



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

January 27, 2026

Present: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

File Reference No. 26-00047

RE: Consider recommendations regarding approval of a Sister County and Prefecture Cooperation Agreement between Santa Barbara County, California and Yamanashi Prefecture, Japan, as follows:

a) Approve a Sister County and Prefecture Cooperation Agreement between the County of Santa Barbara and Yamanashi Prefecture, Japan in substantially the form provided, and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute the agreement; and

b) Find that the proposed action is not a “project” under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), as it involves organizational and administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lavagnino, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be acted on as follows:

a) **Approved and authorized; Chair to execute; and**

b) **Approved.**

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino