



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
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Department Name: Social Services
Department No.: 044
Agenda Date: May 13, 2025
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s): Daniel Nielson, Social Services Director (805) 346-7101
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SUBJECT: Santa Barbara County Workforce Development Board Local Area Board Recertification

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:

- a) Approve the Local Area Application for Subsequent Local Area Designation and Local Board Recertification for Program Year 2025-27;
- b) Authorize the Chief Elected Official, Laura Capps, Chair of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, to execute the Application for Subsequent Local Area Designation and Local Board Recertification; and
- c) Determine that the above action does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment, and therefore it is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b) (5) as the proposed action is also an organizational or administrative activity.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to approve the State-required Local Area Application for Subsequent Local Area Designation and Local Board Recertification for Program Year 2025-27. Santa Barbara County Workforce Development Board (SBCWDB) is submitting the application to the Board of Supervisors for approval as it is required every two years by the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) and the State of California Employment Development Department (EDD).

Background:

SBCWDB develops innovative workforce strategies that help businesses, individuals, and industries achieve and sustain economic vitality across all communities in Santa Barbara County. The SBCWDB is a public/private partnership created pursuant to the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and is staffed by an Executive Director and employees, housed within the County of Santa Barbara Department of Social Services (DSS).

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Sections 106 and 107 provide criteria for the subsequent designation of Local Areas and recertification of Local Boards. Specifically, WIOA Section 106 requires the Governor to designate Local Areas within the state, while Section 107 requires the Governor to certify one Local Board for each Local Area in the state that has received initial designation status. CWDB and EDD acting under the authority of the Governor, established policies and procedures and completed the initial designation of Local Areas in June 2015. The SBCWDB was recertified as part of this process.

WIOA Section 106 calls for a subsequent designation process and requires the Governor approve a request for any subsequent designation from a Local Area, if the area performed successfully, sustained fiscal integrity, and engaged in the regional planning process as described in WIOA Section 106(c)(1).

WIOA Section 107 provides criteria for the recertification of Local Boards, including requiring the Governor to certify one Local Board for each Local Area in the state once every two years. It states that, in order to be recertified, the Local Board must have met WIOA board membership composition requirements, met or exceeded performance accountability measures, and achieved sustained fiscal integrity.

The recommended Local Area Board Recertification is effective July 1, 2025 for a two-year period, ending June 30, 2027. The County of Santa Barbara substantially meets the outlined criteria for designation. Recruitments of SBCWDB members to replace those who recently retired are in progress and are expected to bring the SBCWDB into full compliance with WIOA requirements. In the past the State Board has approved recertification of the Local Board when the membership was not complete, but plans were in place to achieve compliance. Accordingly, SBCWDB is submitting the application to the Board of Supervisors for approval as required by CWDB and EDD.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None

Special Instructions:

Please scan, email and send one (1) duplicate original application, and a copy of the minute order to:
DSS WDB
C/O Alma Copado
1410 S. Broadway
Santa Maria, CA 93454
acopado@countyofsb.org

Attachments:

Attachment A –Local Area Application for Subsequent Local Area Designation and Local Board Recertification Program Year 2025-27

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