

FIRST 5 COMMISSION OF SAN DIEGO

The Commission's vision is that all children ages 0 through 5, are safe, healthy, actively learning, and embraced by loving families and supportive communities.

April 16, 2026
12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101
Room 302

AGENDA

ITEM	SUBJECT	PRESENTER(S)
A	<p>Welcome - Roll Call and Roll Call</p> <p>Special Acknowledgment: KidSTART Center – Rady Children’s Health Staff Retirement – Nancy Page</p>	<p>Executive Director Arguilez</p>
B Action	<p>Approval of the Meeting Minutes of the First 5 Commission of San Diego – February 24, 2026 Supporting Document</p>	<p>Chair Lawson-Remer</p>
C	<p>Opportunity for Public Comment</p> <p>Items not on the Agenda – Limit three minutes per speaker. (<i>Request to Speak</i> slips for Public Comment or any other item on the agenda must be submitted to Commission staff prior to the meeting being called to order). E-Comments may be submitted prior to the meeting and must be received prior to the posting of the agenda.</p>	<p>Chair Lawson-Remer</p>
D	<p>Commissioner Recusal Reminder</p> <p>All Commissioners are reminded to recuse themselves from voting on any agenda item that has a real or perceived conflict of interest.</p>	<p>Chair Lawson-Remer</p>

<p>E Action</p>	<p>Consent Calendar</p> <p>The Commission will vote on any action items not pulled for discussion by Commissioners or members of the public. Item(s) available for the Consent Calendar is/are:</p> <p>Item 4: Revised Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operating Budget Item 7: Sunset Review of Commission Policies Item 8: Renew PRISM: Master Crime Insurance Program</p>	<p>Chair Lawson-Remer</p>
<p>1 Information</p>	<p>Finance Committee Report Supporting Document</p> <p>The Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2026 will be presented.</p>	<p>Finance Committee Chair Macedo</p>
<p>2 Presentation</p>	<p>Presentation on the Behavioral Health Services Act Supporting Documents</p> <p>The Commission will receive a presentation on the new Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) and the Prevention and Early Intervention Funds to be directed by CA Department of Public Health.</p>	<p>Nadia Privara, MPA Director Behavioral Health Services & Yael Koenig, LCSW, Deputy Director, Behavioral Health Services</p>
<p>3 Public Hearing Action</p>	<p>*** OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ***</p> <p>First 5 San Diego Strategic Plan 2025 – 2030 Annual Review Supporting Document</p> <p>The Commission is asked to receive an update on the activities related to the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan in a public hearing as required annually by Sections 130140 (C)(iii) and (E) of the California Health and Safety Code.</p> <p>*** CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ***</p>	<p>Executive Director Arguilez</p>

<p>4 Action</p>	<p>Approval of the Revised Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operating Budget and Corresponding Increase in Allocation for the Home Visiting Program Supporting Documents</p> <p>The Commission is asked to approve the revised Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operating Budget, including the increase in revenue from HHS Self Sufficiency Services for the CalWORKs Home Visiting program and the increase in allocation to the home visiting contracts.</p>	<p>Executive Director Arguilez</p>
<p>5 Action</p>	<p>Approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Operating Budget, 5-year Financial Spending Plan for FY 2025-30 and Sustainability Budget for FY 2026-27 Supporting Documents</p> <p>The Commission is asked to approve the FY 2026-27 Operating Budget, 5-year Financial Spending Plan for FY 2025-30, and Sustainability Budget for FY 2026-27.</p>	<p>Executive Director Arguilez</p>
<p>6 Action</p>	<p>Commission Position on Local Measure: Protect San Diego County's Health and Safety Act Supporting Documents</p> <p>The Commission will review and consider taking a position on the proposed Protect San Diego County's Health and Safety Act.</p>	<p>Commissioner Alvarez</p>
<p>7 Action</p>	<p>Sunset Review of Commission Policies Supporting Documents</p> <p>The Commission is asked to approve the revision of Commission policies at their sunset review date.</p>	<p>Executive Director Arguilez</p>
<p>8 Action</p>	<p>Renew PRISM Master Crime Insurance Program Supporting Documents</p> <p>The Commission is asked to approve the renewal of the Master Crime insurance program.</p>	<p>Executive Director Arguilez</p>
<p>9 Information</p>	<p>Executive Director Report Supporting Documents</p> <p>This is a standing agenda item report from the Executive Director.</p>	<p>Executive Director Arguilez</p>

Future Agenda Items		
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval of the First 5 San Diego Annual Report to First 5 CA for FY 2025-2026• Approval of the Annual Financial Audit for FY 2025-26• Strategic Implementation Plan 2025-2030 Update	Chair Lawson-Remer

If you are planning to attend and need special accommodations, please contact Karen Hays at (619) 310-7132 at least three days in advance of the meeting.

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.5, written materials distributed to the Commission in connection with this agenda less than 72 hours before the meeting will be made available to the public at 9655 Granite Ridge Drive, Suite 120, San Diego, CA 92123

The next Commission meeting will be on October 13th, 2026.

Copies of the Commission meeting agenda are provided at all meetings. Support and background documents for the agenda items are available on the Commission's website.

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Non-Agenda eComments Received

The attached are public eComments received by the Commission prior to the 72 hours of posting of the agenda.

**Chair
Lawson-Remer**

<p>1 Information</p>	<p>Finance Committee Report Supporting Documents</p> <p>This is a standing agenda item report from the Finance Committee.</p> <p>Overview: The Finance Committee met on March 23, 2026. This item updates the Commission on its financial status as of February 28, 2026.</p> <p>The FY 2025-26 revised operating budget was reviewed and approved for Commission final approval. As well as the new FY 2026-27 Operating Budget and corresponding 5-year Financial Spending Plan FY 2025-2030 were reviewed and approved to go forward to the Commission for final approval.</p> <p>The Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2026 will be presented.</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: None.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact: None.</p> <p>Attachments: 1) Item 1-1 Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2026</p>	<p>Finance Committee Chair Macedo</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">2 Presentation</p>	<p>Presentation on the Behavioral Health Services Act Supporting Documents</p> <p>Overview: The Commission will receive a presentation from Behavioral Health Services that highlights the County of San Diego’s integrated plan and the change to prevention and early intervention funding to be administered by the CA Department of Public Health under the newly approved Proposition 1.</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: None.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact: None.</p> <p>Attachments: 1) Item 2-1 BHSA Presentation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Nadia Privara, MPA Director Behavioral Health Services & Yael Koenig, LCSW, Deputy Director, Behavioral Health Services</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">3 Public Hearing</p> <p>Action</p>	<p>Public Hearing First 5 San Diego Strategic Plan 2025 – 2030 Annual Review Supporting Document</p> <p>One copy will be available for public review. The report can be accessed online at www.first5sandiego.org</p> <p>Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker.</p> <p>Overview:</p> <p>Fiscal Impact: The Health and Safety Code grants First 5 California authority to withhold funding from any county commission failing to annually review its Strategic Plan.</p> <p>Attachment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Item 3-1 Annual Review of Strategic Plan Presentation	<p style="text-align: center;">Executive Director Arguilez</p>
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Action

**Approval of the Revised Fiscal Year 2025-26
Operating Budget and Corresponding Increase in
allocation for the CalWORKs Home Visiting Program.**
Supporting Document

Overview:

The Commission is asked to approve the revised FY 2025 – 26 operating budget and contract allocation for the home visiting program.

Approvals were reviewed by the Finance Committee on March 23, 2026, and were approved for presentation and approval by the Commission at this meeting.

Item 4-2, dated February 23, 2026, reflects an augmentation in funding to the CalWORKs Home Visiting Program in the amount of **\$401,668**.

This funding will be allocated across all four (4) home visiting contracts outlined below.

Staff Recommendations:

- 1) Find that the proposed First 5 San Diego Funding allocations are consistent with the Commission's Strategic plan, further the support and improvement of early care and education throughout the County and provide a public benefit.
- 2) Approve the revised FY 2025-26 Operating Budget
- 3) Authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to execute contract amendments increasing funding for the four (4) contracts listed as follows:

Contract Number	Organization	Total Amended Amount
575193	Home Start, Inc.	\$1,921,500
575187	Palomar Health Development, Inc	\$1,426,643
575189	SAY San Diego, Inc	\$1,861,538
575191	SBCS	\$1,259,584
543149	AAP Coordination	\$ 657,811
	Total	\$ 7,127,076

Fiscal Impact:

- 1) Up to **\$31,891,237** will be approved for operations and programs for the FY2026-27 fiscal year.
- 2) Approve receipt of additional revenue in the amount of **\$401,668** from CDSS for CalWORKs HV program.
- 3) FY 2025-26 Home Visiting allocation will increase by **\$401,668**.

Attachments:

- 1) Item 4-1 Revised FY 2025-26 Operating Budget
- 2) Item 4-2 CDSS County Fiscal Letter 2.23.26
- 3) Item 4-3 CDSS County Fiscal Letter 10.23.25

**Executive
Director
Arguilez**

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Action**

Approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Operating Budget, 5-year Financial Spending Plan for FY 2025-30 and Sustainability Budget for FY 2026-27

Supporting Documents

Overview:

The draft FY 2026-27 Operating Budget, 5-year Financial Spending Plan, FY 2026-27 Sustainability Budget were reviewed by the Finance Committee on March 23, 2026 and were approved for presentation and approval by the Commission at this meeting.

The FY 2026-27 Operating Budget and funding for contracts that will continue are included as separate recommendations in Item 5-4.

Staff Recommendations:

- 1) Find that the proposed First 5 San Diego Funding allocations are consistent with the Commission's Strategic Plan, further the support and improvement of early care and education throughout the County and provide a public benefit.
- 2) Approve the FY 2026-27 Operating Budget, Sustainability Budget and 5-year Financial Spending Plan.
- 3) Approve funding for the contracts listed in Item 5-4 for up to the amounts and fiscal years identified.
- 4) Authorize the Executive Director, or her designee, to negotiate a project length budget and execute an agreement or amendment with each contractor approved in recommendation item 3 above.

Fiscal Impact:

- 1) Up to **\$26,080,187** will be approved for operations and programs for the 2026-27 fiscal year.
- 2) Approval of the Financial Spending Plan for funding through FY 2025-30.

Attachments:

- 1) Item 5-1 FY 2026-27 Operating Budget
- 2) Item 5-2 FY 2025-30 5-year Financial Spending Plan
- 3) Item 5-3 FY 2026-27 Sustainability Fund Budget
- 4) Item 5-4 FY 2026-27 Contracts Overview
- 5) Item 5-5 FY 2026-27 Budget Overview Presentation

**Executive
Director
Arguilez**

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Action

Commission Position on Local Measure: Protect San Diego County's Health and Safety Act

Supporting Documents

Overview:

This is a local citizens initiative to fund health and safety services within San Diego County. If approved, the measure would establish a Countywide retail transaction and use tax of one-half percent (.5%) until repealed by voters, it would be collected in a similar manner as a state sales tax and would have specified exemptions and exclusions.

The initiative would establish the Protect San Diego County's Health and Safety Fund from revenues generated.

First 5 San Diego is named as the administrator of twenty-two percent (22%) of the funds in support of childcare and children's healthy development and safety. These funds would support childcare and pre-Kindergarten education programs and early childhood mental health/behavioral services.

Further breakdown of how these funds are to be allocated is as follows:

1. Eight percent (8%) on childcare stipends to licensed providers, prioritizing infants and toddlers, for the purpose of supplementing compensation and training expenses for early childhood educators and caregivers.
2. Eight percent (8%) on childcare vouchers for families;
3. Six percent (6%) on early childhood mental/behavioral health services, including but not limited to supporting the First 5 Healthy Development Services program.

Commissioner Alvarez Recommendation:

- 1) Find that supporting the Protect San Diego County's Health and Safety Act is consistent with the Commission's Strategic Plan.
- 2) Express the Commission's support for the Protect San Diego County's Health and Safety Act and forward such recommendation to the County Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs, in accordance with Board Policy A-74 and Commission Policy F5C-002.

Fiscal Impact:

- 1) If passed, this could result in approximately \$80M in annual funding to the Commission.

Attachments:

- 1) Item 6-1 Protect San Diego County's Health and Safety Act

**Commissioner
Alvarez**

<p style="text-align: center;">7 Action</p>	<p>Sunset Review of Commission Policies Supporting Documents</p> <p>Overview: In accordance with the sunset review date, Commission staff have reviewed the policy and are recommending the following changes.</p> <p>Community Events F5C-005: Minor language changes and references for updating and consistency.</p> <p>Staff Recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Adopt the Commission policy on Community Events.2) Set the review date of April 2030 for F5C-005 <p>Fiscal Impact: None.</p> <p>Attachments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Corresponding Commission Policy.	<p style="text-align: center;">Executive Director Arguilez</p>
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<p>8 Action</p>	<p>Renew PRISM Master Crime Insurance Program Supporting Documents</p> <p>The Commission is asked to approve the renewal of the Master Crime Insurance Program and authorize the Executive Director to execute any required documents.</p> <p>Overview: Since 2014, the Commission has participated in the Master Crime Insurance Program, administered by Public Risk Innovation, Solutions, and Management (PRISM), which provides coverage for illegal acts committed by employees while on the job. PRISM is a joint powers authority sponsored by the California State Association of Counties to provide risk coverage programs for public agencies. As of 2026, PRISM now requires a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and execution of a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) in order to renew the Master Crime Insurance Policy.</p> <p>Staff Recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approve the renewal of the FY 26-27 Master Crime Insurance Policy with PRISM. 2) Authorize the Executive Director, or her designee, to execute any documents required for the renewal, including an MOU or JPA, on behalf of the Commission. <p>Fiscal Impact:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Up to \$3,609 will be approved in premium fees to maintain the insurance policy for the 2026-27 fiscal year. <p>Attachments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 8-1 PRISM Master Crime Policy MOU 2) 8-2 PRISM Joint Powers Agreement 	<p>Executive Director Arguilez</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">9 Information</p>	<p>Executive Director Report Supporting Documents</p> <p>Overview:</p> <p>The Commission will be given an update on the activities of the First 5 Commission.</p> <p>A written status report of Commission activities is provided.</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: None.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact: None.</p> <p>Attachments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Item 9-1 Executive Director Report 2) Item 9-2 OHI Supporting Document 3) Item 9-3 Strategic Behavioral Health Initiative Coalition Feedback and Recommendations Optimal Care Pathways dated March 23, 2026 4) Item 9-4 Behavioral Health Services update on creating the Children, Youth and TAY Behavioral Health Continuum Framework board letter dated March 24, 2026 	<p style="text-align: center;">Executive Director Arguilez</p>
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