



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 8/23/2022

File #: 22-1127

To: Board of Supervisors

From: County Administrative Office

Agenda Section: Departmental

SUBJECT:

Fiscal Year 2021-22 Grand Jury Responses: Sea Level Rise, Distrust, Disagreements, Dysfunction

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Review and modify as necessary the proposed Grand Jury responses from the County Administrative Office, Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office, Department of Health and Human Services, and the Department of Public Works. (Attachments 4, 5, 6, 7);
2. Review and modify as necessary the proposed Grand Jury response from your Board. (Attachment 2)
3. Approve the documents, as may be modified, as the response;
4. Direct the Clerk of the Board, within 5 working days, to submit the final response with an accompanying Board Order to the 2021-22 Grand Jury and the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court;
5. Direct the Clerk of the Board, within 5 working days, to submit a copy of all attached responses to the County Clerk/Recorder, together with a copy of the original report; and
6. Direct the Clerk of the Board, within 5 working days, to submit two copies of all attached responses to the Clerk of the Court, one of which will be forwarded to the State Archivist, together with a copy of the original report.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund (1100)

DISCUSSION:

The Grand Jury investigates and reports on the operations, accounts, and records of the officers, departments, or functions of the county. The county thanks the Grand Jury for its hard work and efforts that they have put forth in their 2021-22 Grand Jury reports.

The Grand Jury has submitted six reports to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, of which one was received, and responses were approved by your Board on July 19, 2022 and Aug. 16, 2022, and four of the remaining reports require response either from your Board or a department over which your

Board is the governing body. Two reports come before your Board today and the remaining two to be presented in September. Each department head or agency mentioned in the report is required to respond. The two reports that will be discussed before your Board today are as follows:

- “The Sea Also Rises” (Attachment 1). The Grand Jury has requested responses from the Board of Supervisors, the Arcata City Council, the Eureka City Council, and the Board of Commissioners of the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District.
- “Distrust, Disagreements, Dysfunction” (Attachment 3). The Grand Jury has requested responses from the Board of Supervisors, former Auditor-Controller Karen Paz Dominquez, County Administrative Officer Elishia Hayes, Interim Treasurer-Tax Collector Amy Christensen, Sheriff William Honsal, Public Works Director Thomas Matson, and DHHS Director Connie Beck.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact related to providing a response. Some individual responses may require expenditures.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board’s Strategic Framework by fostering transparent, accessible, welcoming and user friendly services .

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Those referenced in the Grand Jury Reports.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may elect to modify any response pertaining to matters under its control.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. The Sea Also Rises Report
2. The Sea Also Rises Report - Board of Supervisors Response
3. Distrust, Disagreements, Dysfunction Report
4. Distrust, Disagreements, Dysfunction Report - CAO Response
5. Distrust, Disagreements, Dysfunction Report - Treasurer-Tax Collector Response
6. Distrust, Disagreements, Dysfunction Report - Public Works Response
7. Distrust, Disagreements, Dysfunction Report - DHHS Response

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

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