



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: County Executive Office  
Department No.: 012  
For Agenda Of: June 19, 2007  
Placement: Departmental  
Estimated Tme: 10 minutes  
Continued Item: NO  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Michael F. Brown, County Executive Officer  
Director  
Contact Info: Jim Laponis, Deputy CEO, 568-3400  
**SUBJECT: Set Hearing to Consider Response to the Grand Jury Report on “A New County Jail? A Need That Will Not Go Away!”**

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**Recommended Actions:** That the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Adopt the responses in Attachment (1) as the Board of Supervisors’ responses to the 2006-07 Grand Jury Report entitled “A New County Jail? A Need That Will Not Go Away!”, and
- b. Authorize the Chair to sign the letter included in Attachment (1) forwarding the responses to the Presiding Judge.

**Summary Text:**

On March 28, 2007, the Civil Grand Jury released a report entitled “A New County Jail? A Need That Will Not Go Away!” The report includes one finding and one recommendation. The Board of Supervisors is named as the sole Santa Barbara County government responder to the finding and recommendation.

It is recommended that the Board agree partially with the Finding and determine that the Recommendation has been implemented. Details are outlined in Attachment (1). The Sheriff concurs with the recommended Board actions.

**Background:**

The Grand Jury Report was released on March 28, 2007. In accordance with California Penal Code Section 933(b), the governing body of the agency (Board of Supervisors) must respond within 90 days after issuance of the report. Consequently, the Board of Supervisors’ responses must be finalized and transmitted to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court no later than Tuesday, June 26, 2007.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

None

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Narrative: There are no fiscal or facilities impacts from the proposed recommendations.

**Special Instructions:**

The response of the Board of Supervisors must be transmitted to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court no later than Tuesday, June 26, 2007. The Clerk of the Board is requested to return the signed letter to Brenda Castillo, County Executive Office, for distribution to the Superior Court. The signed letter, written responses and a 3 ½” computer disc with the response in a Microsoft Word file must be forwarded to the Grand Jury.

**Attachments: \***

1. Letter to the Superior Court Judge with Board of Supervisors Responses
2. County of Santa Barbara New Jail Planning Study – “Funding Alternatives”
3. Grand Jury Report entitled “A New County Jail? A Need That Will Not Go Away!”

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**cc:**

Bill Brown, Sheriff