



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

**Agenda Number:**

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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**Department Name:** CEO  
**Department No.:** 012  
**For Agenda Of:** March 8, 2022  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Director(s) Contact Info:   
Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer  
Jeff Frapwell, Assistant County Executive Officer

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*Mona Miyasato*  
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**SUBJECT:** **Response to 2021 Grand Jury Report: Lompoc Police Department:  
Moving Toward a Safe and Proud Community**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Consider and adopt the responses in Attachment A as the Board of Supervisors' response to the 2021 Grand Jury report entitled " Lompoc Police Department: Moving Toward a Safe and Proud Community"; Attachment B;
- 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 they are is government administrative activities that do not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

**Summary Text:**

On December 20, 2021, the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury published a report titled "Lompoc Police Department: Moving Toward a Safe and Proud Community." Today, the Board will consider the County's 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 March 21, 2022.

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**Background:**

The 2021-22 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury report investigated how the City of Lompoc's finances have impacted the Lompoc Police Department and how remediation is being implemented. The Grand Jury found that the budgetary limitations have handicapped the police force. Over the last six years, the force has lost a third of its officers, and equipment failures have hindered immediate response. The Grand Jury report concluded that the Police Department has been underfunded for over half a decade, and there have been concerns that the City balanced the budget at the cost of public safety.

**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 Reese Ellestad, Fiscal & Policy Analyst, CEO office.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Board of Supervisors Response

Attachment B: FY2020-21 Grand Jury Report

**Authored by:**

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