



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
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Board Report

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Consider:

- a. Options for a Board policy governing the appointment process to Board standing committees;
- b. Selecting an option for the appointment process to Board standing committees, and direct preparation of a Board policy; and,
- c. Making appointments to Board standing committees and outside agencies for 2022.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors consider various options for the appointment of Supervisors to Board standing committees, and select an option for the appointments. Because only interim appointments have been made for the standing committees and outside agencies in order for the committees and agencies to conduct business while the appointment process was considered, it is also necessary for the Board to make those appointments (appointments to ad hoc committees were made at the January 11, 2022 meeting).

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

On January 11, 2022, the Board of Supervisors created an Ad Hoc committee to discuss options for appointments to Board standing committees. Past practice has been for the Board to make the appointments at the first meeting of the calendar year upon the recommendation of the new Chair of the Board, and the vote of the full Board. This process is viewed by some to create inequities in the appointments to various committees, but by others as part of the normal democratic process. The Committee consisted of Chair Adams and Vice-Chair Alejo, and was assisted by the CAO, County Counsel and other staff from the CAO's office.

The Committee met twice to review and discuss various options but was unable to come to agreement on a recommendation. The Committee agreed that the full Board should be presented the full range of options and informed of the first and second preferences of each Committee member.

Enclosed as Attachment A is a list of the options for selecting committee members. The Chair's first preference is option 7 - a staggered multi-year rotation by District with either 2 or 3-year terms. Her second preference is option 6 - a staggered annual rotation by District. The Vice-Chair's first preference is option 1 - maintenance of current practice. His second preference is option 3 - current practice with multi-year terms. Upon a decision by the Board a formal Board policy will be prepared.

Permanent appointments to the standing committees and outside agencies were not made at the January 11 meeting; rather, the Board continued on an interim basis the appointments made for 2021 while the process was being considered. Appointments to ad hoc committees were made. It will therefore be necessary for the Board to make appointments pursuant to the process determined by the Board.

Enclosed as Attachment B is a memorandum from the Chair setting forth the reasoning for her preferences, but also making recommendations for appointments utilizing both her preferred options and also the status quo option (Chair recommendation - Board vote).

Enclosed as Attachment C is a memorandum from the Vice-Chair setting forth the reasoning for his

preferences.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The CAO concurs in the recommendations.

FINANCING:

There is no financial impact with this action.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Amending the Monterey County Code Section 1.04.010, supports the 2021 redistricting process for supervisorial districts in Monterey County.

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives

- Economic Development
- Administration
- Health & Human Services
- Infrastructure
- Public Safety

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Attachments:

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- A. List of Options
- B. Chair memorandum
- C. Vice-Chair memorandum