

TO: Members, Legislative Committee
County of Santa Barbara

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RE: September Update

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As we complete the fall elections we have many things to share with the legislative committee. First, the budget was finally adopted by the legislature and signed by the Governor in mid October after a marathon 36 hour legislative session. After a hard fought night, both the Senate and the Assembly were successful at obtaining the necessary votes. The Governor received the budget on Friday, October 8, 2010 mid-morning and it was signed by that early evening. He did delay the signing of the budget trailer bills for several days; however with the major piece signed the money could continue to flow in California from the Controllers office.

The County did have many successes in this budget, including the full reimbursement of the May Special election, a partial restoration of the Williamson Act in the amount of \$10 million statewide and the restoration of the Special Distribution Fund from 2007 which is \$30,000,000 statewide. Many social service programs were also restored or kept whole that had been slated to be cuts or significantly reduced. Additionally, there was some discussion that the State might realign their prison population to local governments along with a minimal reimbursement for providing their care. In the end, this proposal was unsuccessful.

Unfortunately, the Governor still had his blue pencil authority (line-item veto authority) and chose to exercise it. The biggest hit was the totally elimination of the Stage III Child Care for CalWorks. As you know, this elimination would completely set families back that are finally on their way off of welfare. After the shock of this elimination the Speaker of the Assembly announced that he plans to fully restore this funding in January, the key is to work with our First Five Commission to get the "gap" funding addressed. The Speaker also donated \$6 million to the State First Five from the Assembly's working budget that they had saved with salary savings and other cost-cutting measures to help off-set this "gap" funding. Locally each First Five has the option to supplant this program, should they chose to close the "gap", the goal is to obtain full funding from the state in January once the Legislature returns.

When we last reported we were still waiting on many bills to be acted on that were sitting on the Governor's desk, he had until September 30, 2010 to sign or veto the bills on his desk. Below is an update of the actions he took:

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AB 1640 by Assembly Member Noreen Evans and Assembly Member Pedro Nava, which seeks to overturn a decision made by the California Department of Public Health in late December 2009 that disenrolled low-income, medical women ages 40-49 from the breast and cervical cancer screening program under the Every Woman Counts program. The Department cited fiscal constraints as the reason for this new mandate. You may recall that the Governor signed our County sponsored bill, AB 359, last year allowing providers, on a voluntary basis, to provide a digital screening but be reimbursed at the analogue rate. The idea was to allow more women to get their screenings, not less; therefore we are supporting this bill. The measure has received bi-partisan support; it was signed by the Governor.

The County was also opposed to AB 2503 by Speaker John Perez related to the rigs to reefs program. This bill has been attempted in the past and the Governor has repeatedly vetoed the bill. The measure was part of a deal struck by leadership, so it continued to move to the Governor's desk. It is currently sitting there awaiting his action, while we were told to expect a veto, a deal was struck and he signed the measure.

AB 354 by Assembly Juan Arambula from the Central Valley is supported by our Public Health Department. This bill deletes certain age limits for specified childhood immunizations required for admission to specified schools or child care centers, and requires the Department of Public Health to consider the immunization recommendations of the American Academy of Family Physicians. During the last week of the legislative session the bill made it to the Governor's desk and he signed it on September 29, 2010.

Another bill of concern to the County is AB 2456 by Assembly Member Alberto Torrico which is a bill that we are watching on behalf of the county. This bill requires the Emergency Medical Services Authority to develop and enforce regulations establishing standards for policies and procedures applicable to the functions of emergency medical technicians. This bill did move to the Governor, however he vetoed it saying the bill was unnecessary that local EMS' can do this on their own.

We also wanted to update you on the statewide election results. Below is a list of all of the statewide candidates as well as the Assembly Members, Senators and the propositions along with their outcome.

Governor – Democrat Jerry Brown won election to the Governor's office, carrying 53.9% of the vote (with 94.7% of precincts reporting). Recent polls had showed Jerry Brown leading Republican nominee Meg Whitman. However, this was a hard fought race that came down to the wire. In the end, it may be remembered for the negative campaigns and massive amounts of money spent with Whitman contributing nearly \$140 million of her own money, making her the biggest spending candidate on a single campaign in U.S. history.

Lieutenant Governor – This race pitted Abel Maldonado, a central coast moderate against Gavin Newsom, a San Francisco liberal. Going into the race, Newsome had higher name identification, however Maldonado had the advantage of being the

incumbent after being appointed to the office by Governor Schwarzenegger (and confirmed by the Legislature) after former Lieutenant Governor Garamendi was elected to Congress; In the end Newsom won with just over 50% of the vote.

Attorney General – The race between Republican LA District Attorney Steve Cooley and Democrat San Francisco District Attorney Kamala Harris has not been called. With 94.7% of precincts reporting, Harris is leading by over 51,000 votes.

Treasurer – Democrat Bill Lockyer easily defeated Republican challenger Mimi Walters.

Insurance Commissioner –Democrat Assemblymember Dave Jones won election over Republican Assemblymember Mike Villines.

Secretary of State – Incumbent Democrat Debra Bowen easily won re-election over newcomer Damon Dunn.

Controller – Incumbent Democrat John Chiang also easily won re-election over Republican State Senator Tony Strickland.

Ballot Measures - There were nine propositions on the ballot. Below is a summary of the key propositions:

<u>Prop.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>% Yes/No</u>
19	Legalization of Marijuana	FAILED	46.2% / 53.8%
20	Redistricting of Congressional Districts	PASSED	61.2% / 38.8%
21	Increase VLF by \$18 to support State Parks	FAILED	42.1% / 57.9%
22	Protection of transportation and local government funds	PASSED	60.9% / 39.1%
23	Suspends Implementation of AB 32	FAILED	38.6% / 61.4%
24	Repeal NOL, SSF	FAILED	41.6% / 58.4%
25	Majority Vote Budget w. 2/3 requirement for taxes	PASSED	55.0% / 45.0%
26	2/3 rd vote for Fee's	PASSED	52.6% / 47.4%
27	Elimination of Redistricting Commission	FAILED	40.5% / 59.5%

Assembly - Contested races that were closely watched included Richard Pan (D) v. Andy Pugno (R) in the 5th AD, Alison Huber (D) v. Jack Sieglock (R) in the 10th AD and Joan Buchanan (D) v. Abram Wilson (R) in the 15th AD. In the end, incumbents Huber and Buchanan retained their seats, while the surprise of the evening was in the 5th AD, where Democratic Candidate Richard Pan won the election. This seat has traditionally been held by a Republican and was the only seat to change hands. With Pan holding the lead, the 2011-2012 Assembly will be made of 51 Democrats and 29 Republicans. There will be 26 new members of the Assembly, including one former State Senator returning to the Assembly.

In addition, Assemblymember Ted Gains (R-Roseville) appeared twice on the ballot and was top vote getter in the special election for the 1st State Senate. Should Gains win in the run-off scheduled for January 4th, there will be a special election to replace him.

Below is a list of the 2011-12 Assembly, with new members noted in **bold**:

AD 1– Wesley Chesbro (D)
AD 2 – Jim Nielson (R)
AD 3 – Dan Logue (R)
AD 4 – Ted Gains (R)
AD 5 – Richard Pan (R)
AD 6 – Jared Huffman (D)
AD 7 – Michael Allen (D)
AD 8 – Mariko Yamada (D)
AD 9 – Rodger Dickenson (D)
AD 10 – Alyson Huber (D)
AD 11 – Susan Bonilla (D)
AD 12 – Fiona Ma (D)
AD 13 – Tom Ammiano (D)
AD 14 – Nancy Skinner (D)
AD 15 – Joan Buchanan (R)
AD 16 – Sandre Swanson (D)
AD 17 – Cathleen Galgiani (D)
AD 18 – Mary Hayashi (D)
AD 19 – Jerry Hill (D)
AD 20 – Bob Wieckowski (D)
AD 21 – Rich Gordon (D)
AD 22 – Paul Fong (D)
AD 23 – Nora Campos (D)
AD 24 – Jim Beall (D)
AD 25 – Kirsten Olson (R)
AD 26 – Bill Berryhill (R)
AD 27 – Bill Monning (D)
AD 28 – Luis Alejo (D)
AD29 – Linda Halderman (R)
AD 30 – David Valadao (R)
AD 31 – Henry Perea (D)
AD 32 – Shannon Grove (R)
AD 33 – Katcho Achadjian (R)
AD 34 – Connie Conway (R)
AD 35 – Das Williams (D)
AD 36 – Steve Knight (R)
AD 37 – Jeff Gorell (R)
AD 38 – Cameron Smyth (R)
AD 39 – Felipe Fuentes (D)
AD 40 – Bob Blumenfield (D)
AD 41 – Julia Brownley (D)
AD 42 – Mike Feuer (D)
AD 43- Mike Gatto (D)
AD 44 – Anthony Portantino (D)

AD 45 – Gil Cedillo (D)
 AD 46 – John Perez (D)
AD 47 – Holly Mitchell (D)
 AD 48 – Mike Davis (D)
 AD 49 – Mike Eng (D)
AD 50 – Ricardo Lara (D)
 AD 51 – Steve Bradford (D)
 AD 52 – Isadore Hall (D)
AD 53 – Betsy Butler (D)
 AD 54 – Bonnie Lowenthal (D)
 AD 55 – Warren Furutani (D)
 AD 56 – Tony Mendoza (D)
AD 57 – Roger Hernandez (D)
 AD 58 – Chuck Calderon (D)
AD 59 – Tim Donnelly (R)
 AD60 – Kurt Hagman (R)
 AD 61 – Norma Torres (D)
 AD 62 – Wilmer Amina Carter (D)
AD 63 – Mike Morrell (R)
 AD 64 – Brian Nestande (R)
 AD 65 – Paul Cook (R)
 AD 66 – Kevin Jeffries (R)
 AD 67 – Jim Silva (R)
AD 68 – Allan Mansoor (R)
 AD 69 – Jose Solorio (D)
AD 70 – Don Wagner (R)
 AD 71 – Jeff Miller (R)
 AD 72 – Chris Norby (R)
 AD 73 – Diane Harkey (R)
 AD 74 – Martin Garrick (R)
 AD 75 – Nathan Fletcher (R)
AD 76 – Toni Atkins (D)
 AD 77 – Joel Anderson (R)
 AD 78 – Marty Block (D)
AD 79 – Ben Hueso (D)
 AD 80 – Manuel Perez (D)

Senate - Only even numbered districts held elections this year. There will be ten new members of the State Senate; all but two arrived from the Assembly. The Senate will be made up of 24 Democrats Senate and 13 Republicans with two vacancies. The first is in the 28th SD where Senator Jenny Oropeza's name appeared on the ballot after she passed away. The second is in the 1st AD where a special election was held to replace Senator Dave Cox who also passed away earlier this year. In that election, no candidate received the necessary votes; however Assemblymember Gains won the Republican nomination and is considered the favorite in the run-off where he will face Democrat Ken Cooley.

Below is a list of the 2011-2012 Senate with new members noted in **bold**.

SD 1 – Vacant (special election on January 4, 2011)
SD 2 – Noreen Evans (D)

SD 3 – Mark Leno (D)

SD 4 – Doug LaMalfa (R)

SD 5 – Lois Wolk (R)

SD 6 – Darrell Steinberg (D)

SD 7 – Mark DeSaulnier (D)

SD 8 – Leland Yee (D)

SD 9 – Loni Hancock (D)

SD 10 – Ellen Corbett (D)

SD 11 – Joe Simitian (D)

SD 12 – Anthony Cannella (R)

SD 13 – Elaine Alquist (D)

SD 14 – Tom Berryhill (R)

SD 15 – Sam Blakeslee (R)

SD 16 – Michael Rubio (D)

SD 17 – George Runner (R)

SD 18 – Jean Fuller (R)

SD 19 – Tony Stricland (R)

SD 20 – Alex Padilla (D)

SD 21 – Carol Liu (D)

SD 22 – Kevin DeLeon (D)

SD 23 – Fran Pavley (D)

SD 24 – Ed Hernandez (D)

SD 25 – Rod Wright (D)

SD 26 – Curren Price (D)

SD 27 – Alan Lowenthal (D)

SD 28 – Vacancy (Jenny Oropeza - D) (she won, but passed away prior to the election, so there will be a special election called soon to replace her)

SD 29 – Bob Huff (R)

SD 30 – Ron Calderon (D)

SD 31 – Bob Dutton (R)

SD 32 – Gloria Negrete-McLeod (D)

SD 33 – Mimi Walters (R)

SD 34 – Lou Correa (D)

SD 35 – Tom Harman (R)

SD 36 – Joel Anderson (R)

SD 37 – Bill Emmerson (R)

SD 38 – Mark Wyland (R)

SD 39 – Christine Kehoe (D)

SD 40 – Juan Vargas (D)