

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 6/8/05  
**Department Name:** ADMHS  
**Department No.:** 043  
**Agenda Date:** 6/21/05  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:** 20 minutes on 6/28/05  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** James L. Broderick , Ph.D, Director  
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Kathy Gallagher, MPA, Director  
Department of Social Services (DSS);  
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Housing & Community Development;  
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Public Health Department

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**CONTACT:**

**SUBJECT:** County-wide Homeless Services Coordination

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## **Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors set a hearing for June 28, 2005 to:

- A. Consider authorizing the hire of a consultant with expertise in local homeless services to develop a plan to provide an ongoing means of coordinating homeless services county-wide without additional General Fund costs.
- B. Consider directing that the Homeless Coordination Plan be presented to the Board within seven months.

## **Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendations(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

## **Discussion:**

Five County Departments and at least fifteen (15) identifiable homeless service providers and advocacy groups as well as city and county law enforcement address the growing problem of homelessness in Santa Barbara County. However these agencies meet varying needs and a broad range of individual goals within the homeless community. As such there is not a unifying entity that coordinates the service providers and stakeholder groups.

Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services, Housing & Community Development, Department of Social Services, and Public Health Department are proposing to hire a County-wide Homeless Coordinator (contract position) for a finite six-month period to develop a plan to provide an on-going means of coordinating homeless services county-wide without additional General Fund costs. The consultant would be funded from within the Departments' existing budget appropriations.

A more detailed written report will be provided during the June 28, 2005 Board meeting.

**Special Instructions:**

Clerk of the Board shall forward a copy of the Minute Order to Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services, Attn: Lorrie Francis, Departmental Assistant, Senior

**Concurrence:**

None