



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: County Executive Office
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: July 10, 2007
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Tme: 10 minutes
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Michael F. Brown, County Executive Officer
Director
Contact Info: Jim Laponis, Deputy CEO, 568-3400
SUBJECT: Consider Response to the Grand Jury Report on “Illegal Immigration and the Detention System”

Recommended Actions: That the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Adopt the responses in Attachment (1) as the Board of Supervisors’ responses to the 2006-07 Grand Jury Report entitled “Illegal Immigration and the Detention System A Growing Concern”, and
- b. Authorize the Chair to sign the letter included in Attachment (1) forwarding the responses to the Presiding Judge.

Summary Text:

On May 9, 2007, the Civil Grand Jury released a report entitled “Illegal Immigration and the Detention System”. This report primarily concerns the impact of illegal immigration on the detention facilities within the County of Santa Barbara, while emphasizing that all inmates and detainees in the detention system were incarcerated because they committed crimes, not because they were suspected of being in the country illegally. The report includes two findings and two recommendations.

It is recommended that the Board adopt the responses to the Grand Jury Report contained in the attached letter to the Presiding Judge.

Background:

Per California Penal Code Section 933 (b), the governing body of the agency, the Board of Supervisors, must respond within 90 days after the issuance of the Grand Jury Report. Therefore, the Board of Supervisors' response must be finalized and transmitted to the Courts and the Grand Jury no later than August 7, 2007.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative: There are no fiscal or facilities impacts from the proposed recommendations.

Special Instructions:

The response of the Board of Supervisors must be transmitted to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court no later than Tuesday, August 7, 2007. The Clerk of the Board is requested to return the signed letter to Brenda Castillo, County Executive Office, for distribution to the Superior Court. The signed letter, written responses and a 3 ½" computer disc with the response in a Microsoft Word file must be forwarded to the Grand Jury.

Attachments: *

1. Letter to the Superior Court Judge with Board of Supervisors Responses
2. Sheriff's Departments Responses
3. Probation Departments Responses
4. Grand Jury Report entitled "Illegal Immigration and the Detention System A Growing Concern"

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