



# County of Santa Barbara

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Minute Order

April 21, 2026

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

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

File Reference No. 26-00350

**RE:** HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding options related to the implementation of an Office of Inspector General pursuant to Government Code Section 25303.7, as follows:  
(EST. TIME: 45 MIN.)

- a) Receive and file a report on oversight options related to the Sheriff's Office, including implementation of an Office of Inspector General per Government Code Section 25303.7;
- b) Provide direction as appropriate; 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 to the environment.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: POLICY

*HEARING TIME: 2:01 PM - 2:52 PM (51 MIN.)*

**Received and filed staff presentation and conducted a public hearing.**

**Larry Behrendt addressed the Board**

**A motion was made by Supervisor Lavagnino, seconded by Supervisor Lee, that this matter be acted on as follows:**

- a) Received and filed;
- b) Provided direction to approve Option 5 (Evaluate and Reconsider in Future) and return to the Board during Budget hearings to discuss potential funding for an additional auditor position.; and
- c) Approved.

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

**Noes:** 1 - Supervisor Hartmann