



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: County Executive Office
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: 09/02/08
Placement: Administrative – Set
Hearing
Estimated Tme: 15 minutes on 9/9/08
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required:

TO: Select_Board(s)
FROM: Department Michael F. Brown, County Executive Officer, 568-3404
Director(s)
Contact Info: Susan Paul, Assistant CEO/HR Director, 568-2817
**SUBJECT: Consider and Adopt the Response to the Grand Jury Report on
Leadership Project: "A Good Plan in Need of Transparency"**

County Counsel Concurrence

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Other Concurrence: Select_Other

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Recommended Actions:

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

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Set a hearing for September 9, 2008 to consider the response to the Civil Grand Jury Report entitled "Leadership Project: A Good Plan in Need of Transparency."

- a) Adopt the attached response as the Board of Supervisors' response to the 2007 – 2008 Civil Grand Jury Report entitled "Leadership Project: A Good Plan in Need of Transparency."
- b) Authorize the Chair to sign the letter forwarding the response to the Presiding Judge.

Summary Text:

On June 27, 2008, the Civil Grand Jury released a report entitled "Leadership Project: A Good Plan in Need of Transparency." The report contains five findings and recommendations primarily related to communication, the new pay system and financial impacts, and the Civil Service Commission's secretary. The Civil Grand Jury requested that the County Executive Office (CEO), the Assistant CEO/HR Director respond to all five findings and recommendations. Additionally, the Board of Supervisors must respond to all of the reports findings and recommendations (see attached for proposed responses).

Background:

The Civil Grand Jury released its report on "Leadership Project: A Good Plan in Need of Transparency" on June 27, 2008. In accordance with California Penal Code Section 933(b), the governing body of the agency (Board of Supervisors) must respond within 90 days after issuance of the report. Consequently, the Board of Supervisors' responses must be finalized and transmitted to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court no later than September 25, 2008. The proposed Board of Supervisors' responses (attached) will be considered by the Board on September 9, 2008.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There are no proposed fiscal impacts to the County associated with the recommendations at this time.

Fiscal Analysis:

Special Instructions:

The response of the Board of Supervisors must be transmitted to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court no later than September 25, 2008. The Clerk of the Board is requested to return the signed letter to Brenda Castillo, County Executive Office, for distribution to the Superior Court. The signed letter, written responses and a computer disc with the response must be forwarded to the Grand Jury.

Attachments:

1. Draft Letter to Superior Court Judge with the Board of Supervisors' Responses
2. Grand Jury Report entitled "Leadership Project: A Good Plan in Need of Transparency"

Authored by:

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