



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: 4/9/2013
Placement: Departmental
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Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Chandra L. Wallar, County Executive Officer, 568.3400
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: 2013 Legislative Update with Federal and State Advocates

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: NA

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors accepts and files a report from Santa Barbara County legislative advocates and staff which updates the status of emerging legislative issues and the 2013 Legislative Platform.

Summary Text:

This is the annual briefing on the County's legislative program and key issues with staff from Washington, DC-based Thomas Walters and Associates and Governmental Advocates from Sacramento.

Background:

Annually, the Board of Supervisors receives a briefing from Washington, DC-based Thomas Walters and Associates and Governmental Advocates from Sacramento. The briefing and discussion is intended to provide the Board and the public with the latest information about critical legislative initiatives, discussions and decisions in the nation's and state's capitols which have a direct impact on the County's adopted 2013 Legislative Principles of:

- Job Growth and Economic Vitality,
- Efficient Service Delivery/Operations,
- Fiscal Stability,
- Inter-agency Collaboration,

- Local Control,
- Health and Human Services, and
- Community Sustainability.

A request was made to increase the participation of the Board and the public in the draft of future Legislative Platforms during the adoption of the 2013 Legislative Platform, the Board of Supervisors. Staff will provide a brief update on the proposed schedule for the development of the 2014 Legislative Platform.

For additional reference, the Board adopted the 2013 Legislative Platform and received 2012 year-end reports from Thomas Walters and Associates and Governmental Advocates at the Board meeting on January 15, 2013. Those reports can be reviewed [here](#).

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Contracts for Thomas Walters and Associates and Governmental Advocates for calendar year 2013 are approximately \$152,000.

Attachments:

Presentation

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