



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Social Services
Department No.:
For Agenda Of: 06/15/10
Placement: Set Hearing
Estimated Tme: 15 mins. on 06/22/10
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: No Vote Required

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Kathy Gallagher, Director, Department of Social Services
Director(s) Brian Carroll, Executive Director, Adult and Aging Network
Contact Info: Brian Carroll, 714-3499

SUBJECT: The State of Older Adults in Santa Barbara County

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: No

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: Select_Concurrence

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Set a public hearing for June 22, 2010 to accept a 15-minute report from the Adult and Aging Network (AAN) and the Area Agency on Aging on the State of Older Adults in Santa Barbara County.

Summary Text:

The Adult and Aging Network and the Area Agency on Aging is requesting to set a public hearing on June 22, 2010 to present information on trends of older adults living in Santa Barbara County. The report provides information on services, trends, and basic information of older adult programs and general health and well being. The document includes the following information (as it pertains to older adults):

Population growth projections, In-Home Supportive Services, Adult Protective Services, and Alzheimer's, Senior Caregivers, and Falls.

Background:

The growth in the older adult population in Santa Barbara County is unprecedented and will impact all aspects of services and policies generated by the County of Santa Barbara. The vast majority of older adults with disabilities live outside nursing homes, among the total elderly population with disabilities, six times as many people live at home as in nursing homes. However, approximately two-thirds of long term care expenditures for older people go to institutional care instead of home and community based services. Most help provided to older persons with

disabilities is unpaid care provided by family and friends. Providing this care can be a significant burden. Over 50% of seniors with severe disabilities rely solely on care from informal caregivers. The Adult and Aging Network and the Area Agency on Aging have prepared a brief report on emerging needs of older adults and the necessity for programs that will ensure their health, well being, and independence.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: No impacts.

Special Instructions:

Please forward one copy of the minute order to Diana Klopp, Department of Social Services, 234 Camino Del Remedio, Santa Barbara.

Attachments:

PowerPoint presentation, "The State of the Elderly in Santa Barbara County."

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