



BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS AGENDA
LETTER

Agenda Number:

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Supervisors 105 E. Anapamu
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Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: August 14, 2018
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director (s): Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer

Contact Info: Jeff Frapwell, Assistant County Executive Officer
Richard Morgantini, Fiscal & Policy Analyst

SUBJECT: Response to 2017-2018 Grand Jury Report: Pensions in Santa Barbara County

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Consider and adopt the responses in Attachment A as the Board of Supervisors' response to the 2017-2018 Grand Jury report entitled "Pensions in Santa Barbara County", Attachment B; and
- b) Authorize the Chair to sign the letter included in Attachment A and forward the letter and responses to the Presiding Judge of Santa Barbara County Superior Court; and
- c) Determine pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15378(b)(5) that the above actions are not a project subject to CEQA review, because they are government administrative activities that do not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

Summary Text:

On June 20, 2018, the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury published a report entitled "Pensions in Santa Barbara County". Today, the Board will consider the proposed response to the report, adopt their preferred response and authorize the Board Chair to sign the response letter. The Board is required to respond in writing to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court by September 18, 2018.

Background:

On June 20, 2018, the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury published a report entitled "Pensions in Santa Barbara County". The Grand Jury concluded in part that: "There are substantial liquidity and solvency risks to the sustainability of many of the public defined benefit pension plans in the County. Management of those risks may require new policy measures." The Jury also found "the highest risks in the plans of Lompoc (six pension plans), the City of Santa Barbara (four pension plans), and Santa Maria (seven pension plans), which are the largest in the County. It found moderate risks in Guadalupe (five pension plans) and Solvang (three pension plans). It found minimal to moderate risks in Buellton (two pension plans) and Goleta (two pension plans). Risks in SBCERS are moderate and well managed". (Underlining added.)

The Board of Supervisors is named as a responder to Findings 11 and 12 and Recommendations 1 and 2.

Additional Agencies Required to Respond:

Cities of Carpinteria, Buellton, Goleta, Guadalupe, Lompoc, Santa Barbara, Santa Maria and Solvang.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Staff anticipates no fiscal or facilities impacts as a result of the Board's action on this matter.

Special Instructions:

1. As per Recommendation b, please forward the original signed letter and responses to the Presiding Judge of Santa Barbara County Superior Court.
2. Please send a copy of the signed letter and a copy of the minute order to Richard Morgantini, Fiscal & Policy Analyst, CEO office.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Board of Supervisors Response

Attachment B: Grand Jury Report

Authored by:

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