



BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS AGENDA
LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of
Supervisors 105 E. Anapamu
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Department Name: CEO/GS
Department No.: 012/063
For Agenda Of: July 18, 2017
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Time: 20 Minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department: Mona Miyasato, County Executive Office *mm*
Director (s): Janette Pell, Director, General Services *Janette D Pell*
Contact Info: Joe Toney, Assistant Director, General Services
Richard Morgantini, Fiscal & Policy Analyst

SUBJECT: Response to 2016-2017 Grand Jury Report: Santa Barbara Main Jail; All Districts

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 responses in Attachment A as the Board of Supervisors' response to the 2016-2017 Grand Jury report entitled "Santa Barbara Main Jail", Attachment B; and
- 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 it is a government administrative activity that does not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

Summary Text:

On May 18, 2017, the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury published a report entitled "Santa Barbara Main Jail". Today, the Board will consider the 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 August 16, 2017.

Background:

On May 18, 2017, The Santa Barbara County Grand Jury (Grand Jury) released a report entitled "Santa Barbara Main Jail". The Grand Jury concluded: "While an entirely brand new Santa Barbara County Main Jail facility would have been optimal, the 2016-17 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury found that funding was not available through Federal, State or County resources. The Santa Barbara County Northern Branch Jail will accommodate 376 inmates. This leaves the County with an outdated and inefficient Main Jail, still in urgent need of repair, replacement and repurposing to house its approved capacity. Many unanswered questions remain, including how to satisfy current State and Federal requirements. Meeting these will demand the ongoing input and cooperation of the Sheriff, the General Services Department and the Board of Supervisors to optimize the functioning of this aging facility with the funding available".

The Board of Supervisors is named as a responder to Findings 1, 2, 3, and 4, as well as Recommendations 1b, 2b, 3b and 4. The Sheriff is named as a responder to Findings 1, 2 and 3 as well as Recommendations 1a, 2a and 3a.

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 Recommendation 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 office.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Board of Supervisors Response

Attachment B: Grand Jury Report; "Santa Barbara Main Jail"

Authored by:

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