



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name:  
Department No.:  
For Agenda Of: June 26, 2007  
Placement: Set Hearing  
Estimated Tme: 10 minutes on 7/10/07  
Continued Item: NO  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Michael F. Brown, County Executive Officer  
Director  
Contact Info: Jim Laponis, Deputy CEO, 568-3400  
**SUBJECT: Set Hearing to Consider Response to the Grand Jury Report on “Illegal Immigration and the Detention System”**

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**Recommended Actions:** That the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Set a hearing on the departmental agenda for July 10, 2007 to discuss and consider the Board of Supervisors’ responses to the 2006-2007 Grand Jury Report entitled “Illegal Immigration and the Detention System”.

**Summary Text:**

On April 11, 2007, the Civil Grand Jury released a report entitled “Illegal Immigration and the Detention System”. This report primarily concerns the impact of illegal immigration on the detention facilities within the County of Santa Barbara, while emphasizing that all inmates and detainees in the detention system were incarcerated because they committed crimes, not because they were suspected of being in the country illegally. The report includes two findings and two recommendations. The Board of Supervisors, Sheriff’s Department and Probation Department are named as the responding agencies to the findings and recommendations. The response to the Grand Jury report is currently being prepared and will be presented as part of the July 10, 2007, Board Hearing.

**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 August 7, 2007.

**Attachments:** Grand Jury Report entitled “Illegal Immigration and the Detention System”

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