



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: 11/5/2013
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Time: 45 minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department *QB on behalf of*
Director(s) Legislative Program Committee
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SUBJECT: DRAFT 2014 Legislative Platform

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: NA

Recommended Actions:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive a report on issues and projects included as part of the County's Draft 2014 Legislative Platform; and
2. Provide staff with direction about any recommended changes to the County's Draft 2014 Legislative Platform

Summary Text:

The Legislative Program Committee has forwarded the Draft 2014 Legislative Platform for review, discussion and recommendations for possible changes. This Board review of the Draft Platform was a recommended additional step during the deliberations on the 2013 Legislative Platform. Any changes approved by Board action will be made by staff and final changes reviewed prior to consideration by the Legislative Program Committee at their December meeting. The 2014 Legislative Platform will be brought back for consideration and possible final adoption at the Board's January 14, 2014 meeting.

Each year, the County identifies specific issues, projects and/or programs ("priorities") to include within the County's legislative platform. Once adopted by the Board of Supervisors, the 2014 Legislative Platform ("platform") will be used by the County to communicate the County's priorities to the federal and state governments.

Background:

The development of the Draft 2014 Legislative Platform began in August when the County's Legislative Program Committee ("Committee") reviewed the legislative principles. During the development of the platform, County staff also discussed potential issues and projects with its federal and state delegation and began designing a legislative strategy. Strategies involve funding requests, crafting new or amending existing legislation and advocacy of program and grant funding and regulatory reform. Following Board adoption of the 2014 Legislative Platform, it will be used to communicate the County's priorities to the federal and state officials as well as other intergovernmental entities.

The Committee is continuing to recommend legislative principles, including the following:

- Job Growth/Economic Vitality
- Efficient Service Delivery/Operations
- Fiscal Stability
- Interagency Collaboration
- Local Control
- Health and Human Services
- Community Sustainability.

The Committee is recommending the Board consider positions on 34 individual platform planks that align with the legislative principles listed above. Each of the Draft 2014 Legislative Platform planks can be categorized as a funding request, legislative proposal and/or targeted advocacy.

County staff works closely with our state and federal advocates and partners to develop effective strategies to address the countywide needs as well as effective strategies to address platform items.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The Draft 2014 Legislative Platform includes requests for project and program funding, legislation and advocacy for public service improvements that may increase available revenue, change service levels and thereby reduce or increase the cost of doing business.

Attachments:

A – Draft 2014 Legislative Platform

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