



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Community Services
Department No.: 057
For Agenda Of: February 8, 2022
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Time: 15 Minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department: Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer, 805-568-3400
Director(s): George Chapjian, Community Service Director 805-568-2485

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Contact Info: Dinah Lockhart, Deputy Director 805-568-3523
Kimberlee Albers, Homeless Assistance Programs Manager, 805-560-1090

SUBJECT: Response to 2021-22 Grand Jury Report: The Keys to Housing the Homeless

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form:

Other Concurrence Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors (Board):

- a) Consider and adopt the responses in Attachment A as the Board of Supervisors' response to the 2021-22 Grand Jury report entitled "the Keys to Housing the Homeless," Attachment B;
- b) Authorize the Chair to sign the letter included in Attachment A and forward the letter and responses to the Presiding Judge of Santa Barbara County Superior Court; and
- c) Determine that the recommended actions are not the approval of a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) and 15378(b)(4), finding that the recommended actions consist of administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

On November 19, 2021, the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury published a report entitled "The Keys to Housing the Homeless." Staff recommends that the Board consider the proposed response to the report (Attachment A) and authorize the Board Chair to sign the letter to convey the response to the Santa Barbara

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County Grand Jury (Attachment B). The Board is required to respond in writing to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court by February 15, 2022 to meet the 90 day response requirement.

Background:

On November 19, 2021, the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury published a report entitled “The Keys to Housing the Homeless.”

The Grand Jury’s report contained 6 findings and recommendations. The six findings are:

1. During the COVID-19 pandemic Project Roomkey demonstrated the value of providing rooms, with appropriate services, for the vulnerable elderly homeless with underlying health conditions.
2. Few hotels and motels throughout Santa Barbara County were willing to participate in Project Roomkey.
3. Buildings for Homekey conversion have been difficult to locate and acquire.
4. Project Homekey called upon various Santa Barbara County departments to work together creatively, quickly, and economically to transform a County owned office building into housing for the homeless.
5. Both Project Roomkey and Project Homekey are reliant on short-term or one-time funding from the State and Federal governments.
6. The Roomkey and Homekey programs require funding to provide wraparound services for the homeless.

The Santa Barbara County Grand Jury named the Board as a responder to all of the findings and recommendations. The Santa Barbara County Grand Jury also named the cities of Buellton, Carpinteria, Goleta, Guadalupe, Lompoc, Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, and Solvang as responders to the findings and recommendations, with the exception of findings and recommendations 4 and 6.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Staff anticipates no fiscal or facilities impacts as a result of the Board’s action on this matter.

Special Instructions:

- 1) As per Recommendation b, forward the original signed letter and responses to the Presiding Judge of Santa Barbara County Superior Court.
- 2) Please email a copy of the signed letter and a copy of the minute order to Dinah Lockhart, Deputy Director, Housing and Community Development Division/Community Services Department

Attachments:

- A) Board of Supervisors Response
- B) FY 2020-21 Grand Jury Report on The Keys to Housing the Homeless
- C) PowerPoint Presentation

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