



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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Department Name:  
Department No.:  
For Agenda Of: July 10, 2007  
Placement: Departmental  
Estimated Tme: 15 minutes on 7/10/07  
Continued Item: NO  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Michael F. Brown, County Executive Officer  
Director  
Contact Info: Jim Laponis, Deputy CEO, 568-3400  
**SUBJECT:** Board of Supervisors' Response to the Grand Jury Report entitled "Law, Justice and Public Safety: Health Care within Detention Facilities"

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**Recommended Actions:** That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Adopt the responses in Attachment (1) as the Board of Supervisors' responses to the 2006-07 Grand Jury Report entitled "Law, Justice and Public Safety: Health Care within Detention Facilities", and
- B. Authorize the Chair to sign the letter included in Attachment (1) forwarding the responses to the Honorable Judge Melville.

**Summary Text:**

On May 7, 2007, the Civil Grand Jury released a report entitled "Law, Justice and Public Safety: Health Care within Detention Facilities." The focus of this report is health care issues among the inmate population and grievance and release procedures. The report includes nine findings and six recommendations. The Board of Supervisors is named as a responder to all of the findings and recommendations in addition to the Sheriff's Department, the Alcohol Drug and Mental Health Services, and the County Executive Office.

It is recommended that the Board adopt the Sheriff Department's, the Alcohol, Dugs, and Mental Health Services' and the County Executive Office's responses as the Board's response. Details are outlined in Attachment (1).

**Background:**

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 August 7, 2007.

**Performance Measure:**

None

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

None

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Narrative: N/A

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

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**FTEs:**

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**Special Instructions:** The response of the Board of Supervisors must be transmitted to Judge Melville of the Superior Court no later than August 7, 2007. 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 a 3 ½" computer disc with the response in a Microsoft Word file must be forwarded to the Grand Jury.

**Attachments:**

1. Letter to Judge Melville with Board of Supervisors Responses
2. Grand Jury Report entitled "Law, Justice and Public Safety: Health Care within Detention Facilities."

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**cc:**

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