

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 12/06/05  
**Department Name:** CEO  
**Department No.:** 012  
**Agenda Date:** 12/13/05  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:**  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Michael F. Brown  
County Executive Officer  
**STAFF CONTACT:** Jim Laponis, Deputy County Executive Officer  
Lori Norton, Analyst  
**SUBJECT:** Legislative Program Committee Recommendations

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## Recommendations:

That the Board of Supervisors consider the following recommendations from the Legislative Program Committee meeting of December 05, 2005:

1. Support the recommended State Legislative Priorities for 2006 (Attachment A)
2. Support the recommended Federal Legislative Priorities for 2006 (Attachment B)
3. Oppose the Health and Human Service cuts included in the House Version of the fiscal year 2006 Federal Budget Reconciliation Legislation and authorize the Board Chair to sign a letter of opposition to be sent to each of the County's elected Federal representatives. (Letter to be distributed as late Distribution item on Friday 12/9/05)

## Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goals No. 1. An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community and No. 5. A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

## Executive Summary and Discussion:

On December 5, 2005, the Legislative Program Committee ("Committee") recommended that the Board of Supervisors consider the recommendations listed above. Due to Agenda management issues, these recommendations are being placed on the Administrative Agenda. Staff will be present and prepared to address any questions the Board may have regarding the recommendations.

The 2005 Committee membership is as follows: Second District Supervisor Susan Rose, Third District Supervisor Brooks Firestone, County Executive Officer Michael F. Brown, Auditor-Controller Robert Geis,

and County Counsel Shane Stark. All members were present and voted unanimously to approve the recommended actions.

### **Other Issues Discussed at the Legislative Committee – No Board Action Required**

In addition to the above actions items, the Legislative Program Committee received a brief report from Cliff Berg, Governmental Advocates, regarding the 2006 Legislative Session. Mr. Berg discussed a number of statewide issues which he anticipates will be of interest to the County in the upcoming session. These issues are in addition to the County specific priorities identified on Attachment A and include significant proposals such as pension reform and housing reform efforts. Further, member Stark identified efforts at the State level to reform Redevelopment Agency law to curb redevelopment abuse, as an issue of the County should monitor in 2006.

If the Board adopts the State and Federal Priorities identified in Attachment A and B, staff will develop briefs on each of the issues for distribution to the Board and the County's elected representatives.

### **Mandates and Service Levels:**

The Legislative Program is not mandated and its service levels are discretionary.

### **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Fiscal and facility impacts are discussed in relationship to individual recommendations as applicable. Funding for the Legislative Program is included in the County Executive Office Budget (page D-16). For FY 2005-06, the Legislative Program budget, as adjusted during the Budget Hearings is \$126,729 which includes the contract with Governmental Advocates (State Legislative advocacy), and County Executive Office program support totaling approximately 0.3 FTE's.

**C:** Cliff Berg, Governmental Advocates  
Department Directors

Attachments