



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: County Executive Office  
Department No.:  
For Agenda Of: May 25, 2010  
Placement: Set Hearing  
Estimated Time: 10 minutes on 6/1/2010  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Michael F. Brown, County Executive Officer, 568-3404  
Director(s)  
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SUBJECT: **Set hearing to Consider and Adopt Responses to the Grand Jury Report “Under the Radar and Under the Gun – Budget Cuts Threaten the Frail and Elderly and the Disabled of All Ages”**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: No

**Recommended Actions:** That the Board of Supervisors:

Set a hearing to consider the response to the Civil Grand Jury report entitled “Under the Radar and Under the Gun – Budget Cuts Threaten the Frail and Elderly and the Disabled of All Ages” on June 1, 2010 for 10 minutes to:

- A. Adopt responses in Attachment (3) as the Board of Supervisors’ responses to the Grand Jury report entitled “Under the Radar and Under the Gun – Budget Cuts Threaten the Frail and Elderly and the Disabled of All Ages,” and
- B. Authorize the Chair to sign the letter included as Attachment (3) forwarding the responses to the Presiding Judge.

**Summary Text:**

On March 11, 2010 the Civil Grand Jury released a report entitled “Under the Radar and Under the Gun – Budget Cuts Threaten the Frail and Elderly and the Disabled of All Ages.” The Board of Supervisors is named as a responder to Findings 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and Recommendations 1 and 2. The Social Services Department was requested to respond to all findings.

It is recommended that the Board agrees with all findings. In addition it is recommended that the Board of Supervisors indicate that neither recommendation 1 or 2 will be implemented at this time as they are not reasonable. All responses are provided in the letter to the Presiding Judge. (Attached)

**Background:**

On March 11, 2010 the Civil Grand Jury was released. In accordance with the California Penal Code, the governing body of the agency (Board of Supervisors) must response within 90 days of the issuance of the report. The Board of Supervisors response is due to the Grand Jury on June 6, 2010.

The Grand Jury report examines In –Home Support Services (IHSS) which is a statewide program funded by Federal, State and County Government and is designed to assist both low income, frail, elderly and disabled persons. The report outlines concerns by the Grand jury regarding potential cuts to the State wide program as a result of most recent State budget concerns and the now stayed implementation of ABX4 4, which if enacted would result in a loss of \$2.69 million in the IHSS program in Santa Barbara County. Currently there are over 3000 IHSS recipients within Santa Barbara County. Given the current State Budget Proposal, it is estimated that 640 of those individuals would have some degree of impact to their services and 200 could lose all benefits. Given that the State Budget has not been finalized and the anticipated Governor’s May Revise has not been released, the actual impacts to the IHSS program are not fully known.

**Performance Measure:**

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No State action and result of Court action regarding reductions to IHSS program are not known at this time. Should ABX 4 4 be upheld, the County of Santa Barbara would lose \$2.9 million in funding for the IHSS program.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

**FTEs:**

**Special Instructions:**

**Attachments:**

1. Grand Jury Report entitled “Under the Radar and Under the Gun – Budget Cuts Threaten the Frail and Elderly and the Disabled of All Ages”
2. Department of Social Services response to Grand Jury Report entitled “Under the Radar and Under the Gun – Budget Cuts Threaten the Frail and Elderly and the Disabled of All Ages”
3. Letter to the Presiding Judge with Board of Supervisors Responses

**Authored by:**

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**cc:**

Kathy Gallagher, Director of Social Services