

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 5/12/03  
**Department Name:** General County Programs  
**Department No.:** 990  
**Agenda Date:** 5/27/03  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:** 20 minutes on June 3, 2003  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Naomi Schwartz, Chair  
Children and Families Commission

**STAFF CONTACT:** Patricia Wheatley, Executive Director  
884-8085

**SUBJECT:** Board of Supervisors' Response to the 2002-03 Grand Jury Report "*Up In Smoke*"

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:  
Set June 3, 2003 as the date to:

1. Adopt the responses of the Children and Families Commission (Attachment B) as the Board of Supervisors' responses on "*Up In Smoke*", and
2. Authorize the Chair to sign the letter from the Board of Supervisors (Attachment C) forwarding these responses to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court.

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 7. A Community that Fosters the Safety and Well-Being of Families and Children, and Goal No. 1. An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

**Executive Summary and Discussion:**

The Grand Jury Report "*Up In Smoke*" was released on April 10, 2003 and contains seven findings and seven recommendations. The Report requires responses from the Board of Supervisors, the Children and Families Commission, and the Auditor Controller, who was required to respond to one finding. In accordance with Section 933 (b), the Board of Supervisors must respond within 90 days after issuance of the Grand Jury Report. Consequently, the Board of Supervisors' response must be finalized and transmitted to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court no later than July 9, 2003.

The Children and Families commission requests that the Board of Supervisors adopt its responses (Attachment B) as the Board of Supervisors responses to the Grand Jury Report, "*Up In Smoke*".

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**Mandates and Service Levels:**

California Penal Code Section 933(c) requires that comments to the Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations be made in writing. These comments, in themselves, do not change existing programs or service levels.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

There are no fiscal or facility impacts associated with the recommendations.

**Special Instructions:**

The response of the Board of Supervisors must be transmitted to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court no later than July 9, 2003. It is requested that the Clerk of the Board return the signed letter to Jennie Esquer, County Administrator’s Office, for distribution to the Superior Court. The signed letter, written responses, and a 3.5” computer disc with the response in a Microsoft Word file must be forwarded to the Grand Jury.

**Attachments:**

- A. Grand Jury Report – “*Up In Smoke*”
- B. Response of the Children and Families Commission (Proposed Board of Supervisors response)
- C. Cover letter from the Board of Supervisors to the Presiding Judge
- D. Response from Auditor-Controller

Cc: Robert Geis, Auditor Controller