

Section A



Transmittal Letter



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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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Chair Wolf and Board Members:

The Recommended Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 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 2015-16 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 2015-16 Operating Plan are scheduled for June 8, 2015 and will continue if necessary, through Friday June 19, 2015, with specific hearings scheduled for Monday, June 8 and Wednesday, June 10, 2015 and only if needed Friday, June 12, 2015. 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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