



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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TO: Board of Supervisors

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Director(s)
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**SUBJECT: 2020 Annual Report and Accomplishments from County’s Federal and State
Legislative Advocates**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: NA

Other Concurrence:

As to form: NA

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Receive and file annual report and accomplishments for 2020 from the County’s State legislative advocate, Government Advocates, Inc., and federal legislative advocate, Thomas Walters and Associates; and
- b) Determine that the above actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), because pursuant to sections 15378(b)(4) and 15378(b)(5) the recommended actions consist of organizational, administrative or fiscal activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary

Representatives from the County’s federal lobbying firm, Thomas Walters & Associates, and the County’s State lobbying firm, Governmental Advocates, provided a brief overview of the past year’s accomplishments and preview of the likely legislative issues for 2021 to the Board of Supervisors on December 8, 2020. These reports recap the 2020 accomplishments and provide additional information on the activity through December 31, 2020.

Background

Last fiscal year, the Board approved two-year contracts with both the federal and state legislative advocates with terms from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021. The annual contract amounts are \$97,850 for Thomas Walters & Associates and \$66,350 for Governmental Advocates.

The agreements include a provision for the advocates to present an update on legislative activity which was done on December 8, 2020. The attached reports provide the accomplishments from 2020 that were presented in addition to federal activity that has transpired through December 31, 2020.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

This agenda item is for information and administrative purposes only. There are no current budget impacts associated with this report.

Attachment:

Attachment A Santa Barbara 2020 Annual Report – Thomas Walters & Associates

Attachment B Santa Barbara 2020 State Accomplishments – Governmental Advocates

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