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**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

February 18, 2021

The Honorable Maria Elena Durazo  
Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review  
Subcommittee #5  
State Capitol, Room 5019  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Cristina Garcia  
Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee #5  
State Capitol, Room 2013  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Request for Backfill - Criminal Justice Administrative Fees**

Dear Senator Durazo and Assemblymember Garcia:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors in order to respectfully request for the State to ensure that the County of Santa Barbara receives the equivalent of \$2.6 million in backfill for the revenue loss from the result of AB 1869 (Chapter 92, Statutes of 2020).

SB 1869 was enacted as part of the state budget in August of last year. It eliminates various criminal justice administrative fees including probation, sheriff, and public defender fees. As a result of passage of SB 1869, Santa Barbara County calculates a potential revenue loss of \$2.6 million.

The Governor's budget provided a backfill of \$65 million but the backfill did not include any distribution formula. Santa Barbara County is asking that the final distribution formula ensures that the County receives the equivalent of \$2.6 million that was previously received.

These funds were used to fund:

- Probation services including supervision of probationers (\$1.9 million);
- Sheriff services including the Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP) (\$450k), and;
- Public Defender services including indigent defense (\$250k).

Failure to backfill the lost revenue will have a substantial impact on the County's ability to provide these services.

The Board of Supervisors adopted a 2021 Legislative Platform that includes the Fiscal Stability Principle, which states that the County will support efforts to generate new intergovernmental revenue and/or enhance existing revenue/reimbursement levels and oppose the loss of, or redirecting of, existing revenue and/or the creation of additional unfunded mandates to the County.

If you have questions about the Board's position, please contact the County's Legislative Coordinator, Nancy Anderson at 805-568-3403 or [NAnderson@countyofsb.org](mailto:NAnderson@countyofsb.org). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Cliff Berg

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cc: Honorable Members, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee #5  
Honorable Members, Assembly Budget Subcommittee #5  
The Honorable Nancy Skinner, Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee  
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