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Accessibility Health Check

<https://sandiegocounty.gov>

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<https://daylight.sonde.life/usgov/sandiegocounty-gov/>

1 pages | 8 findings | 0 critical | 5 high | 3 medium | 0 low | 8.0 avg/page | 34 elements |
6 with findings | 82.4% ECR | 1m 14s total | 1m 14s per page

Top Findings

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HIGH Image has no accessible name in the accessibility tree. Screen readers will skip or announce it generically. WCAG 1.1.1

Page: [WCAG 1.1.1](#)

Element:

```
<!-- a11y: role="image" -->
```

SONDE FIX PLAN
Add alt text to the image. If decorative, mark with role="presentation" or alt="". WCAG 1.1.1 requires text alternatives for non-text content.

HIGH Insufficient color contrast: 2.38:1 (required: 4.5:1 for normal text). Foreground: rgb(143, 143, 143), background: rgb(221, 221, 221). Text: "The webpage at https://sandiegocounty.gov/ might be temporar". WCAG 1.4.3

Page: [WCAG 1.4.3](#)

Element:

```
<div id="sub-frame-error-details">The webpage at <strong>https://sandiegocounty.gov/</strong> might be temporarily down or it may have moved permanently to a new web address.</div>
```

2.38:1 x CURRENT **4.54:1** ✓ SUGGESTED

The webpage at https://sandieg... → The webpage at https://sandieg...

#8f8f8f on #dddddd #626161 on #dddddd

SONDE FIX PLAN
Current ratio: 2.38:1 (need 4.5:1). Change foreground from #8f8f8f to #626161 (ratio: 4.5:1).

HIGH Insufficient color contrast: 2.38:1 (required: 4.5:1 for normal text). Foreground: rgb(143, 143, 143), background: rgb(221, 221, 221). Text: "https://sandiegocounty.gov/". WCAG 1.4.3

Page: [WCAG 1.4.3](#)


Element:


```
<strong>https://sandiegocounty.gov/</strong>
```

2.38:1 x CURRENT **4.54:1** ✓ SUGGESTED


https://sandiegocounty.gov/ → https://sandiegocounty.gov/


#8f8f8f on #dddddd #626161 on #dddddd

 **SONDE FIX PLAN**
Current ratio: 2.38:1 (need 4.5:1). Change foreground from #8f8f8f to #626161 (ratio: 4.5:1).


HIGH Page has no detectable navigation mechanisms (no <nav>, search, sitemap link, breadcrumbs, or table of contents). Users need multiple ways to locate content. WCAG 2.4.5 

Page: [/ WCAG 2.4.5](#)

 **SONDE FIX PLAN**
Add at least two of: site navigation (<nav>), search functionality (input[type="search"] or role="search"), a sitemap link, breadcrumb navigation, or a table of contents.

HIGH Missing Strict-Transport-Security header (HSTS) 

Page: [/](#)


 **SONDE FIX PLAN**
Add Strict-Transport-Security header with max-age of at least 31536000 Add X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff Add X-Frame-Options: DENY or SAMEORIGIN Add a Content-Security-Policy header with appropriate directives Add Referrer-Policy: strict-origin-when-cross-origin or no-referrer


MEDIUM Document should have one main landmark: Fix all of the following: Document does not have a main landmark 

Page: [/](#)

Element:

```
<html dir="ltr" lang="en">
```


 **SONDE FIX PLAN**
Ensure the document has a main landmark. See: <https://www.w3.org/WAI/WCAG22/quickref/>

MEDIUM Zooming and scaling must not be disabled: Fix any of the following: user-scalable=no on <meta> tag disables zooming on mobile devices WCAG 1.4.4 

Page: [/ WCAG 1.4.4](#)

Element:

```
<meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0, maximum-scale=1.0, user-scalable=no">
```

 **SONDE FIX PLAN**

Ensure <meta name="viewport"> does not disable text scaling and zooming. See:
<https://www.w3.org/WAI/WCAG22/Understanding/resize-text>

MEDIUM

All page content should be contained by landmarks: Fix any of the following: Some page content is not contained by landmarks



Page: /

Element:

```
<div id="main-content">
```



SONDE FIX PLAN

Ensure all page content is contained by landmarks. See:
<https://www.w3.org/WAI/WCAG22/quickref/>

Methodology

The Sonde Score is a universal 0–1000 compliance index — think of it like a credit score for accessibility. Each finding is weighted by its impact on human access: a keyboard trap (critical) counts far more than a best-practice suggestion (low). The raw penalty is normalized per page so scores are comparable across sites of any size. A harmonic curve ensures every site gets a meaningful score — no zeros, no false perfection.

$$\text{Score} = \text{round}(1000 \times S / (S + P/N))$$

where S = sensitivity (750), P = $\Sigma(\text{weight} \times \text{count})$, N = pages scanned

TIER	WEIGHT	EXAMPLES
Critical	10	Keyboard traps, missing page language
High	3	Missing alt text, insufficient contrast
Medium	1	Heading hierarchy, unclear link purpose
Low	0.25	Best-practice suggestions

The Sonde Score is a living standard (v0.1). We're building it in the open because accessibility is too important for closed-door decisions. Your expertise makes it better.

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