



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: County Executive Office
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: 09-22-2020
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Time: 2 hours
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department: Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer
Director(s): Barney Melekian, Assistant County Executive Officer
Contact Info: Richard Morgantini 805-568-3551

SUBJECT: Response to 2019-2020 Grand Jury Report: Cannabis

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: NA

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Consider and adopt the responses set forth in Attachment A as the Board of Supervisors' response to the 2019-20 Grand Jury report entitled "Cannabis" 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 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 June 30, 2020, the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury published a report entitled "Cannabis" On September 22, 2020, 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 September 30, 2020.

Background:

The Grand Jury issued a report critical of the Board of Supervisors and County staff. The report included 12 Findings and 19 Recommendations. Most of these require detailed responses that are provided in Attachment B.

The County Board of Supervisors is required to respond to all 12 Findings (1-12) and all Recommendations (1a, 1b, 2, 3, 4a, 4b, 5a, 5b, 5c, 6, 7a, 7b, 8, 9, 11, 12a, 12b, 12c, 12d).

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 Recommended Action b), above, 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

Authored by:

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