



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Agenda Number:

Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: County Executive Office
Department No.: 012
Agenda Date: August 19, 2025
Placement: Departmental Agenda
Estimated Time: 30 MINUTES
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director: Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer

Contact: Tanja Heitman, Assistant County Executive Officer

Contact: Rana Warren, Deputy County Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Response to 2024-25 Grand Jury Report on Vaccination Rates in Santa Barbara County

Signed by:

Wade Horton

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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 2024-25 Grand Jury report entitled "Do Vaccination Rates in Santa Barbara County Create a Public Health Risk?";
- 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 the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guideline 15378(b)(5) that the above actions are not a project subject to CEQA review, because they are government administrative activities that do not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

Summary Text:

On May 29, 2025, the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury issued a report entitled "Do Vaccination Rates in Santa Barbara County Create a Public Health Risk?" At the Board of Supervisor's meeting, the Board will consider the proposed responses to the report, adopt their preferred responses, and authorize the Board Chair to sign the response letter.

Discussion:

The Board of Supervisors is required to respond to Findings 1 through 5, and Recommendations 1 through 5 of the Grand Jury's report. The County's responses are delineated in Attachment A. The Board is required to respond in writing to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court within 90 days of the report issuance.

Background:

In the report entitled "Do Vaccination Rates in Santa Barbara County Create a Public Health Risk?" (Attachment B), the Grand Jury found that Santa Barbara County has higher vaccination rates for children attending public or private school than state averages. However, the Grand Jury found that there is no data collected on those children who are homeschooled and adults in Santa Barbara County. The Grand Jury made recommendations for the Board to order studies of current vaccination rates in adults and homeschooled children, and for protective measures in high-risk populations, such as the jails.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Staff anticipate no fiscal or facilities impacts as a result of the Board's action on this matter.

Special Instructions:

1. As per Recommended Action b), please forward the original signed letter and responses to the Presiding Judge of Santa Barbara County Superior Court at pkelly@sbcourts.org and to the Grand Jury at sbcgj@sbcourts.org, no later than August 27, 2025.
2. Please send a copy of the signed letter and a copy of the minute order to Daniel Williams, Fiscal & Policy Analyst, County Executive Office.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Board of Supervisors Response – "Do Vaccination Rates in Santa Barbara County Create a Public Health Risk?"

Attachment B – 2024-25 Grand Jury Report on Vaccination Rates in Santa Barbara County

Attachment C – Sheriff's Office Response to 2024-25 Grand Jury Report on Vaccination Rates in Santa Barbara County

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