



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: 1/6/09
Placement: Set Hearing
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Michael F. Brown, County Executive Officer, 568.3400
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: 2009 Legislative Platform

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: Select_Other

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Recommended Actions:

Set a hearing for January 13, 2009 for the Board of Supervisors to:

- (A) Receive a report on issues and projects included as part of the County's 2009 legislative platform.
- (B) Adopt the County's 2009 Legislative Platform.

Summary Text:

Each year the Board of Supervisors identifies specific issues, projects and/or programs (priorities) that warrant targeted legislative advocacy and includes these priorities are part of its legislative platform for the upcoming calendar year. This list is generated by surveying department directors, members of the Board of Supervisors and the County Executive Officer. Once the platform is adopted by the Board, staff determines various legislative strategies centered on the identified priorities such as enacting or amending legislation, creating partnerships with federal and state agencies and exploring funding opportunities. The legislative platform is used in communicating the County's guiding principles and position regarding major projects/issues that have a federal-state-local government nexus to the County's federal and state representatives and other intergovernmental entities.

Background:

This item is on the agenda to receive the Board of Supervisors' approval of the County's legislative platform for the upcoming year.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative: The 2008-09 budget for the legislative program is \$236,079 (staff, state and federal advocates) as referenced in the County's Operating Plan. In FY 07/08 the County received over \$2 million additional Federal allocation due to the assistance of advocacy efforts. In FY 08/09 it is anticipated the County may receive \$8 million in federal appropriations as well enhanced funding for programs.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions:

N/A

Attachments:

N/A

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