



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: County Executive Office
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: 09/01/20
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director(s) Mona Miyasato, County Executive Office
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SUBJECT: Local Government Commission Membership

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: Select_Concurrence

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve an agency membership for the County of Santa Barbara in the Local Government Commission.
- B. Determine that membership in the Local Government Commission is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), finding that the activities are covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing significant effect on the environment, and where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activities in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activities are not subject to CEQA.

Summary Text:

A Supervisor requested that the County become an agency member of the Local Government Commission, a nonprofit organization dedicated to local environmental sustainability, economic prosperity and social equity. LGC has worked for over 35 years to support local policymakers on topics involving climate change, energy, water and community design. The cost of the annual membership is \$600 and entitles up to 10 elected officials and key staff to membership benefits. The agency

membership cost is minimal and is on the Board's agenda for full Board acknowledgement and approval.

Background:

The Local Government Commission (LGC) is an established nonprofit organization serving local governments. According to its website, it works to build livable communities and local leadership by connecting leaders via innovative programs and network opportunities, advancing policies through participation at the local and state level, and implementing solutions as a technical assistance provider and advisor to local jurisdictions.

With roots in California and a national reputation, LGC offers inspiration, information, and partnership for local and regional champions dedicated to building thriving communities that integrate civic engagement with environmental, social and economic priorities. If the County did not join, the local elected individual membership is \$125 and staff individual membership is \$75.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No. This would be funded from existing appropriations in the BOS department's Board General program, which includes other memberships.

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative: Annual agency membership cost is \$600.

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