

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Agenda Number:
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Department Name: Children & Families Commission
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Placement: Administrative
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Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Naomi Schwartz
Chair, First Five Children & Families Commission

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SUBJECT: Appointment of Members to the First Five Children and Families Commission of Santa Barbara County

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. To change the term of appointment of Board of Supervisors to the First Five Children and Families Commission from June to January of each year. One Supervisor will serve as a Commissioner and the other as a Commission Alternate.
2. That the Board of Supervisors appoints Naomi Schwartz to serve as a Commissioner to the First Five Children and Families Commission of Santa Barbara County to complete the term.
3. Consider appointment of a member of the Board of Supervisors as an alternate on the First Five Children and Families Commission of Santa Barbara County to complete the current term ending January 2005.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

Goal 7: The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 7. A Community that Fosters the Safety and Well-Being of Families and Children.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

First Five Children and Families Commission of Santa Barbara County consists of nine regular and four alternate members appointed by the Board of Supervisors. One regular member is a member of the Board of Supervisors and three regular members are "County Members" selected from among the County Health Officer, and Director of Social Services, Director of Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services and Director of Probation. One alternate member is a member of the Board of Supervisors and one alternate member is the remaining "County Member" that is not appointed as a regular member.

Presently the Board of Supervisor appointments to the Commission are in effect from July to June of each year. This timing is not consistent with the regular appointments for Supervisors serving on other designated bodies. By moving the appointment time to January, the process will take place at the beginning of each calendar year.

Naomi Schwartz has served as Commissioner since 1999. Due to an oversight she was not reappointed to the Commission this year. By reappointing her to the Commission this oversight can be corrected.

Gail Marshall was appointed as alternate on January 7, 2003 to fulfill the vacancy of Tom Urbanske.

Mandates and Service Levels:

The members of the First Five Children and Families Commission will be required to devote a substantial amount of time attending Commission meetings, monitoring and evaluating existing grants, and evaluating future funding proposals.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: N/A

Special Instructions: Send a minute order of the Board's action to the First Five Children and Families Commission of Santa Barbara County.