



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: 01/12/2016
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Time: 45 minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Legislative Program Committee
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: 2016 Legislative Platform

JT for LPC

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt the County's 2016 Legislative Platform; and
- b) Find that the proposed actions do not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to 14 CCR 15378(b)(2), as it consists of general policy and procedure making.

Summary Text:

The Legislative Program Committee ("Committee") is providing the 2016 Legislative Platform ("platform") for the Board of Supervisors approval. Each year, the County identifies specific issues, projects and/or programs ("priorities") to include within the County's platform. Once adopted by the Board of Supervisors, the 2016 Legislative Platform will be used by the County to communicate priorities to the federal and state governments.

Background:

The development of the 2016 platform began in August, when the Committee reviewed the legislative principles and timeline. During the development of the platform, the Committee identifies strategies and principles that guide the platform. Strategies involve funding requests, crafting new or amending existing legislation, and advocacy of program and grant funding and regulatory reform. The Legislative

Principles proposed include the following (*Definitions of all of the principles may be found in the attached proposed 2016 Legislative Platform*):

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

The platform includes 41 individual planks that align with the legislative principles listed above. The planks are sorted by principle and categorized as a funding request, legislative proposal, and/or targeted advocacy. County staff works closely with our state and federal advocates, County departments, and legislative partners to develop effective strategies to address the countywide needs as well as effective strategies to address platform items.

The Committee submitted the Draft 2016 Legislative Platform to the Board on November 17, 2015, for review. The Board reviewed and suggested changes regarding state advocacy for Senior Services, which staff have made and the final 2016 Santa Barbara County Legislative Platform is provided for possible adoption. Once the platform is adopted by the Board, it will be used to communicate the County's priorities to federal and state and other intergovernmental entities.

Additional material for the Legislative Program Committee can be found at the following link:

<http://www.countyofsb.org/ceo/legislative.sbc>

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The 2016 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) 2016 Legislative Platform

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