



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** Auditor-Controller  
**Department No.:** 061  
**For Agenda Of:** September 1, 2020  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Betsy M. Schaffer, CPA  
Director(s) Auditor-Controller

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Division Chief, x 2181

**SUBJECT:** Establishing Property Tax Rates and Levying Taxes for Fiscal Year 2020-21

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt the attached resolution establishing the property tax rates and levying taxes for the taxing agencies in the County of Santa Barbara for the fiscal year 2020-21.
- b) Determine that the above actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), because they are government fiscal activities which do not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

**Summary Text:**

Annually your Honorable Board is required to adopt the secured tax rates for each taxing agency in the County for the coming tax year. The tax rates presented for your adoption include: a county-wide "Basic Tax Rate" of 1% (\$1.00 on each \$100.00) of assessed value; a unitary and operating non-unitary tax rate; as well as various other tax rates needed to meet the 2020-21 requirements for voter approved indebtedness.

Proceeds of the 1% tax levy will be allocated to all taxing agencies in the County based on a formula taking into consideration the growth in the assessed value within the taxing agency's boundaries. Taxes for voter-approved indebtedness accrue to the agency that issued the debt.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The 2020-21 countywide secured 1% tax levy is based on the equalized roll. It is recommended that you adopt this resolution setting forth the basic 1% property tax, the tax rates for voter approved indebtedness, the pipeline right-of-way rate, and the unitary and operating non-unitary rates.

For informational purposes, the *Santa Barbara County Comparative Tax Rates – Fiscal Year 2020-21* schedule compares the recommended 2020-21 tax rates with those adopted for 2019-20.

**Special Instructions:**

Please have the Clerk of the Board provide a certified copy of the Board Resolution to the Auditor-Controller.

**Attachments:**

Board Resolution  
Santa Barbara County Comparative Tax Rates –Fiscal Year 2020-21

**Authored by:**

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