



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** Legislative Program  
Committee  
**Department No.:** 012  
**For Agenda Of:** December 11, 2018  
**Placement:** Departmental  
**Estimated Time:** 30 minutes  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:** NA  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** *DB on behalf of...*  
Legislative Program Committee  
Contact Info: Dennis Bozanich, Deputy County Executive Officer  
**SUBJECT:** Update on Legislative Advocacy and Adoption of the 2019 Legislative Platform

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Receive an update from the County's legislative advocates;
- B. Adopt the County of Santa Barbara 2019 Legislative Platform; and
- C. 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 providing the proposed 2019 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 2019 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 2019 Legislative Platform began in July, 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 2019 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, creating new or amending existing legislation, and advocacy.

The Platform includes forty-two 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, 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:**

Budgeted: Yes **Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
<b>Total</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**Narrative:** The 2019 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.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

**FTEs:**

**Special Instructions:**

NA

**Attachments:**

Attachment A - Proposed 2019 Legislative Platform

Attachment B – Proposed 2019 Legislative Platform – Redlined version from Board direction on October 9, 2018

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