Vargas for partnering with me on this item and to our Board colleagues for recognizing the importance of MEHKOs.”

“Adopting the MEHKOS program will help lift non-traditional food entrepreneurs creating a more inclusive and equitable food economy,” said Vice Chair Nora Vargas. “We need to remove barriers and help these home kitchens operate legally so that families can prosper and thrive, not just survive.”

County staff will return to the Board of Supervisors in 120 days with a recommended ordinance for adoption. During this 120 day period, County staff will be soliciting public input to help shape the ordinance.

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