

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

April 22, 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 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. It also fails to reflect Do's misconduct in improperly accessing privileged and confidential communications from County Counsel related to the plea negotiations and subsequent legal matters; 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 Mayor of Upland, John Pomierski**, sentenced to 2 years for taking \$5,000 in a bribe to steer a conditional use permit for a business;
- **Former Deputy Mayor of Los Angeles, Raymond She Wah Chan**, sentenced to 12 years for accepting over \$750,000 in bribes;
- **Former Councilmember of Los Angeles, Jose Huizar**, sentenced to 13 years for taking \$1.5 million in cash bribes, luxury trips, and gifts from a developer in China;

- **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 the U.S. Attorney General and the DOJ review and reassess the plea agreement reached with Andrew Do, and to determine any subsequent breaches of the plea agreement, ensuring that his sentencing aligns with the severity of his subsequent 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.