

Monterey County

Board Report

Item No.

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Adopt a Resolution to approve the Monterey County Civil Grand Jury's Conflict of Interest Code.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors: As code reviewing body, adopt a Resolution approving the Monterey County Civil Grand Jury's Conflict of Interest Code.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Political Reform Act of 1974 (Government Code section 81000, et. seq.), requires state and local government agencies to adopt Conflict of Interest Codes. The Fair Political Practices Commission, the state agency that regulates practices under the Political Reform Act, has issued formal opinions verifying that, although it is technically an arm of the state, the Monterey County Civil Grand Jury is considered a local government agency for purposes of the Political Reform Act. Consequently, it is required to "adopt and promulgate" a Conflict of Interest Code (Gov. Code, § 87300.)

Pursuant to Government Code sections 82011 and 87303, the Board of Supervisors is the code reviewing body. It may approve the Code as submitted, revise the proposed Code and approve it as revised, or return the proposed Code to the agency for revision and resubmission.

Staff has prepared and attached a proposed Monterey County Civil Grand Jury Conflict of Interest Code, as Exhibit B for Board review and approval. Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the proposed Conflict of Interest Code of the Monterey County Civil Grand Jury.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The proposed Code, as submitted, is lawful under the Political Reform Act of 1974.

FINANCING:

There is no financial impact upon the County of Monterey resulting from the Board's approval and adoption of the Monterey County Civil Grand Jury's Conflict of Interest Code.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Approval of the proposed Conflict of Intertest Code fulfills the Board's statutorily designated role as the code reviewing body pursuant to the Political Reform Act:

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives

- ___ Economic Development
- X Administration
- ____ Health & Human Services
- ____ Infrastructure
- ____ Public Safety

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Attachments:

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- A. Proposed Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board
- B. Proposed Conflict of Interest Code of the Civil Grand Jury is on file with the Clerk of the Board