



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: County Executive Office
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: June 23, 2009
Placement: Departmental
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If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Michael F. Brown, County Executive Officer
Director
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SUBJECT: Consider and Adopt the Response to the 2008-09 Grand Jury Report on Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt the responses, as the Board of Supervisors' responses to the 2008-2009 Grand Jury Report entitled "Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System;"
- b) Authorize the Chair to sign the letter forwarding the responses to the Presiding Judge; and
- c) As per the Boards response to the Grand Jury, adopt as County policy the relevant portions of Recommendation 13 of the Public Employee Post-employment Benefits Commission report as follows:
 - Consistent with past practices, all pension or OPEB benefit changes will be publicly noticed;
 - An actuarial valuation will continue to be performed on any changes which, by law, require a valuation and the County's actuary will be available to answer questions regarding the valuation and provide additional information at the public hearing; and
 - Pension-related benefit changes submitted for adoption by the Board of Supervisors will be placed on the Board Agenda as a departmental item.

Summary Text:

On March 15, 2009, the Civil Grand Jury released a report entitled "Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System." The report includes six findings and seven recommendations. The Board of Supervisors was named as the Santa Barbara County government responder to finding six and recommendation six. The Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System (SBCERS) was also named as an independent Board responder to findings one through five and recommendation one through six.

It is recommended that the Board partially agree with finding six and implement recommendation six.

Background:

Per California Penal Code Section 933 (b), the governing body of the agency, the Board of Supervisors, must respond within 90 days after the issuance of the Grand Jury Report. Therefore, the Board of Supervisors' response must be finalized and transmitted to the Courts and the Grand Jury no later than July 10, 2009.

Fiscal Analysis:

There are no fiscal impacts associated with filing this report.

Special Instructions:

The response of the Board of Supervisors must be transmitted to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court no later than July 10, 2009. 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 3 ½" computer disc with the response in a Microsoft Word file must be forwarded to the Grand Jury.

Attachments:

1. Letter to the Superior Court Judge with Board of Supervisors Responses
2. Grand Jury Report entitled "Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System"

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