

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 6/26/03
Department Name: Treasurer-Tax
Department No.: 065
Agenda Date: 7/8/03
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time:
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Bernice James
Treasurer-Tax Collector

STAFF CONTACT: Jim Trombella
ex. 2793

SUBJECT: Amendment to By-Laws for Veterans' Services Advisory Committee

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve amendments to the by-laws of the Veterans' Services Advisory Committee amending the Terms of Membership clause to increase Committee members' terms from two years to four years and amending the criteria for absenteeism allowing Members to miss eight meetings during the four year term.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with the actions required by law or routine business.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Vets Services Advisory Committee is a Board-appointed Committee which advises Board members on the needs of the approximately 34,000 veterans residing in Santa Barbara County. Historically, the process for recruiting members and navigating the approval process has, at times, taken up to one year. Additionally, members most always want to serve to two consecutive 2-year terms. A 4-year term appears to be overall more practical and the Committee members unanimously approved a motion to amend the by-laws, with the Board's approval. County Counsel has advised us that "a like kind of action is required to amend a prior action." The original by-laws and two subsequent amendments were adopted by this Board by minute order. Accordingly, this amendment, if approved by the Board, could be done via minute order. These amendments would become effective immediately.

Mandates and Service Levels:

No change in programs or service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

No fiscal or facilities impacts.

Special Instructions:

After execution of the minute order, please send a conformed copy to: The Public Guardian,
Attn: Jim Trombella, ex. 2793

Concurrence:

County Counsel

Attachments:

Two copies of the by-laws: one clean and one with the proposed changes.