



COUNTY of VENTURA

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

SUBJECT: Approval of the Appointment of James Importante as the County Member to Serve on the Ventura County Consolidated Oversight Board (VCCOB) Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 34179, subdivision (j)(1)

RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint James Importante as the County member to serve on the VCCOB pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 34179, subdivision (j)(1).

FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACTS:

The approval of appointments to the VCCOB does not have any General Fund implications. The work of the VCCOB, however, may have significant fiscal impacts on the General Fund and the funds of all affected taxing entities.

DISCUSSION:

Under the Redevelopment Dissolution Law, oversight boards are designated by statute to supervise the work of successor agencies established to wind down the affairs of the former redevelopment agencies. Upon dissolution in February 2012, a seven-member oversight board was created for each successor agency.

On July 1, 2018, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 34179, subdivision (j), the VCCOB replaced the eleven individual oversight boards in Ventura County. The VCCOB has seven members and is staffed by the Ventura County Executive Office. Two of the seven oversight board members are appointed by the county board of supervisors — one "member" and one "member of the public." (Health & Safety Code, § 34179, subdivisions (j)(1) and (6).)

On March 28, 2018, your Board approved an appointment process whereby the County Executive Office evaluates the qualifications of potential appointees to be made by your Board and then recommends those candidates to your Board.

Today we are recommending that your Board appoint James Importante to the VCCOB as the County-appointed member to be appointed by your Board. Mr. Importante is currently a Program Management Analyst in the County Executive Office. Prior to joining the County of Ventura, Mr. Importante was a Senior Management Analyst in the Placer County Executive Office and was the primary analyst assigned to land use and economic development departments, including the county's Redevelopment Agency and Successor Agency. Additionally, he assisted with the creation of the Placer County Consolidated Oversight Board. Mr. Importante's knowledge and expertise will benefit in the effective and efficient winding down of the county's successor agencies.

This letter has been reviewed by County Counsel and the Auditor-Controller's Office. If you have any questions regarding this Board Letter, please contact Robert Bravo at (805) 662-6868.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Bravo
Deputy Executive Officer



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County Executive Officer