



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

December 16, 2025

Present: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

File Reference No. 25-01104

RE: HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding the 2025 Annual Report and Accomplishments from Federal and State Legislative Advocates and 2026 Legislative Platform Adoption, as follows: (EST. TIME: 30 MIN.)

- a) Receive and file the annual report and accomplishments for 2025 from the County's State legislative advocates, Hurst, Brooks, Espinosa, LLC., and Federal legislative advocate, Thomas Walters and Associates;
- b) Adopt the County of Santa Barbara 2026 Legislative Platform as approved by the Legislative Program Committee at its December 8, 2025 meeting; and
- c) 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.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: POLICY

HEARING TIME: 10:05 AM - 10:38 AM (33 MIN.)

Received and filed staff presentation and conducted a public hearing.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hartmann, seconded by Supervisor Capps, that this matter be acted on as follows:

a) Received and filed;

b) Adopted the County of Santa Barbara 2026 Legislative Platform as amended during the December 16, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting to include additional language to amend the 2026 Legislative Platform plank under Housing, as follows:

"Support clarifying reforms to the Builder's Remedy that balance the State's housing objectives with local discretion, and ensure communities are not compelled to approve projects that disregard zoning, safety, infrastructure, or neighborhood context-including extreme or out-of-scale proposals filed solely due to technical housing-element timing issues"; and

c) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:



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Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino