

# Section A



## Transmittal Letter



# County Of Santa Barbara



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## Executive Office

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Barbara  
105 East Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101-2065

Chair Adam and Board Members:

The Recommended Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17 County of Santa Barbara Operating Plan is submitted for your consideration, possible amendment and eventual adoption. This Operating Plan, which includes a balanced Recommended Budget, is the result of a thorough development process involving participation from all departments and adherence to budget policies, 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) and Santa Barbara County Code (Chapter 2, Article X, Section 2-71 k), I am submitting to you the recommended operating and capital budgets for FY 2016-17 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.

I welcome and encourage our community members to participate in the discussions and decisions that affect the County's spending priorities. In addition to Budget Workshops held in April, public hearings on the Recommended Fiscal Year 2016-17 Operating Plan are scheduled for June 13, 2016 and will continue if necessary, through Friday June 17, 2016, with specific hearings scheduled for Monday, June 13, 2016 and Wednesday, June 15, 2016 and only if needed Friday, June 17, 2016. 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 Board Hearing Room, Joseph Centeno Betteravia Government Center, 511 East Lakeside Parkway in Santa Maria.

I want to thank the Board of Supervisors for successfully guiding the organization over the past year. I also want to thank our department directors and their staff for assisting in the budget process. In particular, I would like to express my appreciation to the Auditor-Controller's Office and the County Executive Office staff for their efforts in preparing this document and making improvements. Lastly, I want to express my gratitude to our employees for their dedication in serving our community and commitment to a financially sound and vibrant organization.

Sincerely,

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