

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Board of Supervisors Response to 2004-05 Grand Jury Report – “Got Money to Burn”

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors set June 28, 2005 to discuss and adopt the recommended Board of Supervisors’ responses to the 2004-2005 Grand Jury Report on Tobacco Settlement Advisory Committee and Santa Barbara County’s Health Care Community – “Got Money to Burn”.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with the Board of Supervisors’ Strategic Goal # I : An Efficient Government Able to Anticipate and Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Grand Jury Report was released on April 7, 2005. In accordance with Penal Code Section 933(c), the governing body of the agency (Board of Supervisors) must respond within 90 days after issuance of the Grand Jury report. Consequently, the Board of Supervisors’ response must be finalized and transmitted to the Presiding Judge of the Courts no later than July 6, 2005. Setting the date of June 28, 2005 will allow the Board two opportunities, if necessary, to discuss and adopt a response. If necessary, a second discussion will be scheduled for July 5, 2005.

The “Got Money to Burn” Grand Jury Report contains 6 Findings and 6 Recommendations. The Tobacco Settlement Advisor Committee and the Board of Supervisors are the only required responses. The Public Health Department, as staff to the Tobacco Settlement Advisor Committee, submitted their response to the Grand Jury on June 3, 2005. A copy of the Grand Jury Report, the Public Health Department’s response, and proposed Board of Supervisors’ responses will be included in the June 28, 2005 report to your Board.

Mandates and Service Levels:

California Penal Code Section 933(c) requires that no later than 90 days after the Grand Jury submits a final report on the operations of a public agency, the governing body of the public agency shall comment to the presiding judge of the superior court on the findings and recommendations pertaining to matters under their control. These comments, in and of themselves, do not change existing programs or services levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The recommended responses do not have a fiscal or facilities impact.

Special Instructions:

None

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