



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: May 1, 2012
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Tme: 30 minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
Department Chandra L. Wallar, County Executive Officer, 568-3400
FROM: Director(s)
Contact Info: Renée Bahl, Assistant County Executive Officer, 568-3407
SUBJECT: Response to the Grand Jury Report titled "Requiem for Redevelopment"

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, acting as the Successor Agency to the former County of Santa Barbara Redevelopment Agency:

- A. Consider and adopt responses in Attachment A as the responses by the County of Santa Barbara, as the Successor Agency to the former County of Santa Barbara Redevelopment Agency, to the 2011 – 2012 Grand Jury report entitled "Requiem for Redevelopment"; and
- B. Authorize the Chair to sign the letter included as Attachment A forwarding the responses to the Presiding Judge.

Summary Text:

On March 5, 2012 the Grand Jury released a report entitled "Requiem for Redevelopment" (Attachment B). The Successor Agency to the former County of Santa Barbara Redevelopment Agency (RDA) is named as a responder to Findings 7 and 8 as well as Recommendations 1, 2a, 2b and 3.

It is recommended that the Board disagree partially with Findings 7 and 8 and include explanations for each. It is recommended that Board implement Recommendations 1, 2b and 3 and not implement Recommendation 2a. The specific recommendations are provided in the proposed letter to the Presiding Judge. (Attachment A)

Background:

The Grand Jury Report titled “Requiem for Redevelopment” found that the former County of Santa Barbara Redevelopment Agency received \$39.0 million and spent \$44.1 million over the past 11 years and has \$17 million in outstanding long-term debt and obligations.

The Report recommends that data and information detailing certain aspects of the Agency’s expenditures, along with its debt retirement schedule be posted on its website. The Report further recommends that the Successor Agency to the former RDA provide on its website plans for defining and eliminating blight and how it plans to provide low and moderate-income housing in the absence of RDAs.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No fiscal analysis required for consideration and adoption of this response.

Special Instructions:

Please forward the Board Minute Order to Errin Briggs in Planning & Development.

Attachments:

- A. Response to the Grand Jury report “Requiem for Redevelopment” dated May 1, 2012
- B. Grand Jury Report – “Requiem for Redevelopment”

Authored by:

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cc:

Mark Paul, Public Works
Ted Sten, Foreman, 2011-2012 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury