



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** Public Health  
**Department No.:** 041  
**For Agenda Of:** April 9, 2019  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Van Do-Reynoso, MPH, PhD, Director  
Director: Public Health Department  
Contact Info: Van Do-Reynoso, MPH, PhD, Public Health Director  
**SUBJECT:** Appointment of Health Officer

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:**

Approved: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors considers the following:

- a) Appoint Dr. Henning Ansorg, MD, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 101000 as the Health Officer for Santa Barbara County and direct staff to notify the California Department of Public Health of the appointment; and
- b) Determine that the recommended actions do not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines, because the actions consist of the organization and administrative activities of the government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to appoint Dr. Henning Ansorg, MD, as the Health Officer for Santa Barbara County effective April 8, 2019 to replace the Interim Health Officer Dr. Polly Baldwin, MD and to provide notice to the California Department of Public Health of the appointment. (Health & Safety § 101010.)

**Background:**

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 101000 "Each board of supervisors shall appoint a health officer who is a county officer." Dr. Ansorg meets the qualifications of Health and Safety Code section 101005 and is a graduate of a medical college of good standing and repute.

The Health Officer has a duty to uphold and enforce statutes, regulations, local ordinances, and orders issued by the County or the State. (Health & Safety §§ 101025, 101030; Santa Barbara County Code §

15-130.) The Health Officer also has authority to take measures as may be necessary to prevent the spread of communicable disease or occurrence of additional cases and to declare a local health emergency upon reasonably determining an immediate threat to the public health. (Health & Safety §§ 120175, 101080.)

**Fiscal Analysis:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the appointment of the Health Officer since the position is included in the Adopted FY 2018-19 Public Health Department budget.

**Special Instructions:**

Please send an electronic copy of the minute order to: [phdcu@sbcphd.org](mailto:phdcu@sbcphd.org)

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