

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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Department No.: 013

February 26, 2008

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

FROM: County Counsel Daniel J. Wallace 568-2950

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**SUBJECT:** Amendment to Conflict of Interest Code of the Santa Barbara County Education

Office

**County Counsel Concurrence** 

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence** 

As to from: N/A

### Other Concurrence:

N/A

Yes

## **Recommended Actions:**

- A. That the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors (Board of Supervisors) set March 4, 2008, as the date for public hearing for the Board of Supervisors to consider and approve the amendment to the Conflict of Interests Code ('Code') of the Santa Barbara County Education Office ("Education Office"). (SET MARCH 4, 2008, HEARING ON ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA.)
- B. That the Board of Supervisors at the March 4, 2008, hearing:
  - a. Approve the proposed amendment to the Education Office's Code.
  - b. Revise the disclosure category in the Code set forth in Category 1(A) of Exhibit B for real property by increasing the amount of the reportable interests in real property from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

## **Summary Text:**

A: Designated Positions: On December 6, 2007, the County Board of Education approved a revision to the Education Office's Code by amending the list of designated positions that are subject to the Code and identified in Exhibit A to the Code. The Education Office filed the amendment with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for its approval.

**B:** Dollar amount of reportable real property: The amendment to Exhibit B, 1(A) Disclosure Category is necessary because the Fair Political Practices Commission has amended regulation section 18703.2 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations to increase reportable economic interests in real property from \$1,000 to \$2,000 or more in fair market value.

Exhibit B, Disclosure Category 1(A) currently reads as follows:

"Interests in real property which is located in whole or in part within the jurisdiction of the County Education Office if the fair market value of the interest is One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) or more."

With the Board of Supervisor's approval, Exhibit B, Disclosure Category 1(A) will be amended to read:

"Interests in real property which is located in whole or in part within the jurisdiction of the County Education Office if the fair market value of the interest is Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) or more."

Government Code section 87303 provides that when the Board of Supervisors reviews a proposed local agency's conflict of interests code that it may:

- Approve the proposed code;
- Revise the proposed code and approve it as needed; or
- Return the proposed code to the agency for revisions and resubmission.

In light of the mandatory requirement of section 18703.2 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations on the amount of reportable interests in real property, the most efficient way to make the Code conform to section 18703.2 is for the Board of Supervisors to approve the amendment to Exhibit B, Category 1(A) as indicated above.

Performance Measure: N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: N/A

#### Special Instructions:

Clerk to send copies of the minute order approving the amendments to the conflict of interests code of the Education Office to Rick Sanchez, Sr. Deputy County Counsel

## **Attachments:**

A. The Education Office's Code, inclusive of Exhibit A (Designated Positions) and Exhibit B (disclosure Categories),

### Authored by:

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