



BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS AGENDA
LETTER

Agenda Number:

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Supervisors 105 E. Anapamu
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Department Name: CEO/General Services

Department No.: 012/063

For Agenda Of: June, 2, 2020

Placement: Administrative

Estimated Time:

Continued Item: No

If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director (s):  Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer
Janette Pell, General Services Director

Contact Info: Richard Morgantini, Fiscal & Policy Analyst



SUBJECT: Response to 2019-2020 Grand Jury Report: Cyber Attacks Threaten Santa
Barbara County

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Consider and adopt the responses in Attachment A as the Board of Supervisors' response to the 2019-20 Grand Jury report entitled "Cyber Attacks Threaten Santa Barbara County", Attachment B; and
- 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 pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15378(b)(5) that the above actions are not a project subject to CEQA review, because they are government administrative activities that does not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

Summary Text:

On April 8, 2020, the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury published a report entitled “Cyber Attacks Threaten Santa Barbara County”. Today, the Board will consider the County’s proposed response to the report, adopt their preferred response and authorize the Board Chair to sign the response letter. The Board is required to respond in writing to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court by July 7, 2020.

Background:

The 2019-20 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury determined that cyber-attacks and related threats are an ongoing reality and that all public entities within Santa Barbara County need to take prompt and aggressive steps to prevent significant disruption from these attacks. When cyber-attacks are successful, the costs to respond and recover can be in the millions of dollars. While some local public entities are taking steps to protect themselves from these risks, the Grand Jury reports that many are not adequately prepared.

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), please forward the original signed letter and responses to the Presiding Judge of Santa Barbara County Superior Court.
2. Please send a copy of the signed letter and a copy of the minute order to Richard Morgantini, Fiscal & Policy Analyst, CEO’s office.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Board of Supervisors Response

Attachment B: FY 2019-20 Grand Jury Report

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