



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: June 19, 2007
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Tme: 20 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: Set Hearing to Consider Response to the Grand Jury Report on “Certificates of Participation in Pubic Financing: Is More Scrutiny Needed?”

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 “Certificates of Participation in Public Financing: Is More Scrutiny Needed?”, and
- b. Authorize the Chair to sign the letter included in Attachment (1) forwarding the responses to the Presiding Judge.

Summary Text:

On March 29, 2007, the Civil Grand Jury released a report entitled “Certificates of Participation in Public Financing: Is More Scrutiny Needed?” The report includes five findings and five recommendations. The Board of Supervisors is named as the sole Santa Barbara County government responder to the findings and recommendations.

It is recommended that the Board partially agree with three of the five finding, agree with one, and disagree with one. It is also recommended that the recommendations provided in the report will not be implemented because they are not warranted or reasonable. Details are outlined in Attachment (1). Treasurer Tax-Collector and Auditor Controller concur with the recommended Board actions.

Background:

The Grand Jury Report was released on March 29, 2007. In accordance with California Penal Code Section 933(b), the governing body of the agency (Board of Supervisors) must respond within 90 days after issuance of the report. Consequently, the Board of Supervisors’ responses must be finalized and transmitted to the Judge Melville of the Superior Court no later than Tuesday, June 26, 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 Judge Melville of the Superior Court no later than Tuesday, June 26, 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 Judge Melville with Board of Supervisors Responses
2. Grand Jury Report entitled "Certificates of Participation in Public Financing: Is More Scrutiny Needed?"

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