

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Department Name: Department of Social Services
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If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Request for a Public Hearing on Status of Older Adults
in Santa Barbara County

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Set a public hearing on May 13, 2003 for 30 minutes to accept a report from the Adult and Aging Network (AAN) on the status of older adults in Santa Barbara County.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 6: A County Government that is Accessible, Open, and Citizen-Friendly.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Adult and Aging Network is requesting to set a public hearing on May 13, 2003 to present the findings in the second annual Adult and Aging Network's, A Community Report on the Status of Older Adults in Santa Barbara County. The report provides information on services, trends, and basic information of older adult programs and general health and well being. The document includes the following information (as it pertains to older adults):

Population growth projections, Median Income information, Housing, Health Care Coverage, Prescription medication information, Transportation, Immunizations, Smoking data, Causes of death, Suicide, Injuries, Falls, Crimes against older adults, AIDS, Tobacco Use, Mental Health, Suicide, Injuries, Falls, Crimes against Older Adults, Elder Abuse, Community Education, Volunteerism, Adult Day Services, Skilled Nursing, In-Home Supportive Services, Developmental Disabilities, Adults with Disabilities, and Disaster Planning. Information used in the community report has been gathered from the Public Health Department's Community Health Assessment survey, the Preventive Health Care for the Aging Program, the Santa Barbara Regional Health Authority, California Department of Health Services; the Sheriff's Department, the Department of Social Services; the Santa Barbara Association of Governments, Adult Day Care Centers; Alcohol Drug and Mental Health; Retired and Senior Volunteer Programs, the Social Security Administration, Tri-Counties Regional Center, the American Red Cross, the 1990 and 2000 Census; the California Department of Finance; and numerous local and national publications.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Setting a hearing will not result in any change in mandates or service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Setting a hearing will not result in any additional General Fund contribution or need for additional facilities.

Special Instructions: None

Concurrence: Public Health Department
Adult and Aging Network's Policy Council