

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Response to 2004-05 Grand Jury Report - "Got Money to Burn?" –The Tobacco Settlement Advisory Committee and Santa Barbara County's Health Care Community

Recommendations:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Adopt the Public Health Department's responses to Findings and Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 in the 2004-05 Grand Jury Report "Got Money to Burn?"-The Tobacco Settlement Advisory Committee (TSAC) and Santa Barbara County's Health Care Community as the Board's responses.
- B. Adopt the recommended responses to Finding and Recommendation 5 in the referenced Grand Jury Report as the Board's responses to the Finding and Recommendation each of which was directed exclusively to the Board.
- C. Authorize the Chair to sign the attached transmittal letter (Attachment 1) to the Honorable Judge Anderson, Superior Court and Grand Jury Foreperson transmitting to the Court and Grand Jury the Board's adopted responses to the Report.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 1. An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The referenced Grand Jury Report (Attachment 2) was released on April 7, 2005. In accordance with Penal Code Section 933(c), the governing body of the affected agency (Board of Supervisors) must respond within 90 days after issuance of the Grand Jury report. Consequently, the Board of Supervisors' response must be

finalized and transmitted to the Presiding Judge of the Court no later than July 6, 2005. Hearing the matter today, June 28, 2005, will allow the Board two opportunities, if necessary, to discuss and adopt a response. If necessary, a second discussion could be scheduled for July 5, 2005.

The “Got Money to Burn?” Grand Jury Report contains 6 Findings and 6 Recommendations. The Tobacco Settlement Advisory Committee and the Board of Supervisors are the only required respondents. The Public Health Department, as staff to the Tobacco Settlement Advisory Committee, submitted their response (Attachment 3) to the Grand Jury on June 3, 2005. It is recommended that the Board adopt the Public Health Department’s responses, to which the TSAC has concurred, as the Board’s responses to those findings and recommendations.

Finding and Recommendation 5 of the Grand Jury Report were directed exclusively to the Board of Supervisors. It is recommended that the Board adopt staff’s recommended responses to Finding and Recommendation 5 contained in the transmittal letter (Attachment 1) to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court and the Grand Jury Foreperson.

Mandates and Service Levels:

California Penal Code Section 933(c) requires that no later than 90 days after the Grand Jury submits a final report on the operations of a public agency, the governing body of the public agency shall comment to the presiding judge of the superior court on the findings and recommendations pertaining to matters under its control. These comments, in and of themselves, do not change existing programs or services levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The recommended responses do not have any direct fiscal or facilities impacts.

Special Instructions:

The response of the Board of Supervisors must be transmitted to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court no later than July 6, 2005. 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 3½” computer disc with the response in Microsoft Word must be forwarded to the Grand Jury.

Attachments:

1. Board of Supervisors transmittal letter
2. 2004-05 Grand Jury Report – “Got Money to Burn?”
3. Public Health Department TSAC Response

cc: Dr. Elliot Schulman, Director and Health Officer, Public Health
Charles Foley, Foreperson, 2004-05 Civil Grand Jury
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