County of Santa Clara
Board of Supervisors
Supervisiorial District Five
Supervisor Liz Kniss

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DATE: May 22, 2012
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Liz Kniss
Supervisor, District 5

SUBJECT: Report of the Legislative Committee

RECOMMENDED ACTION
Accept report from the Legislative Committee meeting of May 7, 2012. (Kniss)

Possible action:
a. Accept agenda items 4 and 10 as information only.
b. Support AB 2443 (Williams) Vessel Registration Fee: Quagga Mussels
c. Support SB 1538 (Simitian) Healthcare: Mammogram
d. Support SB 1363 (Yee) Juveniles: Solitary Confinement
e. Support SB 2109 (Pan) Immunization
f. Adopt resolution opposing elimination of the California Commission on the Status of Women from the State code.
g. Consider support for the Santa Clara Valley Water District's Safe Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Plan, and support of the Water District Board of Directors placing the Plan on the November 2012 ballot.
REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends support for agenda item 5, AB 2443 and agenda item 7, SB 1363, which were taken on consent.

SB 1538 (Simitian) Healthcare: Mammogram was presented to the committee as a request for support from the Commission in the Status of Women, however, Supervisor Kniss also placed this item on the committee agenda for consideration. The Legislative Committee accepted a report from the Commission on the Status of Women in which they characterized this bill as a health education measure. A representative of Senator Simitian's office also spoke to the bill. The Commission requested they be authorized to send a letter of support regarding SB 1538 and the Legislative Committee concurred. Supervisor Kniss is also requesting the County of Santa Clara register support for this bill.

AB 2109 (Pan) Immunizations was presented by legislative staff. Both Supervisors agreed to recommend support to the Board of Supervisors.

The Committee considered a request from the Santa Clara County Commission on the Status of Women to adopt a Resolution urging the reinstatement of the California Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in the State Budget. The Legislative Staff informed the Committee that the Speaker of the Assembly announced he would partially fund the shortfall, and the State CSW will look to private/public fundraising opportunities. While this is good news, the immanent issue is that the Governor's proposal eliminates the State CSW from the State code. After discussion, the Committee agreed to word a Resolution focused on the elimination of the CSW from the State code. Attached to this report is the resolution recommended for approval, with the changes as proposed by the Legislative Committee.

Accepted report from the Human Relations Committee on the death penalty. Three requests were made of the County; the County perform a detailed cost analysis on the cost of the Death Penalty in Santa Clara County, support SB 490 if it is reintroduced as legislation, and support an initiative to end the death penalty in California. The Committee asked for a report back in June from the Legislative staff, with further analysis on the three requests. Supervisor Kniss questioned the cost of such an analysis and what would be the appropriate approach as far as assigning responsibility for such a report. Supervisor Wasserman discussed points in the HRC report that appear conflicting. He asked for clarification on the data presented when the item returns to the Committee.
Regarding the Santa Clara Valley Water District request for support from the Board of Supervisors for the Safe Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Plan, and for support of the Water District Board placing the Plan on the November 2012 ballot, the Committee clarified that the request is for an endorsement of the Plan and the ballot initiative itself. The Committee moves the request forward to the full Board of Supervisors with no recommendation at this time.

ATTACHMENTS

- Meeting Agenda
- AB2443 Staff Report
- AB2443 Text
- SB1538 Memo From CSW
- SB1363 Staff Memo
- SB 1363 Text
- AB 2109 Staff Memo
- AB 2109 Text
- California Commission on the Status of Women
- Staff Memo on Water Plan
- Water District Plan