



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: August 14, 2007
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: 10 minutes on August 28th
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: Set Hearing to Consider Response to the Grand Jury Report on “Detention Facilities Inspections.”

Recommended Actions: That the Board of Supervisors set a hearing on August 28, 2007, to consider the following actions:

- a. Adopt the responses in Attachment (1) as the Board of Supervisors’ responses to the 2006-07 Grand Jury Report entitled “Detention Facilities Inspections”, and
- b. Authorize the Chair to sign the letter included in Attachment (1) forwarding the responses to the Presiding Judge.

Summary Text:

On June 5, 2007, the Civil Grand Jury released a report entitled “Detention Facilities Inspections.” The report includes four findings and two recommendations. The Board of Supervisors, the Probation Department, and the Sheriff’s Department were named as the Santa Barbara County government responders to the findings and recommendations.

It is recommended that the Board agree with the Findings 1, 2, 3, and 4, and, further determine that Recommendation 1 has been implemented and Recommendation 2 requires further analysis and is currently under study for possible implementation Details are outlined in Attachment (1). The Chief Probation Officer and the Sheriff concur with the recommended Board actions.

Background:

The Grand Jury Report was released on June 5, 2007. In accordance with California Penal Code Section 933(c), the governing body of the agency (Board of Supervisors) must respond within 90 days after

issuance of the report. Consequently, the Board of Supervisors' responses must be finalized and transmitted to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court no later than Tuesday, September 3, 2007.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative: There are no fiscal or facilities impacts from the proposed recommendations.

Special Instructions:

The response of the Board of Supervisors must be transmitted to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court no later than Monday, September 3, 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 the Superior Court Judge with Board of Supervisors Responses
2. Grand Jury Report entitled "Detention Facilities Inspections"
3. Report of "The Video Arraignment Task Force"

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