

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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County Administrator

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SUBJECT: Legislative Program Committee Recommendations

Recommendations:

That the Board of Supervisors' consider the following recommendations from the Legislative Program Committee of September 20, 2004:

- A. Support Proposition 1A – Protection of Local Government Revenues. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.
- B. Oppose Proposition 59 – Public Records, Open Meetings. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.
- C. Take No Action on Proposition 60 – Election Rights of Political Parties. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.
- D. Support Proposition 60A – Surplus Property. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.
- E. Forward to Board with No Recommended Action Proposition 61 – Children's Hospital Projects. Grant Program. Bond Act. Initiative Statute.
- F. Take No Action on Proposition 62 – Elections. Primaries. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.
- G. Oppose Proposition 64 – Limitations on Enforcement of Unfair Business Competition Laws. Initiative Statute.
- H. Take No Action on Proposition 65 – Local Government Funds and Revenues. State Mandates. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.
- I. Forward to Board with No Recommended Action Proposition 66 – Limitations on "Three Strikes" Law. Sex Crimes. Punishment. Initiative Statute.
- J. Forward to Board with No Recommended Action Proposition 67 - Emergency Medical Services. Funding. Telephone Surcharge. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.
- K. Oppose Proposition 68 – Non-Tribal Commercial Gambling Expansion. Tribal Gaming Compact Amendments. Revenues, Tax Exemptions. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.
- L. Forward to Board with No Recommended Action Proposition 69 – DNA Samples. Collection. Database. Funding. Initiative Statute.

- M. Oppose Proposition 70 – Tribal Gaming. Compacts. Exclusive Rights. Contributions to State. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.
- N. Take No Action on Proposition 71 – Stem Cell Research. Funding Bonds. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.
- O. Support Proposition 72 – Health Care Coverage Requirements. Referendum.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommended actions are primarily aligned with actions required by law or by routine business necessity. They are also aligned with the Board's adopted Goal #1: An efficient Government able to anticipate and respond effectively to the needs of the community.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On September 20, 2004, the Legislative Program Committee met, and discussed the sixteen Statewide Initiatives which will appear on the November 2, 2004 Ballot. Based on their review and discussion of the Initiatives, the Committee directed staff to forward the above recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. The Committee membership is as follows: Second District Supervisor Susan Rose, Third District Supervisor Gail Marshall, County Administrator Michael F. Brown, County Counsel Stephen Shane Stark, and County Auditor Controller Bob Geis. Please note. On August 3, 2004, the Board voted to Support Proposition 63 – Mental Health Services Expansion, Funding. Tax on Personal Income above \$ 1 Million.

Attached is a brief summary, in spreadsheet form, of each of the Statewide Ballot Initiatives (Attachment A). A copy of the Official Ballot Measure Summary, from both the Voter Information Guide (Attachment B) and the Supplemental Voter Guide (Attachment C - which contains Proposition 1A and Proposition 65). A copy of the entire Voter Information Guide and the Supplemental Voter Guide is available in the public information bucket in North and South County. In addition, following is a link to the California Secretary of State Voter Information Guide: http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_viguide_pg04.htm , and the Supplemental Voter Information Guide: http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_suppvig_pg04.htm .

Mandates and Service Levels:

The Legislative Program Committee is not mandated and its service levels are discretionary.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

If applicable and known, fiscal and facility impacts are discussed in the executive summary in relationship to individual recommendations. For each of the Ballot Initiatives, the Legislative Analyst provides a discussion of the State wide fiscal effects. This is included in the information provided to the Board in Attachments B and C.

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