

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Administrative Office	(2) MEETING DATE July 14, 2009	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Leslie Brown (805) 781-5011
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve recommended responses to findings and recommendations contained in the Grand Jury report titled "County Law Enforcement Responds to Increased Gang Activity" and forward the responses to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court and Grand Jury by August 3, 2009.		
(5) SUMMARY OF REQUEST The Grand Jury issued a report on June 9, 2009 based upon their investigation into gang activity in San Luis Obispo County. In its report the Grand Jury notes several program efforts planned or underway to prevent, detect, and suppress gang criminal activity as well as to rehabilitate those gang members who desire to turn their lives around. A few of these efforts received commendations from the Grand Jury. The report identified four findings and three recommendations: The Anti Gang Coordinating Commission (represented by the Chief Probation Officer, the District Attorney and the Sheriff) are required to respond to three of these findings and two recommendations and the Board of Supervisors is required to respond to the two findings and two recommendations. This item includes the Anti Gang Coordinating Commission responses that are recommended to be included in the response from the Board of Supervisors.		
(6) RECOMMENDED ACTION That the Board of Supervisors: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt the responses to Finding 1 and Recommendation 1 from the Anti-Gang Coordinating Commission (represented by Probation, the District Attorney and the Sheriff) as the Board's response to the 2008-09 Grand Jury report titled "County Law Enforcement Responds to Increased Gang Activity", 2. Approve staff recommended responses to Finding 3 and Recommendation 3 as the Board's response to this same Grand Jury report, and 3. Forward the responses to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court and to the Grand Jury. 		
(7) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(8) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(9) ANNUAL COST N/A
(10) BUDGETED? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
(11) OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT (LIST): County Probation, District Attorney and the Sheriff		
(12) WILL REQUEST REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, How Many? _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Term _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Contract _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Help _____		
(13) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) <input type="checkbox"/> 1st, <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd, <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd, <input type="checkbox"/> 4th, <input type="checkbox"/> 5th, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All	(14) LOCATION MAP <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	(15) Maddy Act Appointments Signed-off by Clerk of the Board <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
(16) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)	(17) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions (Orig) <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts (Orig + 3 Copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances (Orig) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Email Resolution and Ordinance to CR_Board_Clerk (in Word)	
(18) NEED EXTRA EXECUTED COPIES? <input type="checkbox"/> Number: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	(19) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(20) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) <p align="center">N/A</p>	(21) W-9 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes N/A	(22) Agenda Item History <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date _____
(23) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW <p align="center">The Administrative Office prepared this report <i>OK Dan Fuchsli</i></p>		

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To: Board of Supervisors
From: Leslie Brown, Administrative Analyst

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JIM GRANT
INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Date: July 14, 2009

Subject: Responses to 2008-09 Grand Jury Report – “County Law Enforcement Responds to Increased Gang Activity”

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the responses to Finding 1 and Recommendation 1 from the Anti-Gang Coordinating Commission (represented by the Chief Probation Officer, the District Attorney and the Sheriff) as the Board’s response to the 2008-09 Grand Jury report titled “County Law Enforcement Responds to Increased Gang Activity,”
2. Approve staff recommended responses to Finding 3 and Recommendation 3 as the Board’s response to this same Grand Jury report, and
3. Forward the responses to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court and to the Grand Jury.

DISCUSSION

The Grand Jury issued a report on June 9, 2009 based upon their investigation into gang activity in San Luis Obispo County. The Grand Jury cited data indicating that gang membership and activity is on the rise, with members from outside this county contributing to the increase in gang related crime. In its report, the Grand Jury notes several program efforts planned or underway to prevent, detect, and suppress gang criminal activity as well as to rehabilitate those gang members who desire to turn their lives around. The Grand Jury commends some of these efforts such as the Liberty Tattoo Removal program, the Youth in Action program run by the Probation Department in the Lucia Mar School District, the County Gang Task Force’s prevention and suppression efforts and the formation of the Anti Gang Coordinating Commission to seek new ways to fund and tackle this problem.

The report requires responses to four Findings and three Recommendations as follows:

- The Anti Gang Coordinating Commission is required to respond to Findings 1, 2 and 4 as well as Recommendations 1 and 2.
- The San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors is required to respond to Findings 1 and 3 as well as Recommendations 1 and 3.

The response from the Anti Gang Coordinating Commission found in Attachment 2 reflects a coordinated effort of the Chief Probation Officer, the District Attorney and the Sheriff. Staff recommends that your Board adopt the Anti Gang Coordinating Commission's responses to Finding 1 and Recommendation 1 as the Board's response.

In addition, staff recommends that your Board adopt the following responses to Finding 3 and Recommendation 3:

Finding 3: *"The County Gang Task Force believes graffiti must be removed as soon as possible to avoid escalation."*

The Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding.

Recommendation 3: *"County Board of Supervisors should consider enacting a graffiti removal ordinance."*

This recommendation has not been implemented but will be implemented in the future. As noted in the Grand Jury's report under the heading "Detection & Suppression," the Sheriff's Department, working in conjunction with local cities, will be presenting a graffiti removal ordinance to the Board of Supervisors. At that time the Board will consider enacting this ordinance.

Responses from the Anti Gang Coordinating Commission and the Board of Supervisors must be delivered to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court by August 3, 2009. The County Administrative Office procedures include coordinating departmental responses to Grand Jury reports and preparing recommended responses on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The response from the Anti Gang Coordinating Commission was prepared in collaboration by the chief Probation Officer, the District Attorney and the Sheriff. The County Administrative Office reviewed their responses to the Grand Jury report and prepared the recommended Board responses to this report.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Costs for preparing this response are included in current department budgets.

RESULTS

This response will meet the legal requirements and time frames for responding to a Grand Jury report with findings and recommendations.

Attachments:

1. 2008-09 Grand Jury report titled "County Law Enforcement Responds to Increased Gang Activity."
2. Response from the Anti Gang Coordinating Commission