



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara  
**FROM:** Director: Chandra L. Wallar, County Executive Officer  
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**SUBJECT:** **Appointment of “Member of the Public” Positions to the Oversight Boards for each of the (7) Successor Agencies within the County of Santa Barbara**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions**

That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara:

1. Consider the recommendations of the ad hoc Board subcommittee and appoint the following individuals to the Oversight Board of the following Redevelopment Agency Successor Agencies pursuant to the Health & Safety Code Section 34179(a)(6) position for “member of the public”:
  - a. Dan Secord to the Oversight Board of the Successor Agency to the former City of Buellton Redevelopment Agency.
  - b. Dan Eidelson to the Oversight Board of the Successor Agency to the former City of Goleta Redevelopment Agency.
  - c. Nicholas Gonzales, Jr. to the Oversight Board of the Successor Agency to the former City of Guadalupe Redevelopment Agency.
  - d. Dan Secord to the Oversight Board of the Successor Agency to the former City of Lompoc Redevelopment Agency.
  - e. Carolle Van Sande to the Oversight Board of the Successor Agency to the former City of Santa Barbara Redevelopment Agency.

- f. Dan Eidelson to the Oversight Board of the Successor Agency to the former County of Santa Barbara Redevelopment Agency.
- g. Nicholas Gonzales, Jr. to the Oversight Board of the Successor Agency to the former City of Santa Maria Redevelopment Agency.

### **Summary Text/Background**

All Redevelopment Agencies in the State of California including the County of Santa Barbara Redevelopment Agency (RDA) were dissolved on February 1, 2012 pursuant to ABX1 26 (the “dissolution” measure). As part of the local RDA dissolution process, your Board chose to become the Successor Agency to the County of Santa Barbara Redevelopment Agency on January 10, 2012, by taking no action under Health & Safety Code Section 34173(d)(1). Similarly, each of the (6) sponsoring Cities within the County of Santa Barbara have also chosen to become the “Successor Agency” to their respective Redevelopment Agencies. Pursuant to ABX1 26, each Successor Agency is to be governed by an “Oversight Board” comprised of 7 members appointed by several entities including your Board.

Your Board was briefed previously on matters pertaining to selection of members to the Oversight Boards of each of the (7) Successor Agencies to the (7) Redevelopment Agencies within the County of Santa Barbara. On February 21, 2012, your Board took an action to establish an ad hoc Board Subcommittee which would make recommendations of potential Oversight Board members under Health & Safety Code Section 34179(a)(6) to the entire Board of Supervisors. While the Subcommittee is making a recommendation to the Board, decision-making authority for these Oversight Board appointments would remain with the entire Board of Supervisors. This Board Letter details the recommendations of the ad hoc Board Subcommittee and provides your Board with an update on the appointments of Oversight Board members for the (7) RDA Successor Agency Oversight Boards throughout the County.

### **Ad hoc Board Subcommittee Recommendations**

Your Board established an ad hoc Board Subcommittee comprised of Supervisors Farr and Gray, which would interview interested parties and make recommendations to the entire Board of Supervisors of potential “member of the public” appointments to the Successor Agency Oversight Boards of all (7) former Redevelopment Agencies located within the County of Santa Barbara. There is no compensation provided to any of the Oversight Board members for their service as required by ABX1 26.

In order to solicit applications for the “member of the public” appointments, staff conducted a recruitment which included the placement of several ads in all the major newspapers throughout the County, posting links advertising the recruitment on the County homepage, running commercials on several local government television channels and widely distributing a press release to hundreds of key individuals in numerous capacities throughout the County. Staff received applications from (11) interested parties including Eric Onnen, Linus Huffman, John Torell, Dr. Dan Secord, Brandi Howell, Frank Thompson, Cynthia Goena, Nicholas Gonzales, Jr., Carolle Van Sande and Dan Eidelson. One applicant voluntarily withdrew their application after submittal. The application materials for each of the interested parties are included herein as Attachment 3. Staff redacted the phone numbers and email addresses for each applicant from the information included in Attachment 3 for privacy reasons.

The ad hoc Subcommittee met on March 14<sup>th</sup> and March 20, 2012 to interview each of the applicants. Subsequent to the interviews, the Subcommittee recommends the full Board of Supervisors appoint members to each of the (7) RDA Successor Agency Oversight Boards as shown in Attachment 2.

### **Update on Oversight Board Appointments**

Staff has been tracking appointments to the Oversight Boards made by each of the (7) Successor Agencies throughout the County. All Oversight Board appointments made to date are shown in the Oversight Board Membership Appointments Matrix included herein as Attachment 1. The Cities of Goleta, Guadalupe and Santa Maria have each made the Oversight Board appointments available to them. The City of Santa Barbara will have met on March 27<sup>th</sup> to make their appointments. Separately, the Superintendent of Education representing the K-12 school districts has made appointments to each of the (7) Oversight Boards pursuant to 34179(a)(4) and the Chancellor of California Community Colleges has also made appointments to each of the (7) Oversight Boards pursuant to 34179(5) as shown in Attachment 1.

Oversight Boards are able to begin meeting and conducting business with a minimum of (4) members appointed (4 members would need to vote for an action in the affirmative). As of the date of the drafting of this Board Letter, the Cities of Goleta, Guadalupe and Santa Maria each have (6) confirmed appointed members and could begin meeting at their discretion. The Isla Vista Oversight Board currently has (5) confirmed appointed members. Staff intends to begin conducting meetings with the Isla Vista Oversight Board in early April after the "member of the public" appointment is made by your Board.

### **Fiscal Impacts**

Future administrative costs for County support of the IV RDA Successor Agency are currently unknown. However, such costs are recoverable from the Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund in an amount up to 5% of property tax allocated to the Successor Agency for fiscal year 2011-12 (approximately \$300,000) and up to 3% each year thereafter. In all cases, the annual amount shall not be less than \$250,000. Administrative costs in excess of the amount received from the Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund would need to be funded from alternative sources.

### **Attachments**

1. Oversight Board Membership Appointments Matrix - Comprehensive
2. Oversight Board Membership Appointments Matrix showing Subcommittee Recommendations
3. Application Materials for each Applicant

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