



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: 10/9/2018
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Tme: 45 minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Legislative Program Committee
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: DRAFT 2019 County of Santa Barbara Legislative Platform for Board Discussion

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: NA

Recommended Actions:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive a report on issues and projects included as part of the County's Draft 2019 Legislative Platform; and
2. Provide staff with direction about any recommended changes to the County's Draft 2019 Legislative Platform; and
3. Find that the proposed actions do not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to 14 CCR 15378(b)(2), as it consists of general policy and procedure making.

Summary Text:

The Legislative Program Committee has forwarded the Draft 2019 Legislative Platform for review, discussion and recommendations for possible changes. This Board review of the Draft Platform was a recommended additional step during the deliberations of past Legislative Platform. Any changes approved by Board action today will be made by staff and final changes reviewed prior to consideration by the Legislative Program Committee at their November meeting. The 2019 Legislative Platform will be brought back for consideration and possible final adoption at the Board's December 11, 2018 meeting. The 2018 legislative accomplishments will be included at that time.

Each year, the County identifies specific issues, projects and/or programs (“priorities”) to include within the County’s legislative platform. Once adopted by the Board of Supervisors, the 2019 Legislative Platform (“platform”) will be used by the County to communicate the County’s priorities to the federal and state governments.

Background:

The development of the Draft 2019 Legislative Platform began in August when the County’s Legislative Program Committee (“Committee”) reviewed the legislative principles. During the development of the platform, County staff also discussed potential issues and projects with its federal and state delegation and began designing a legislative strategy. Strategies involve funding requests, crafting new or amending existing legislation and advocacy of program and grant funding and regulatory reform. Following Board adoption of the 2019 Legislative Platform, it will be used to communicate the County’s priorities to the federal and state officials as well as other intergovernmental entities.

The Committee is continuing to recommend legislative principles, including the following:

- Job Growth/Economic Vitality
- Efficient Service Delivery/Operations
- Fiscal Stability
- Interagency Collaboration
- Local Control
- Health and Human Services
- Community Sustainability.

The Committee is recommending the Board consider positions on 41 individual platform planks that align with the legislative principles listed above. Each of the Draft 2019 Legislative Platform planks can be categorized as a funding request, legislative proposal and/or targeted advocacy.

County staff works closely with our state and federal advocates and partners to develop effective strategies to address the countywide needs as well as effective strategies to address platform items.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The Draft 2019 Legislative Platform includes requests for project and program funding, legislation and advocacy for public service improvements that may increase available revenue, change service levels and thereby reduce or increase the cost of doing business.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Draft 2019 Legislative Platform – Redlined version

Attachment B – Draft 2019 Legislative Platform – Non-Redlined version

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