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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Subject: Presentation on the 'Central Coast Regional Equity Initiative'

Discussion:

Our Board will be receiving a presentation on the 'Central Coast Regional Equity Initiative' (CCREI) by the Fund for Santa Barbara (the FUND) and the University of California Santa Barbara Blum Center on Poverty, Inequality, and Democracy.

The CCREI was launched in 2020 by a research committee with representatives from universities, the community, and philanthropic institutions from throughout the two-county region of Ventura and Santa Barbara, with a vision to provide a data driven understanding of regional disparities. In 2021 the first CCREI study and report, 'Toward a Just and Equitable Central Coast,' was released in collaboration with the University of Southern California Equity Research Institute covering both counties. The report data ranges from social, economic, and environmental indicators, to employment, housing, healthcare, and criminal justice metrics. The presentation our Board will be receiving is tailored specifically for Ventura County and will give our Board quantitative and qualitative data on the inequities our residents are experiencing.

While the executive report is included with this letter, the full report is available online at www.fundforsantabarbara.org/regional-equity-study/.

Sincerely,

Vianey Lopez
Supervisor, Fifth District

Attachments:

- Exhibit 1: PowerPoint Presentation The Central Coast Regional Equity Initiative
- Exhibit 2: Central Coast Regional Equity Study Executive Summary