



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Michael F. Brown, County Executive Officer
Director
Contact Info: Jim Laponis, Deputy CEO, 568-3400
SUBJECT: Board of Supervisors' Response to the Grand Jury Report entitled "Law, Justice and Public Safety: Selected Community Challenges"

Recommended Actions: That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Adopt the responses in Attachment (1) as the Board of Supervisors' responses to the 2006-07 Grand Jury Report entitled "Law, Justice and Public Safety: Selected Community Challenges", and
- B. Authorize the Chair to sign the letter included in Attachment (1) forwarding the responses to the Honorable Judge Melville.

Summary Text:

On May 10, 2007, the Civil Grand Jury released a report entitled "Law, Justice and Public Safety: Selected Community Challenges." The focus of the Grand Jury's investigation was to answer whether the perceived lack of enforcement is due to limited resources or to poor policies, or a combination. The Grand Jury investigated several chosen topics and made five findings and five recommendations. The Board of Supervisors and the Sheriff's Department are the two responders from Santa Barbara County government for all findings and all recommendations. The District Attorney's office is a responder to Finding 4 and Recommendation 4.

It is recommended that the Board adopt the Sheriff Department's responses to Findings and Recommendations 1, 2, 3, and 5 and the District Attorney's response to Finding and Recommendation 4 as its response. Details are outlined in Attachment (1).

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.

Performance Measure:

None

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative: N/A

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions: The response of the Board of Supervisors must be transmitted to Judge Melville of the Superior Court no later than August 7, 2007. 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 Judge Melville with Board of Supervisors Responses
2. Grand Jury Report entitled "Law, Justice and Public Safety: Selected Community Challenges."

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