



**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: August 20, 2024
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Time: 30 Minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department: Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer
Director(s): Kirk Lagerquist, General Services
Contact Info: Wade Horton, Assistant County Executive Officer

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SUBJECT: **Response to 2023-2024 Grand Jury Report: Santa Barbara County Coroner Facility and Equipment a Hazardous Environment**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Consider and adopt the responses set forth in Attachment A as the Board of Supervisors’ response to the 2023-24 Grand Jury report entitled “Santa Barbara County Coroner Facility and Equipment a Hazardous Environment,” Attachment B;
- 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 CEQA Guidelines 15378(b)(5) that the above actions are not a project subject to CEQA review, because they are government administrative activities that does not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

Summary Text:

On June 11, 2024, the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury published a report entitled “Santa Barbara County Coroner Facility and Equipment a Hazardous Environment.” Today, the Board will consider the County’s proposed responses to the report, adopt the response, and authorize the Chair to sign the response letter. The Board is required to respond in writing to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court by September 9, 2024.

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Background:

Previous Grand Juries in 2012-13, 2014-15, 2015-16, and 2019-20, reported on the facility and its condition. The 2023-24 Grand Jury found inadequacies with the facility and recommended improvements. The County Board of Supervisors is required to respond to Findings 1, 2, and 4 and Recommendations 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1e, 2a, 2b, 4a, 4b, and 4c. The Sheriff's Office is required to respond to Findings 1, 2, 3 and Recommendations 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1e, 2a, 2b, and 3.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

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

Special Instructions:

1. As per Recommended Action b), above, please forward the original signed letter and responses to the Presiding Judge of Santa Barbara County Superior Court.

2. Please send a copy of the signed letter and a copy of the minute order to edteyber@countyofsb.org

Attachments:

Attachment A: Board of Supervisors Response

Attachment B: FY 2023-24 Grand Jury Report

Attachment C: Sheriff's Office Response

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