



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: December 12, 2017
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Time: 15 minutes
Continued Item:
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Legislative Program Committee
Contact Info: Dennis Bozanich, Deputy County Executive Officer
SUBJECT: 2018 Legislative Platform

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt the County of Santa Barbara 2018 Legislative Platform; and
- b) Find that the proposed actions do not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to 14 CCR 15378(b)(2), as it consists of general policy and procedure making.

Summary Text:

The Legislative Program Committee (Committee) is recommending the proposed 2018 Legislative Platform for the Board of Supervisor's consideration and approval. Each year the County identifies specific legislative issues, projects and or programs "priorities" to include within the County's platform. Once adopted by the full Board of Supervisors, the 2018 Legislative Platform will be used by the County to communicate key legislative needs and overall priorities to the federal and state governments.

Background:

The development of the 2018 Legislative Platform began in August, when the Committee reviewed the legislative principles, strategies and development timeline. During the development of the Platform, the Committee re-affirmed the strategies and principles that guide the Platform. The Legislative Principals for 2018 include the following:

- Job Growth and Economic Vitality
- Efficient Service Delivery and Operations
- Fiscal Stability
- Interagency Collaboration
- Local Control
- Health and Human Services
- Community Sustainability and Environmental Protection

The Strategies involve funding requests, crafting new or amending existing legislation, and advocacy.

The Platform includes forty-five individual planks that align with the legislative principles listed above. The planks are sorted by principle and categorized as a funding request, legislative proposal, and/or advocacy. County staff works closely with our state and federal advocates, County departments, the California State Association of Counties and National Association of Counties, and legislative partners to develop effective strategies to address the countywide needs as well as effective strategies to address Platform items.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The 2018 Legislative Platform includes requests for project and program funding as well as legislation and advocacy for public service improvements that may increase revenue or improve service levels.

Attachments:

Attachment A — Proposed 2018 Legislative Platform

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