BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

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Agenda Number:

Department Name:	CEO
Department No.:	012
For Agenda Of:	10/8/2013
Placement:	Departmental
Estimated Tme:	15 minutes
Continued Item:	No
If Yes, date from:	
Vote Required:	Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM:

Department Director(s)	Legislative Program Committee, 568.3400
Contact Info:	Dennis Bozanich, Assistant to the CEO, 568-3400

SUBJECT: **Letter of Support – SCA 7, AB 919 and Watch Letter for AB 52**

County Counsel Concurrence	**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**
As to form: Yes	As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

A. Consider taking a support position on State Constitutional Amendment (SCA) 7 (Wolk), and Assembly Bill (AB) 919 (Williams),

B. Consider taking a watch position on AB 52 (Gatto), and

C. Authorize the Chair to sign and direct staff to forward appropriate advocacy letters to members of the legislature including, but not limited to, legislative author, the county legislative delegation, appropriate committee chairs and the Governor.

Summary Text:

The majority of Legislative Program Committee voted to request that the Board of Supervisors consider a support position on State Constitutional Amendment (SCA) 7, and Assembly Bill (AB) 919 at the Legislative Program Committee Meeting on September 9, 2013. Proposed letters of support to the legislation's author attached. Additionally, the Legislative Program Committee voted to request that the Board of Supervisors consider a watch position on AB 52 which includes suggested amendments for the author's consideration. These pieces of legislation are designated as two-year bills and will be taken up in January 2014.

Background:

State Constitutional Amendment (SCA) 7 is a constitutional measure that seeks to reduce the local vote threshold for special library taxes and construction bonds from the current two-thirds vote to 55%. The enactment of SCA 7 would enable the County to have a steady source of funding for our Libraries separate from the County general fund if the citizens vote to make it a priority.

The enactment of AB 919 would create a temporary grant program to reimburse certain qualified veterans, working as itinerant vendors, for a portion of taxes, interest and penalties paid to the Board of Equalization for which no sales tax was collected from consumers between April 1, 2002, and April 1, 2010. The funding for this temporary grant program is capped at $50,000 statewide.

AB 52 seeks to address tribal concerns, but the Legislative Program Committee believed it will likely have unintended consequences. It introduces a new type of resource into California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Tribal Cultural Resource, which considers tribal cultural values in addition to scientific values. These tribal cultural resources may include sites, features, places, and objects that have cultural value, including cultural landscapes and sacred places. The Legislative Program Committee voted to watch AB 52 and suggests that a list of concerns, on the amended version of the bill as of September 5, 2013, be forwarded to the author for consideration as additional amendments.

All of these pieces of legislation are designated by the Legislature as two year bills. As such, they will be taken up for consideration again in January 2014.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Fiscal or facility impacts directly associated with these advocacy letters are not known at this time.

Attachments:

Attachment A – SCA 7 (Wolk)

Attachment A-1 – Proposed Support Letter for SCA 7

Attachment B – AB 919 (Williams)

Attachment B-1 – Proposed Letter of Support for AB 919

Attachment C – AB 52 (Gatto)

Attachment C-1 – Proposed Watch Letter for AB 52

Attachment C-2 – Watch Letter for AB 52 sent by County Executive Officer on 9/11/2013

Authored by:

Dennis Bozanich, Assistant to the County Executive Officer

CC: