



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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Department Name: CEO/GS
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: August 29, 2017
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Time: 15 Minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director (s): Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer

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Contact Info: Jeff Frapwell, Assistant County Executive Officer
Richard Morgantini, Fiscal & Policy Analyst

SUBJECT: Response to 2016-2017 Grand Jury Report: Youth Safety in Santa Maria; All Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Consider and adopt the responses in Attachment A as the Board of Supervisors' response to the 2016-2017 Grand Jury report entitled "Youth Safety in Santa Maria", Attachment B;
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
c) Determine pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15378(b)(5) organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment are not a project subject to CEQA review.

Summary Text:

On June 15, 2017, the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury published a report entitled "Youth Safety in Santa Maria, Developing a New Strategy". Today, the Board will consider the proposed response to the report,

adopt their preferred response and authorize the Board Chair to sign the response letter. The Board is required to respond in writing to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court by September 13, 2017.

Background:

On June 15, 2017, The Santa Barbara County Grand Jury (Grand Jury) published a report entitled "Youth Safety in Santa Maria, Developing a New Strategy". The Grand Jury concluded: "The Jury concludes that a successful Santa Maria Youth Task Force should reach out to surrounding area communities and their agencies. This model program would then actualize Santa Barbara County's original intention of having a task force serving all the youth of the North County".

The Santa Barbara County Grand Jury also commended the 5th District Supervisor, the City of Santa Maria and its Mayor for accepting the challenge of addressing the need to prevent, intervene and suppress the existing gang culture. The Jury "implores the City leaders to honor the rich diversity of their community by including the voices of all stakeholders, particularly parents and at-risk youth, during the planning process".

The Board of Supervisors is named as a responder to Findings 3 and 5, as well as Recommendations 3 and 5. The City of Santa Maria is named as a responder to Findings 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 as well as Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

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), 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 Richard Morgantini, Fiscal & Policy Analyst, CEO office.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Board of Supervisors Response

Attachment B: Grand Jury Report; "Youth Safety in Santa Maria"

Authored by:

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