



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: CEO  
Department No.: 064  
For Agenda Of: 5/6/14  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Directors: Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer – 568-3404  
Jeri Muth, Human Resources Director – 568-2816

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**SUBJECT:** *Public Employee Appointment: Interim Community Services Director*

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**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Appoint Renée Bahl as the Interim Community Services Department Director effective May 6, 2014; and
2. Determine that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review as it is not a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378 (b) (2).

**Summary Text:**

The Community Services Department Director position was vacated on April 23, 2014, and it is anticipated that hiring a new Director will take a minimum of six months. The Community Services Department (CSD) is responsible for leading Parks and Housing and Community Development for the County of Santa Barbara as well as coordinating with the Arts Commission and the library system. In addition, the Director must sign federal and state documents, including those related to Housing and Urban Development (HUD). With this action, the Board would appoint Assistant CEO Renée Bahl as the Interim Director to lead the Department until a permanent replacement is selected, and authorize her to sign any documents necessary to fulfill this leadership role. Ms. Bahl has coordinated the efforts of the Department with the Director since January 2012 and is familiar with operations and key issues and well-qualified to provide interim leadership.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the interim appointment.