



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: April 1, 2014
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Tme: 10 minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director(s) Contact Info: Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer, 568.3400
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SUBJECT: Response to *Inmates Released during Late-Night Hours* Grand Jury Report

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Consider and adopt responses in Attachment A as the Board of Supervisors' responses to the Grand Jury report titled *Inmates Released during Late-Night Hours*, and
- B. Authorize the Chair to sign the letter included as Attachment A and forward the response to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court.

Summary Text:

On February 4, 2014, the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury published a report titled *Inmates Released during Late-Night Hours* which requires a Board of Supervisor response. The Board will be able to consider the two proposed responses, adopt their preferred responses and authorize the Board Chair to sign each of the response letters. The Board is required to respond in writing to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court by May 5, 2014.

Background:

On February 4, 2014, the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury published a report titled *Inmates Released during Late-Night Hours* which requires a Board of Supervisor response. The Grand Jury concluded that inmates are not always advised of their options either verbally or in writing when they are released from the county jail facilities late at night.

The Grand Jury recommends that the Board of Supervisors encourage the establishment of a community-based program similar to “Lights On” which operates in Orange County, California.

The Board of Supervisors is asked to respond to Finding 3, as well as, Recommendation 2. The Sheriff’s Department was asked to respond to these same Findings and Recommendations as well as all others.

It is recommended that the Board inform, in writing, the Presiding Judge that they “agree” with Finding 3. Additionally, it is suggested that the Board consider whether Recommendations 2 “has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future” based on the responses provided by the Sheriff. The specific responses to the findings and recommendations are provided in the letter to the Presiding Judge. (Attachment A) The full report from the Civil Grand Jury can be found at Attachment B. The Sheriff Department’s response to the Presiding Judge is available for reference as Attachment C.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Not Currently Budgeted: No known costs at this time.

Attachments:

A- Response to the Grand Jury report *Inmates Released during Late-Night Hours*

B - Grand Jury Report – *Inmates Released during Late-Night Hours*

C - Sheriff’s Department response to *Inmates Released during Late-Night Hours*

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