

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Susan Rose, Second District Supervisor

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SUBJECT: Resolution Affirming the Establishment of the South Coast Homeless Advisory Committee of Santa Barbara County

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Adopt a Resolution affirming the establishment of the South Coast Homeless Advisory Committee of Santa Barbara County

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

[Goal II: A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit](#)

[Goal V: A High Quality of Life for All Residents](#)

Executive Summary and Discussion:

Homelessness is a significant, complex and expensive social issue for the County. The South Coast Homeless Advisory Committee of Santa Barbara County (previously known as the City/County Homeless Advisory Committee) has been in existence for over 18 years dealing with the issue of homelessness on the south coast of Santa Barbara County. Since the creation of the Committee a number of successful strategies have worked to address homelessness. Lives have been improved and many have found employment and housing, while others have conquered their addictions and been reunited with their families; however, even with the substantial financial investment and dedication of so many providing compassionate care and treatment, the numbers of homeless continue to grow.

The Committee has discussed ways to increase its effectiveness and has concluded that its structure should be formalized as a multi-jurisdictional body with a defined voting membership and with direct links in an

advisory capacity to city and county government. This proposed structure will help the committee to better serve the needs of the homeless and to address the root causes of homelessness, such as poverty, substance abuse, mental health issues and the lack of affordable housing.

The proposed formal structure of the Committee is set forth in the attached Resolution.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Acceptance of the Resolution will not result in any change in mandates or service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Acceptance of the resolution will not result in additional General Fund contribution or use of Countywide Cost Allocation overhead services.

Special Instructions:

None

Concurrence:

County Counsel

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF AFFIRMING THE) RESOLUTION NO. ____
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOUTH COAST)
HOMELESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF)
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY)**

WHEREAS, homelessness in Santa Barbara County is a significant, complex and expensive social issue; and

WHEREAS, since 1984, a number of successful strategies have worked to address homelessness; lives have been changed and many have found employment and housing, while others have conquered their addictions and been united with their families; and

WHEREAS, even with the substantial financial investment and dedication of so many providing compassionate care and treatment, the numbers of homeless continue to grow; and

WHEREAS, the South Coast Homeless Advisory Committee of Santa Barbara County has been in existence for over 18 years dealing with the issue of homelessness in Santa Barbara; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to make this committee more formal to better serve the needs of the homeless and to address the root causes of homelessness, such as poverty, substance abuse, mental health issues and the lack of affordable housing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The establishment of the South Coast Homeless Advisory Committee of Santa Barbara County (SC-HAC) is hereby affirmed.

Section 2. The powers and duties, membership and organization of the SC-HAC shall be as follows:

A. Powers and Duties:

(1) To act as an advisory committee to the County Board of Supervisors, the Santa Barbara City Council, the Goleta City Council and the Carpinteria City Council, and others as appropriate, on matters pertaining to the provision of services to the homeless population on the South Coast of Santa Barbara County.

(2) To advise the Board of Supervisors and City Councils on the gaps in services, pending state and federal legislation affecting homeless persons and the

services provided to them and to increase community awareness and participation about the condition and needs of homeless persons on the South Coast of Santa Barbara County.

(3) To improve and support integration, coordination and cooperation among the County of Santa Barbara, the City of Santa Barbara, the City of Goleta, the City of Carpinteria, shelter providers, housing providers, social service providers, advocacy groups and homeless representatives in order to better serve the needs of the homeless population on the South Coast of Santa Barbara County.

B. Membership:

(1) The Committee shall have fifteen (15) members.

(2) Appointment to the Committee will be made from the following membership categories:

- One elected representative from each of the participating jurisdictions (County of Santa Barbara, City of Santa Barbara, City of Goleta, City of Carpinteria).
- Two representatives from Homeless Shelter Providers.
- Two representatives from Low-Income Housing Providers.
- Three representatives from Social Service Providers,
- Two representatives of Homeless Advocacy Groups.
- Two Homeless Representatives.

(3) Elected representatives shall be appointed by their respective jurisdictions for a term to be decided by that jurisdiction. If an elected representative has three consecutive unexcused absences, the SC-HAC may write a letter to the jurisdiction requesting a replacement.

(4) All other representatives will be appointed by a majority of the elected representatives and may represent only one of the specified categories. They will be appointed to staggered four (4) year terms, with a maximum of two consecutive terms, expiring on December 31 of the appropriate year.

(5) Three consecutive unexcused absences of non-elected representatives from meetings of this committee shall be cause for termination of membership.

C. Organization:

(1) The Committee shall hold regular meetings, at least quarterly, and establish, subject to the approval of the Board of Supervisors and City Councils, such rules as may be appropriate and necessary for the orderly conduct of its business.

(2) The Chair and Vice-Chair shall rotate on an annual basis.

(3) Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order unless the Board of Supervisors and City Councils approve different or supplemental rules and regulations for the conduct of meetings for that committee.

(4) A quorum shall consist of the majority of the positions filled, including a minimum of one elected representative.

(5) County and City staff shall provide support to the committee, including agendas and minutes.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this _____ day of _____, 2006, by the following votes:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By _____
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
COUNTY COUNSEL

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

By _____
Deputy County Counsel

By _____