



County of Santa Barbara
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Minute Order

July 16, 2020

Present: 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Hart, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Adam, and Supervisor Lavagnino

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

File Reference No. 20-00573

RE: HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding a Report on Criminal Justice and Racial Equity in Santa Barbara County, as follows: (EST. TIME: 3 HR.)

- a) Receive and file a staff report on current and potential future actions to lower the Average Daily Population in the County's Jail system;
- b) Receive and file a report on existing and proposed racial equity and diversity initiatives in the County organization;
- c) Provide other direction as appropriate, including potential process for allocation and use of equity funds; and
- d) Determine that the action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5) because the hearing is an administrative activity that will not result in a direct or indirect physical change to the environment.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: POLICY

HEARING TIME: 1:17 PM - 6:52 PM (5 HR. 35 MIN.)



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Received and filed staff presentation and conducted public hearing.

A motion was made by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be acted on as follows:

a) and b) Received and filed;

c) Directed the County Executive Office, as follows:

i) To support efforts of the District Attorney and other criminal justice agencies to expand misdemeanor diversion opportunities and to create a new felony diversion program including through the use of restorative justice techniques;

ii) To work with the criminal justice agencies to develop performance measures related to reducing the jail population and diverting people from the justice system in future budget planning documents;

iii) To seek legislative or other relief from the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) regarding the AB900 bed mandate; and

iv) To return to the Board with metrics and any resource requests needed to obtain data and improve the speed of the discovery process, and if possible, additional funds for the arts.

d) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Hart, and Supervisor Hartmann

Abstained: 1 - Supervisor Adam

Absent: 1 - Supervisor Lavagnino