

Section A



Transmittal Letter



County Of Santa Barbara



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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara
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Chair Hartmann and Board Members:

The Recommended Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 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 2017-18 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 2017-18 Operating Plan are scheduled for June 12, 2017 and will continue if necessary, on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 and Friday, June 16, 2017. 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.

Over the next several years, we will be undergoing significant financial and operational changes. I want to thank the Board of Supervisors for its leadership and commitment to ensuring a financially sustainable organization next year and into the future. I also want to thank our department directors and their staff for assisting in the budget process and making difficult choices to adapt to our new reality. I also want to express my appreciation to the Auditor-Controller's Office and the County Executive Office staff for their efforts in preparing this document. Lastly, I want to express my gratitude to our employees for their dedication in serving our community, being committed to our long-term success, and exhibiting excellence in public service every day.

Sincerely,


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