

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 2/20/02  
**Department Name:** CA  
**Department No.:** 12  
**Agenda Date:** 2/26/02  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:** 60 minutes on 3/5/02  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Michael F. Brown, County Administrator

**STAFF CONTACT:** Jim Laponis , Deputy County Administrator  
X-3400

**SUBJECT:** February 21, 2002 Public Hearing Related to County Formation Proposal

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Set a hearing for March 5, 2002 to receive and file report related to February 21, 2002 public hearing on County Formation Proposal (County-Split) and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 1. An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

**Executive Summary and Discussion:**

On January 22, 2002, Citizens for County Organization, Inc., the proponents of a County Formation Proposal (County-Split) filed a Notice to Circulate Petition with the County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor. As required by State Law, the County Administrator and the County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor will conduct a public hearing in the Board Hearing Room, Betteravia Government Center at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 21, 2002. The purpose of this hearing is for discussing the boundaries of the proposed county as well as the statement of objectives to be achieved by the creation of a new county.

Once the hearing is completed, the proponents will have six months from the date on which they obtain the first signature to obtain all of the signatures required to initiate the various processes which could lead to a countywide vote on the County Formation Proposal (County-Split).

The purpose of this report is to advise the Board and the public as to the outcome of the February 21, 2002 hearing and for the Board to provide direction to staff as appropriate.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

The County Formation Proposal, in and of itself, does not significantly impact county mandates or service levels. As this process moves forward, however, impacts to county mandates and service levels may be significant. A report on these issues will be provided to the Board as appropriate.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The County Formation Proposal, in and of itself, could potentially require significant staff time from various departments. As this process moves forward, additional major fiscal and facilities impacts may be incurred. A report on these issues will be provided to the Board as appropriate.