



**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: September 10, 2024
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director(s) Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer
Jesús Armas, Community Services Department Director

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SUBJECT: Response to 2023-2024 Grand Jury Report: Homeless Encampments in Santa Barbara County Becoming Part of the Community Again

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- Consider and adopt the responses set forth in Attachment A as the Board of Supervisors' response to the 2023-24 Grand Jury report entitled "Homeless Encampments in Santa Barbara County Becoming Part of the Community Again," Attachment B;
- Authorize the Chair to sign the letter included in Attachment A and forward the letter and responses to the Presiding Judge of Santa Barbara County Superior Court; and
- Determine pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15378(b)(5) that the above actions are not a project subject to CEQA review, because they are government administrative activities that does not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

Summary Text:

On June 21, 2024, the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury published a report entitled "Homeless Encampments in Santa Barbara County Becoming Part of the Community Again." Today, the Board will consider the County's proposed responses to the report, adopt the response, and authorize the Chair to sign the response letter. The Board is required to respond in writing to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court by September 19, 2024.

Background:

The 2023-24 Grand Jury studied the County's Homeless Encampment Resolution Strategy, adopted in 2021, and noted its successes as well as continued challenges of homeless encampments related to health, safety, and environmental harm. The County Board of Supervisors is required to respond to Findings 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 and Recommendations 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7a, and 7b. The Sheriff's Office is required to respond to Finding 7 and Recommendations 7a and 7b and is doing so separately.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Staff anticipates no fiscal or facilities impacts as a result of the Board's action on this matter.

Special Instructions:

1. As per Recommended Action b), above, please forward the original signed letter and responses to the Presiding Judge of Santa Barbara County Superior Court.
2. Please send a copy of the signed letter and a copy of the minute order to edteyber@countyofsb.org

Attachments:

Attachment A: Board of Supervisors Response
Attachment B: FY 2023-24 Grand Jury Report
Attachment C: Sheriff's Office Response

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