



# County of Santa Barbara

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Minute Order

April 8, 2025

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**Present:** 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 25-00294

**RE:** HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding a Workforce Housing Study, as follows:  
(EST. TIME: 1 HR.)

- a) Receive a presentation on the Workforce Housing Study, which identifies implementation actions to increase the availability of affordable workforce housing in Santa Barbara County;
- b) Direct staff to prepare a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a lower- to moderate-income workforce affordable housing development at the current site of the Probation building (123 East Carrillo Street, in Santa Barbara), and return to the Board for authorization to issue the RFP;
- c) Provide direction to staff whether to focus on development of housing or installation of solar panels in the downtown campus parking lot; if housing is selected, direct staff to examine the feasibility of utilizing the current site of the Engineering building (123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara), Human Resources building (1226 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara) and the Administrative building parking lot (105 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara) for housing; and
- d) Determine that the proposed action does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines, because it consists of an organizational or administrative activity of government which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: POLICY

HEARING TIME: 12:05 PM - 1:25 PM (1 HR. 20 MIN.)



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Received and filed staff presentation and conducted a public hearing.

Andy Caldwell, Ken Westall, Kenny Smith, Linda Honikman, Amanda Cobb, Nancy Avoce, Dianne Black, and Nick Henderson addressed the Board.

A motion was made by Supervisor Capps, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be acted on as follows:

- a) Received and filed;
- b) Directed;
- c) Directed staff to focus on development of housing and potential other uses; and further directed the General Services Department not to pursue the installation of solar panels in the downtown administration campus parking lot; and
- d) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 4 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, and Supervisor Nelson

**Noes:** 1 - Supervisor Lavagnino