

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Nomination of Supervisor Salud Carbajal to NaCo Steering Committee

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Support the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) nomination of Supervisor Salud Carbajal to the National Association of Counties (NaCo) Environment, Energy, and Land Use Steering Committee.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with the Boards adopted strategic plan goal No. 1: An Efficient Government able to Anticipate and Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community, and furthers the County Administrator's proposed strategic action to maximize the effectiveness of our Federal advocacy efforts through the participation of members of the Board of Supervisors.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The National Association of Counties (NACo) was created in 1935 to represent the collective interests of County Governments in Washington D.C. NACo's membership totals more than 2,000 counties, representing over 80 percent of the nation's population.

NACo, is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. It is headquartered on Capitol Hill, and is a full-service organization that provides an extensive line of services including legislative, research, technical, and public affairs assistance, as well as enterprise services to its members. The association acts as a liaison with other levels of government, works to improve public

understanding of counties, serves as a national advocate for counties and provides resources to help them find innovative methods to meet the challenges they face. NACo is involved in a number of special projects that deal with such issues as the environment, sustainable communities, volunteerism and intergenerational studies.

In May of each year, NaCO requests all state legislative associations submit nominations for steering committee appointments for the upcoming year. NaCo's policies and legislative positions are developed by steering committees, who meet at least twice per year to review legislation and develop recommendations to be considered by the NaCo Board of Directors.

At its meeting on January 4th, the Board discussed its desire to nominate Supervisor Salud Carbajal to serve as a member of the NaCo Environment, Energy, and Land Use Steering Committee. The Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee is responsible for reviewing, developing and recommending policy on matters pertaining to air, water, and noise pollution control; solid and hazardous waste management and disposal; the preservation and proper utilization of water resources; energy; and the use of land resources, including comprehensive planning, coastal zone management, growth management, energy facilities siting, and recreation.

For several years, past Supervisor Naomi Schwartz served as a member of the Environment, Energy, and Land Use Steering Committee. The Board and community benefited from the County's direct involvement in debating and creating national policies and priorities affecting counties. Based on the Board's discussion, it is recommended that the County seeks to continue to receive this benefit through the nomination of Supervisor Salud Carbajal to this important NaCo Committee.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Membership and participation in NaCo is not a mandated activity. There are no service level requirements associated with this recommendation.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Funding for membership and participation in NaCo is a general fund expenditure of approximately \$7,700 annually, and is included for this purpose in the County Administrator's adopted FY 2004-05 Budget (page D-14). Funding for travel to Washington D.C. to participate in NaCo Subcommittee meetings is also included in the adopted FY 2004-2005 Budget.