



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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Department Name: CEO/GS
Department No.: 012/063
For Agenda Of: August 29, 2017
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Time: 15 Minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director (s): Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer; Janette Pell, Director, General Services. Contact Info: Joe Toney, Assistant Director, General Services; Richard Morgantini, Fiscal & Policy Analyst. Includes handwritten signatures and note: 'Steph Gray for Janette D. Pell'.

SUBJECT: Response to 2016-2017 Grand Jury Report: Public Safety Radio Coverage; All Districts

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 2016-2017 Grand Jury report entitled "Public Safety Radio Coverage", 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 it is a government administrative activity that does not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

Summary Text:

On June 19, 2017, the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury published a report entitled "Public Safety Radio Coverage, Is Our Safety At Risk". 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 17, 2017.

Background:

On June 19, 2017, the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury published a report entitled "Public Safety Radio Coverage, Is Our Safety At Risk". The Grand Jury concluded: "Reliable radio reception for public safety agencies has been problematic in select areas of Santa Barbara County. The 2016-17 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury spoke with many law enforcement officers who recounted situations in which their work was hampered by poor reception, or no reception. Their safety and the public's safety are at risk. Santa Barbara County is in the process of putting up towers to increase coverage and eliminate dead spots in radio reception. The Jury recommends this be completed as soon as possible."

The Board of Supervisors is named as a responder to Findings 3 and 4, as well as Recommendations 3 and 4. The Sheriff is named as a responder to Findings 1, 2 and 3 as well as Recommendations 1, 2 and 3.

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; "Public Safety Radio Coverage"

Authored by:

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Attachment A