



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Sheriff
Department No.: 032
For Agenda Of: 01/29/08
Placement: Set Hearing
Estimated Tme: 60 minutes on 02/12/08
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Sheriff Bill Brown Ext. 4290
Contact Info: Steve Robel, Lieutenant Ext. 4903
SUBJECT: Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC) on Jail Overcrowding

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form:

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors set hearing on February 12th, 2008 to receive a report on the Blue Ribbon Commission's recommendations regarding the jail overcrowding.

Summary Text:

The hearing will provide the Board with a presentation and report on the Blue Ribbon Commission's findings and recommendations to mitigate jail overcrowding.

Background:

The purpose of this report is to provide the Board of Supervisors with an overview of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Jail Overcrowding (BRC) findings and recommendations regarding jail overcrowding.

The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Blue Ribbon Commission on Jail Overcrowding was convened in April, 2007, by Sheriff Bill Brown. The charter of the BRC was to:

1. Research the current jail overcrowding situation.
2. Recommend solutions, both long term and short term.
3. Build support for the Commission's recommendations with the Board of Supervisors and the public.

The Commission consisted of 20 individuals representing a broad cross section of the criminal justice system and the community. The BRC commissioners represented a diversity of perspectives and experience including:

- Representation from the northern and southern regions of the county
- Executives representing various elements of the criminal justice system including the offices of the Sheriff, District Attorney, Probation, Court and the Public Defender

- Public officials from the County and city governments, including elected officials
- Decision makers from local not-for-profit organizations, community members and professionals in prevention, recovery and intervention services

Attachments:

None

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Sheriff Bill Brown