



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: 4th District
Department No.:
For Agenda Of: February 28, 2023
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Time: 45 min.
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Board Member Bob Nelson, Supervisor, 4th Supervisorial District 
Contact Info: Aaron Hanke, Chief of Staff, 4th Supervisorial District

SUBJECT: Boards of Architectural Review Jurisdictional Alignment

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form:

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

- a) Consider the introduction (first reading) of an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article V, Section 2-33.2 of the Santa Barbara County Code to revise the jurisdictional boundaries for the County Boards of Architectural Review;
- b) Read the title and waive further reading of the Ordinance in full; and
- c) Continue the hearing to March 7, 2023 on the Administrative Agenda to consider recommendations, as follows:
 - i) Consider the adoption (second reading) of an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article V, Section 2-33.2 of the Santa Barbara County Code; and
 - ii) Determine that the adoption of this Ordinance is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b), as it consists of an organizational activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

In Santa Barbara County Code Section 2-33.2, the current textual description of the boundaries for the North County Board of Architectural Review (NBAR), Central County Board of Architectural Review (CBAR) and South County Board of Architectural Review (SBAR) do not align with the accompanying map of the BARs' jurisdictional responsibilities or the current Supervisorial districts. This inconsistency is a result of the decennial census and redistricting process in Santa Barbara County that was finalized and approved in January 2022.

The proposed ordinance amendments to County Code Section 2-33.2 would update the map and ordinance text to address these inconsistencies with the purpose of:

- Revising the CBAR and NBAR's jurisdictional boundaries to more closely align with current Supervisorial districts;
- Updating the description of the SBAR's jurisdictional boundary to correspond with the adopted map;
- Enhancing regional and demographic contiguity; and
- Addressing constituent concerns and requests

The proposed ordinance amendment would make no change to the Montecito Board of Architectural Review's jurisdictional boundary.

Background:

On November 22, 2005, the County Board of Supervisors passed Ordinance 4584, dividing the existing County Board of Architectural Review (BAR) into a County *Boards* of Architectural Review – creating three new regional BARs to join the existing Montecito BAR (MBAR). To date, these BARs are recognized as NBAR, CBAR and SBAR.

These new regional BARs were established as part of a 2-year pilot program, requiring Supervisors to either approve the continuance of the newly established regional BARs or deny, which would have resulted in a return to the previously established countywide BAR and MBAR. After a vote by the Board to extend the pilot project in 2008, Supervisors removed the sunset clause through a unanimous vote on November 12, 2013.

Special Instructions: Hard copies of attachments for individual Supervisors

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Ordinance 4584 Current Chapter 2, Article V, Section 2-33.2
- Attachment 2 – Chapter 2 Proposed Ordinance Amendment (Strikethrough)
- Attachment 3 – Chapter 2 Proposed Ordinance Amendment (Clean)
- Attachment 4 – BAR Proposed Boundary Lines 2023 (Color)
- Attachment 5 – BAR Proposed Boundary Lines 2023 (B&W)

Authored by:

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