



BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS AGENDA
LETTER

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Agenda Number:

Department Name: CEO/Probation

Department No.: 012/022

For Agenda Of: July 14, 2020

Placement: Administrative

Estimated Time:

Continued Item: No

If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director (s): Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer
Tanja Heitman, Chief Probation Officer
Contact Info: Richard Morgantini, Fiscal & Policy Analyst

SUBJECT: Response to 2019-2020 Grand Jury Report: Detention Facilities in Santa Barbara County

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Consider and adopt the responses in Attachment A as the Board of Supervisors' response to the 2019-20 Grand Jury report entitled "Detention Facilities in Santa Barbara County," Attachment B;
- b) Authorize the Chair to sign the letter included in Attachment A and forward the letter and responses to the Presiding Judge of Santa Barbara County Superior Court; and
- c) Determine pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15378(b)(5) that the above actions are not a project subject to CEQA review, because they are government administrative activities that does not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

Summary Text:

On April 28, 2020, the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury published a report entitled “Detention Facilities in Santa Barbara County.” Today, the Board will consider the County’s proposed response to the report, adopt their preferred response and authorize the Board Chair to sign the response letter. The Board is required to respond in writing to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court by July 27, 2020.

Background:

The Santa Barbara County Grand Jury under California Penal Code Section 919 (b), is required to inquire into the condition and management of the public prisons within the county. The 2019-20 Grand Jury visited all detention facilities in the County, consisting of the two principal County jails, the Lompoc City jail, the various police, sheriff and Superior Court holding facilities, the two juvenile detention facilities, the County Coroner Bureau and the Sobering Center - a total of twenty facilities.

The County Board of Supervisors is required to respond to the Main Jail Findings 3, 4, 6 and Recommendations 1, 3, 4, 6; Northern Branch Jail Findings 3 & 5 and Recommendations 3 & 5; Los Prietos Boys Camp Finding 1 and Recommendations 1 & 2; Susan J. Gionfriddo Juvenile Hall Recommendations 1, 2 & 3; Santa Maria Superior Court Holding Facility Finding 1 and Recommendation 1; Santa Barbara County Superior Court Holding Facility Findings 1 & 2, Recommendation 2; Lompoc Courthouse Holding Facility Findings 1 & 3 and Recommendations 1, 2 & 3.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Staff anticipates no fiscal or facilities impacts as a result of the Board’s action on this matter.

Special Instructions:

1. As per Recommended Action b), please forward the original signed letter and responses to the Presiding Judge of Santa Barbara County Superior Court.
2. Please send a copy of the signed letter and a copy of the minute order to Richard Morgantini, Fiscal & Policy Analyst, CEO’s office.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Board of Supervisors Response

Attachment B: FY 2019-20 Grand Jury Report

Authored by:

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