



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

September 23, 2025

Present: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

File Reference No. 25-00668

RE: Consider recommendations regarding adopting a Support Position for Legislation on Coroners and In-Custody Deaths, Assembly Bill (AB) 1108, as follows:

a) Adopt a position to support AB 1108, which would prohibit a sheriff-coroner from determining the circumstances, manner, and cause of death for any in-custody death and instead would require contracting with another county or a private third-party medical examination provider for those determinations; and

b) Find that the proposed action is an organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and is therefore not a project under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines 14 CCR 15378(b)(5).

A motion was made by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Lee, that this matter be acted on as follows:

a) Adopted; and

b) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

Absent: 1 - Supervisor Hartmann