



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: County Executive Office
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: July 7, 2009
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Tme: 30 minutes
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Michael F. Brown, County Executive Officer
Director
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SUBJECT: Consider and Adopt the Response to the Grand Jury Report Entitled “Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services- An Uncertain Financial Future”

Recommended Actions: That the Board of Supervisors:

Set a hearing to consider the response to the Civil Grand Jury report entitled “Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Services- An Uncertain Financial Future” on July 7, 2009 for 30 minutes to:

- a. Adopt the responses in Attachment (1) as the Board of Supervisors’ responses to the 2008-09 Grand Jury Report entitled “Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services- An Uncertain Financial Future,” and
- b. Authorize the Chair to sign the letter included in Attachment (1) forwarding the responses to the Presiding Judge.

Summary Text:

On April 30, 2009, the Civil Grand Jury released a report entitled “Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Services- An Uncertain Financial Future” (copy attached). The report includes two findings and two recommendations. The Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services Department and the County Executive Office are named as the Santa Barbara County government responders to all findings and recommendations, and the Auditor-Controller is named as a responder to finding two and recommendation two. The Board of Supervisors is a responder to all findings and recommendations as the governing body.

It is recommended that the Board agree with Findings 1 and 2, and adopt the County Executive Office responses to Recommendations 1 and 2.

Background:

The Grand Jury Report was released on April 30, 2009. Per California Penal Code Section 933 (b), the governing body of the agency, the Board of Supervisors, must respond within 90 days after the issuance of the Grand Jury Report. Therefore, the Board of Supervisors' response must be finalized and transmitted to the Courts and the Grand Jury no later than July 31, 2009.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None

Fiscal Analysis:

There are no fiscal or facilities impacts from the proposed recommendations.

Special Instructions:

The response of the Board of Supervisors must be transmitted to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court no later than Friday, July 31, 2009. The Clerk of the Board is requested to return the signed letter to Brenda Castillo, County Executive Office, for distribution to the Superior Court. The signed letter, written responses and an electronic copy with the response in a Microsoft Word file must be forwarded to the Grand Jury.

Attachments:

1. Letter to the Superior Court Judge with Board of Supervisors Responses
2. Grand Jury Report entitled "Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Services- An Uncertain Financial Future"

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