



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

**Agenda Number:**

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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**Department Name:** CEO  
**Department No.:** 012  
**For Agenda Of:** 6/2/09  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Michael F. Brown, County Executive Officer  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Jason Stilwell, Assistant CEO, 568-3413  
**SUBJECT: Proposed Budget Hearing Schedule**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors approve the attached budget hearing schedule as the proposed schedule for budget hearings of the week of June 8, 2009.

**Summary Text:**

At the Board's hearing of May 19, 2009, Supervisors had questions about the upcoming budget schedule. The proposed schedule is attached as part of this item and will be included as part of the budget hearing binder and public record for the 2009-2010 budget hearings beginning June 8, 2009. The schedule will be adjusted based on comments from the Board today (if any) and can be adjusted during the budget hearing process.

**Background:** Hearings to consider the adoption of the County's 2009-2010 budget are scheduled for the week of June 8-12, 2009. The hearing room is reserved and the budget hearing published in accordance with the Brown Act for the subsequent week (June 15-19, 2009) in the event the Board needs to continue the budget adoption process.

The proposed schedule enables the Board to proceed through the budget by functional area. The first day, Monday, June 8, 2009, begins with a presentation by the County Executive Officer of the recommended budget. This is followed by a review of the functional areas of 1) policy and executive, 2) law and justice, 3) public safety, and 4) health and public assistance with public comment periods interspersed. Certain departments will make presentations to the Board and that list of departments is currently being developed and will be included as part of the budget hearing binder the Board will receive prior to the budget hearings.

The second day of the hearings are scheduled for Wednesday, June 10 continuing the review of departmental budgets by functional area. The first functional area is community resources and public

facilities followed by support services. General County programs, outside agencies and non-county agency requests, and preliminary Board deliberations are scheduled for the afternoon. Again, public comment is listed five specific times throughout the day.

The final day of the proposed schedule is Friday, June 12. The schedule begins with a summary of the budget followed by Board deliberations. The schedule proposes, as in past years, that the Board will deliberate, make changes, and adopt a balanced 2009-2010 budget on Friday, June 12.

This proposed budget hearing schedule is designed to group departments by functional area to facilitate Board discussion on budget issues, establish a process for proceeding through the budget in a linear manner following the order the functional areas that are presented in the proposed budget book, to provide public comment, and to enable the Board to deliberate the issues and adopt a balanced budget. The final proposed schedule will be included with the Board's budget binder and posted online prior to the start of the budget hearings on June 8 and will highlight the departments that anticipate making a presentation to the Board. The Board has the discretion to adjust this schedule during the week of budget hearings.

**Attachments:**

Proposed Budget Hearing Schedule, Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Plan

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**cc:**

Department Directors

CEO Fiscal and Policy Analysts