



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Social Services
Department No.: 044
For Agenda Of: March 15, 2022
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Daniel Nielson, Director, Social Services
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Contact Info: Raymond L. McDonald, Executive Director, Workforce
Development Board, 805-884-6817
SUBJECT: Approve Santa Barbara County Workforce Development Board Local Plan

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve the Santa Barbara County Workforce Development Board's Local Plan 2021-2024 ("Local Plan");
- b) Authorize the Chief Elected Official, Joan Hartmann, Chair of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, to sign the Local Plan; and
- c) Determine that the above actions do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment, and therefore it is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) and (5) as the proposed action is also an organizational or administrative activity.

Summary Text:

In accordance with the Federal Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) issued directive WSD20-05 for local Workforce Development Boards (WDB) to prepare their Local Plan for 2021-2024.

The Santa Barbara WDB developed and submitted the attached Local Plan to the state, who accepted it and now require the approval of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors.

Background:

The Federal/State/Local workforce development system requires several Workforce Plans: a State Plan submitted to and approved by the U.S. Department of Labor; a Regional Plan, developed & provided by the State-designated Regional Planning Units [for Santa Barbara WDB, San Luis Obispo WDB] and submitted to and approved by the State; and, a Local Plan for the jurisdiction overseen by the Local Workforce Development Board [Santa Barbara County WDB], submitted to and approved by the State.

Each of these Plans are updated regularly—and in California, it is required that the RPU Plan and Local Plan are consistent with and in alignment with the approved State Plan.

State Directive WSD20-05 outlines the following elements for the Local Plan that have been included in the Santa Barbara WDB-submitted Local Plan (attached):

- Coordination with “Core” WIOA Partners (e.g., EDD, Dept. of Rehab, Adult Ed., TANF)
- Coordination of services in the WIOA-funded “America’s Job Centers’ of California [AJCC]” partners.
- Co-enrollment of job-seekers by AJCC partners.
- Enhanced use of technology at the AJCC
- Coordination with “Strategic Partners”; CalFresh E&T, Child Support, and local community-based organizations.
- Coordination of staff training on cultural competencies; rapid response to downsizing/closing business; and individuals with barriers to employment.

Special Instructions:

Contact Linda Hillman, Santa Barbara County WDB Deputy Director [lhillman@countyofsb.org] when the signature pages have been completed to arrange collection, and email a copy of the minute order to Anthony Garduno, WDB Admin Professional [agardun@countyofsb.org].

Attachments:

Santa Barbara County Workforce Development Board Local Plan, PY 2021-2024.

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