

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**Agenda Number:**  
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**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Michael F. Brown  
County Administrator  
**STAFF CONTACT:** Jim Laponis, Deputy County Administrator  
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**SUBJECT:** Legislative Program Committee Recommendations

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## Recommendations:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Consider draft letter to be sent to our State legislative delegates to communicate the County's support for workers' compensation reform to promote an efficient, equitable, and cost effective system. Provide direction to staff as appropriate. (Attachment A)
- B. Oppose SB 18 (Burton) Traditional Tribal Cultural Sites, which would establish the Traditional Tribal Cultural Site (TTCS) Register, establish a process for listing sites on the Register, and establish a procedure in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for reviewing proposed projects that may adversely impact a TTCS. Authorize the chair to sign the attached letter communicating the County's opposition to the bill. (Attachment B)
- C. Support the inclusion of Maddy Emergency Service Fund Language, which would allow the Board of Supervisors to vote to establish such a fund for Santa Barbara County, in SB 635 (Dunn). Direct staff to work with Senator Dunn to seek a rule waiver to allow the bill to be heard in the Assembly. Establishing a Maddy Emergency Service Fund would add a surcharge on certain penal and vehicle code fines, for the purpose of providing enhanced emergency medical care within the County. (Attachment C)
- D. Consider taking a position on the following two statewide initiatives which have qualified and will be included on the October 7<sup>th</sup> Special Election ballot:
  1. Proposition 53 – Funds Dedicated for State and Local Infrastructure (Attachment D-1, Legislative Constitutional Amendment)
  2. Proposition 54 – Classification by Race, Ethnicity, Color, or National Origin (Attachment D-2, Initiative Constitutional Amendment). **Please note: The Human Relations Commission voted unanimously to recommend that the Board of Supervisors Oppose Proposition 54.**

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendations are primarily aligned with the actions required by law or by routine business necessity.

**Executive Summary and Discussion:**

The Legislative Program Committee met on August 4, 2003, considered, and directed staff to forward the above recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The Legislative Program Committee members are: Susan Rose, Second District Supervisor; Gail Marshall, Third District Supervisor; Michael F. Brown, County Administrator; Stephen Shane Stark, County Counsel, and Robert Geis, Auditor-Controller. Member's Stark and Geis were absent from the meeting.

In addition to the recommended actions, the Committee received a brief report, from Monica Miller, Governmental Advocates, on the status of the State Budget. A summary of the State Budget Impacts on the County of Santa Barbara is included in this report as Attachment E. In September, Ken Masuda, Director of Budget and Research, will be providing a recommendation to the Board on how to address the State Budget impacts on the County's FY03-04 Budget.

The Committee also received a report from Waterman and Associates, the County's Federal Advocates, regarding the status of the County's federal advocacy efforts. A copy of Waterman and Associates quarterly report is attached to this report as Attachment F. The report contains a summary of the status of each of the County's federal advocacy and monitoring and reporting issues.

Finally, the Committee received copies of the following:

- Letter to the Honorable Gloria Negrete McLeod, re: Opposing SB 440 Employer-Employee Relations: Enforcement Officers and Firefighters, which reinstates public safety binding arbitration. (Attachment G)
- Letter to our delegates supporting the passage of a State Budget that does not disproportionately cut local governments. (Attachment H)
- Status report on bills of interest to the County (Attachment I)

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

The Legislative Program Committee was formed pursuant to Board of Supervisors action dated September 3, 1991.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Potential fiscal and facility impacts, where known, are described within each individual recommendation.

C: Legislative Program Committee Members  
Cliff Berg, Governmental Advocates  
Ron Waterman, Waterman and Associates  
SBC Department Directors  
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