



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: 02/14/2017  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Time:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

**TO:** Board of Supervisors *QB*  
**FROM:** Department *on behalf of* Legislative Program Committee  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Dennis Bozanich, Deputy County Executive Officer, 568-3400

**SUBJECT:** Adopt the Revised 2017 Legislative Platform

**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt the revised 2017 County of Santa Barbara Legislative Platform; and
- b) Find that the proposed actions do not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to 14 CCR 15378(b)(2), as it consists of general policy and procedure making.

**Summary Text:**

On January 17, 2017, the Board of Supervisor's received a report on the 2017 County of Santa Barbara Legislative Platform (Platform). A majority of the Board recommended revisions to the Platform. The Legislative Program Committee reviewed the revisions at their February 6, 2017 meeting and has recommended Board adoption of the revised 2017 Platform. Once adopted by the Board of Supervisors, the 2017 Legislative Platform will be used by the County to communicate priorities to the federal and state governments.

**Background:**

As recommended by a majority of the Board on January 17, 2017, revisions were made to the proposed 2017 Platform. The Legislative Program Committee reviewed and recommended adoption of the revised 2017 Platform at their meeting on February 6, 2017. Attached to this staff report is the report showing revisions in "track changes" (Attachment A) and in non-"track changes" (Attachment B) form for the convenience of review and consideration.

The development of the 2017 Platform began in August, when the Committee reviewed the legislative principles, strategies and development timeline. During the development of the Platform, the Committee re-affirmed the strategies and principles that guide the Platform. Strategies involve funding requests, crafting new or amending existing legislation, and advocacy of program and grant funding, and regulatory reform.

The Platform includes forty-five individual planks that align with the legislative principles listed above. The planks are sorted by principle and categorized as a funding request, legislative proposal, and/or targeted advocacy. County staff works closely with our state and federal advocates, County departments, and legislative partners to develop effective strategies to address the countywide needs as well as effective strategies to address Platform items.

The following planks were added or substantially revised for the 2017 County of Santa Barbara Legislative Platform:

Child Support Access to Sealed Court Files	Child Welfare Funding
Modernization of the Child Support Program	Organized Delivery System
Farm Bill	Senior Service Funding
Public Safety Funding	State Social Services Funding
Local Governance: Unincorporated Powers	Marketplace Equity & Consumer Protection
Invasive Species Program Funding	Arts & Culture
Pesticide Law Enforcement Activities	Oil & Gas Safety & Compliance
Public Safety	Organized System - Substance Abuse Treatment

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The Fiscal Year 2016-17 Adopted Budget includes budgeted amounts for the County's Federal advocate (Thomas Walters and Associates) and State advocates (Governmental Advocates).

The 2017 Legislative Platform includes requests for project and program funding, legislation and advocacy for public service improvements that may increase available revenue, change service levels and thereby reduce or increase the cost of doing business.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A – Redline Version of Revised 2017 Legislative Platform

Attachment B – Non-Redlined Version of Revised 2017 Legislative Platform

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