



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: P&D  
Department No.: 053  
For Agenda Of: May 5, 2009  
Placement: Set Hearing  
Estimated Tme: NA  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** County Executive Michael F. Brown, CEO  
Officer  
Contact Info: John Baker, Assistant CEO 568-2085  
**SUBJECT: Response to 2008-2009 Grand Jury Report “Got a Planning Problem? Appoint a Committee”**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: NA

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: NA

**Recommended Actions:** That the Board of Supervisors set a hearing for May 12, 2009 to:

- A. Adopt the recommended response contained in Attachment A as the Board’s response to the 2008-2009 Grand Jury Report – “Got a Problem? Appoint a Committee”.
- B. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the attached letter to the Presiding Judge.

**Summary Text:**

The Grand Jury report was released on March 27, 2009. 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. Therefore, the Board of Supervisor’s response must be finalized and transmitted to the Presiding Judge of the Court no later than Thursday, June 25, 2009.

**Background:**

The Grand Jury report includes a number of findings and recommendations. The Planning and Development Department and the Board of Supervisors are the only required respondents. The proposed Board responses are consistent with the responses of the Planning and Development Department, but include four unique responses (Finding 1a, 1b, and 2c, and Recommendation 2). The final Planning and Development response letter is provided in Attachment C and a letter from the Process Improvement Oversight Committee containing the Oversight Committee’s comments on the report is included in Attachment D.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The recommended response does not have a fiscal or facilities impact.

**Special Instructions:** The response of the Board of Supervisors must be transmitted to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court no later than June 26, 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 printed letter, written responses and computer copy on CD-ROM in MSWord or PDF format file must be forwarded to the Grand Jury.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Letter to Honorable Judge J. William McLafferty, Presiding Judge

Attachment B: Grand Jury Report titled: "Got a Planning Problem? Appoint a Committee – Worthy Goals, Little Follow-through"

Attachment C: Planning and Development Response

Attachment D: Letter from David Cross, Chairman, Process Improvement Oversight Committee

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