

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Michael F. Brown  
County Administrator

**STAFF CONTACT:** James Laponis  
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**SUBJECT:** Letter Urging State to Balance its Budget Without Impacting Counties

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## **Recommendations:**

That the Board of Supervisors: Authorize the Chair to sign letters to the Governor, our State Delegates and Appropriations Committee Chairs urging them to balance the State budget without taking additional funds from counties.

## **Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

This matter speaks directly to each organizational value, goal and critical issue adopted by the Board.

## **Executive Summary and Discussion:**

The members of the County Labor-Management Collaborative have unanimously approved recommending that the Board join them in sending letters to the Governor, our State Delegation and Appropriations Committee Chairs urging them to balance the State's budget deficit without taking additional funds from counties. (Counties are already sending over \$3 billion per year to the State's Education Revenue Augmentation Fund – ERAF- with Santa Barbara County's General Fund sending over \$36 million in FY 2001/02.)

This letter writing effort would be the first of its kind in the history of Santa Barbara County where the employee groups, managers and Board of Supervisors formally speak as one to the State of California.

## **Mandates and Service Levels:**

Although the recommended action is not mandated, if the effort is successful, it could allow the County to maintain its service levels.

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**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Urging to State to balance its budget without impacting counties could help avoid a significant negative impact on all County funds.

Attachments

cc: Santa Barbara County Labor-Management Collaborative