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TO: Robin Stieler, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chairman Doug Chaffee, Fourth District  
Supervisor Janet Nguyen, First District 

SUBJECT: Supplemental Item for April 8, 2025 Board of Supervisors Meeting

Chairman Doug Chaffee and Supervisor Janet Nguyen requests that a supplemental item be placed on the April 8, 2025, Board meeting agenda. The recommended actions are as follows:

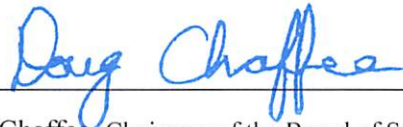
1. Adopt the attached resolution urging the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to review and reassess the terms of the plea agreement and sentencing recommendation for former Supervisor Andrew Hoang Do in *United States v. Andrew Hoang Do*, United States District Court, 8:24-cr-00126 JVS.
2. Authorize and direct County Counsel to send, on behalf of the Board, a formal letter to Attorney General Pam Bondi requesting (1) a review of the plea agreement and sentencing, and (2) the advancement of the DOJ's investigation into other individuals involved in the scheme.

There is strong concern that, as an elected official, Andrew Do received special treatment from the federal prosecutors, resulting in a single criminal charge that does not fully reflect the severity and extent of Do's corrupt behavior. His plea agreement, which significantly limits his sentencing, stands in stark contrast to harsher penalties imposed on others who committed similar crimes involving public funds and bribery. Additionally, the lack of further prosecutions against other individuals implicated in this scheme raises concerns about incomplete justice and the perception of unequal accountability.

This matter is time-sensitive, as Andrew Do's sentencing hearing is scheduled for June. The DOJ requires sufficient time to reassess the case and ensure equal accountability under the law. Any delay in submitting this request may obstruct a fair and thorough review of the case.

Attachment 1 – Resolution Urging DOJ Review of Andrew Do's Plea Agreement

Concur:



Doug Chaffee, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

cc: Board of Supervisors  
County Executive Office  
County Counsel

**RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS URGING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO REVIEW  
ANDREW DO'S PLEA AGREEMENT**

April 8, 2025

**WHEREAS**, former Orange County Supervisor Andrew Do abused his position as an elected official by diverting over \$10 million in federal COVID-19 relief funds to a nonprofit organization with ties to his family, Viet America Society and its dba Warner Wellness, while accepting over \$700,000 in bribes for personal enrichment; and

**WHEREAS**, emerging information suggests that Andrew Do's misconduct may extend beyond the known \$10 million in diverted COVID-19 relief funds. As potential additional instances of self-dealing benefiting himself, his family, and his associates continue to surface, further investigation is warranted; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) reached a rushed plea agreement with Andrew Do in *United States v. Andrew Hoang Do*, United States District Court, 8:24-cr-00126 JVS, capping his potential sentence at five years in federal prison, a sentence that fails to reflect the full scope of his self-dealing and corruption, particularly in comparison to similar public corruption and financial fraud cases; and

**WHEREAS**, the apparent leniency of Do's plea agreement raises concerns about disparate treatment and potential violations of the Equal Protection Clause under the Fourteenth Amendment, as private citizens convicted of COVID-19 relief fraud have received significantly harsher sentences, and other public officials convicted of similar or lesser offenses have faced longer prison terms; and

**WHEREAS**, comparable cases demonstrate the inconsistency in sentencing, such as:

- **Rami Saab**, sentenced to 10 years for fraudulently obtaining \$9.6 million in COVID relief funds;
- **Terrence L. Pounds**, sentenced to 94 months for defrauding over \$4.2 million in SBA loans;
- **Christopher John Badsey**, sentenced to 87 months for defrauding victims out of nearly \$3 million during the pandemic;
- **Former Deputy Mayor of Los Angeles, Raymond She Wah Chan**, sentenced to 12 years for accepting over \$750,000 in bribes;
- **Former Mayor of Lynwood Paul Richards**, sentenced to nearly 16 years for funneling millions in consulting contracts to a company he controlled; and

**WHEREAS**, Andrew Do's abuse of his public office to personally profit from emergency relief funds directly harmed those vulnerable communities who were depending on these critical resources for their survival during the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, allowing leniency in cases of public corruption sets a dangerous precedent that elected officials who misuse taxpayer funds for personal gain will receive preferential treatment under the law, thereby undermining public trust in the fairness of our justice system; and

**WHEREAS**, despite the DOJ's prior statements indicating that further investigations into other individuals and entities involved in Andrew Do's corruption were ongoing, no further prosecutions have been announced, raising concerns about accountability for all parties implicated in this scheme; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Orange County Board of Supervisors formally requests that U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi and the DOJ review and reassess the plea agreement reached with Andrew Do, ensuring that his sentencing aligns with the severity of his offenses; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board urges the DOJ to complete its investigations and pursue appropriate legal action against any other individuals or entities involved in Andrew Do's corrupt activities, ensuring full accountability for all parties who misused public funds; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board urges the DOJ to take all necessary steps to uphold public trust in the integrity of the justice system by ensuring that public officials who engage in corruption are held fully accountable under the law.