



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:** November 17, 2015  
**Placement:** Departmental  
**Estimated Tme:** 45 minutes  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: NA

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: NA

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Receive and file report and provide staff with direction on recommended changes to the County's Draft 2016 Legislative Platform.
- 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 is providing the 2016 Legislative Principles, and the Draft 2016 Legislative Platform for the Board of Supervisors' review, discussion, and recommendations. Any changes approved by Board action will be made by staff and the 2016 Legislative Platform will be brought back to the Board for consideration and possible final adoption in January.

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

**Background:**

The development of the Draft 2016 Legislative Platform began in August when the County's Legislative Program Committee ("Committee") reviewed the legislative principles and timeline. During the development of the platform, County staff also discussed potential issues and projects with its federal and state delegation, and began designing a legislative strategy. Strategies involve funding requests,

crafting new or amending existing legislation and advocacy of program and grant funding and regulatory reform. Following Board adoption of the 2016 Legislative Platform, it will be used to communicate the County's priorities to federal and state officials as well as other intergovernmental entities.

The Committee is continuing to recommend legislative principles, including the following:

- 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 Committee is recommending the Board consider positions on 41 individual platform planks that align with the legislative principles listed above. Each of the Draft 2016 Legislative Platform 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 and partners to develop effective strategies to address the countywide needs as well as effective strategies to address platform items. The attached Platform draft has highlighted the "New" or "Revised" planks in the headers and tracked the changes as best possible. However, the Tribal Gaming Compacts & Land Use plank is underdevelopment pending policy formulation by the California State Association of Counties and the National Association of Counties. In addition, the County's Commission for Women is preparing a plank on gender equity for consideration by the Committee, which will be included for potential adoption by the Board on January 19, 2015.

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 Draft 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:**

Attachment A – Draft 2016 Legislative Platform

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