

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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## Agenda Number:

**Prepared on:** Thursday, June 9, 2005  
**Department:** County Executive Office  
**Budget Unit:** 012  
**Agenda Date:** Tuesday, June 21, 2005  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:** 15 Minutes on Tuesday, June 28, 2005  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Michael F. Brown, County Executive Officer

**STAFF:** John Jayasinghe, Administrative Analyst, (805) 568-2246

**SUBJECT:** Board of Supervisors' Response to the 2004-05 Grand Jury Report "A Sobering Thought"

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## Recommendation:

That the Board of Supervisors set a hearing for Tuesday, June 28, 2005, to discuss and adopt the Board of Supervisors' responses to the 2004-05 Grand Jury Report "A Sobering Thought."

## Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal #7: A County Government that is Accessible, Open, and Citizen-Friendly.

## Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Grand Jury Report requires a response from one County department, the Sheriff.

This Grand Jury report regards the value of "Sobering Centers" as holding facilities for people detained for being intoxicated in public. The report released on April 7, 2005, contains one finding and one recommendation. In accordance with Section 933(b), 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' responses must be finalized and transmitted to the Presiding Judge of the Courts no later than Wednesday, July 6, 2005.

A copy of the Grand Jury Report and proposed Board of Supervisors' responses will be included in the June 28, 2005 report to the Board.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

California Penal Code Section 933c requires that comments to Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations be made in writing. These comments, in themselves, do not change existing programs or services levels.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

None from the recommended action.

**CC:**

Jim Anderson, Sheriff