Section A

Transmittal Letter
May 8, 2013

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Chair Carbajal and Board Members:

The Recommended Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-14 County of Santa Barbara Operating Plan is submitted for your consideration, possible amendment and eventual adoption. This Operating Plan before you is the result of a thorough development process which involved active participation from all departments and is based on budget policies, budget development schedule and the General Fund allocation methodology approved by the Board of Supervisors over the past several months.

In compliance with California Government Code (Section 29062) Santa Barbara County Code (Chapter 2, Section 2-71 k), I am submitting to you the Recommended Operating Plan and Capital Budget for FY 2013-14 and have determined that the budget development process is compatible with approved County policies and long-range plans through the thorough evaluation of departmental requests for expenditures, revenues and fund balance.

Recognizing significant interest in government spending, I’d invite the public to participate in the discussions and decisions that affect the County’s spending priorities. Public hearings on the Recommended Fiscal Year 2013-14 Operating Plan are scheduled to be conducted on June 10, 12 and 14, 2013 and continuing thereafter, if necessary. The public budget hearings will be conducted at the County Administration Building’s Fourth Floor Hearing Room located at 105 E. Anapamu Street in Santa Barbara and will be able to receive remote testimony from the Orcutt Room at 2125 S. Centerpointe Parkway in Santa Maria.

Sincerely,

Chandra L. Wallar
County Executive Officer