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September 15, 2020

Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
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SUBJECT: Recommendation of Supervisor Parks and Supervisor Bennett for the Board of Supervisors to Appoint the CEO as Administrator for the Climate Emergency Council, and for the Board of Supervisors to Submit Their District Representative Nominees and Disadvantaged Community Representative Nominees to the CEO by October 13, 2020 for Membership Confirmation at the October 20, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

It is recommended that our Board:

1. Appoint the County Executive Office as the department responsible for implementation of the Climate Emergency Council;
2. Agree that by October 13, 2020, each member of our Board will nominate a Ventura County resident, who has demonstrated interest in and knowledge of climate action planning, for confirmation by our Board at our October 20, 2020 meeting;
3. By October 13, 2020, Board members representing disadvantaged communities will submit nominations for one resident from each of the designated disadvantaged communities identified in the 2040 General Plan who has demonstrated an understanding of their community's needs as well as an interest in and knowledge of climate action planning to be appointed by a majority of the Board of Supervisors at the October 20, 2020 meeting;
4. Direct the CEO to establish a website link by 5:00 pm Friday September 18th that allows for self-nominations from members of disadvantaged communities;

5. Direct the CEO to submit names of those who nominate themselves from a disadvantaged community to all the Board members within one working day of receiving the self-nomination; and
6. Direct the CEO to use our social media platform to publicize that we are looking for self-nominations from disadvantaged communities.

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

Mandatory: No
Source of Funding: General Fund
Funding Match Required: None
Impact on Other Departments: None

On July 28, 2020, the County Executive Office provided a report to our Board on the estimated costs of the 2040 General Plan implementation programs. The estimated cost of program COS-BB, Climate Emergency Council was \$38,239 in one-time / startup costs and \$29,013 annually primarily for County staff time and materials related to establishing the Climate Emergency Council and holding meetings. The County Executive Office confirmed there are sufficient funds within the adopted budget to accommodate this request.

DISCUSSION:

On September 1, our Board conceptually approved the General Plan Update (GPU). The Climate Action Plan element and the formation of a Climate Emergency Council (CEC) has generated great interest by the public. Recent extreme weather events and firestorms have increased the public's interest in moving this element forward as soon as possible.

To address the public's concerns and avoid delaying implementation of critical climate research, advice and action, we recommend that our Board move forward with the first steps of formation of the Climate Emergency Council. Once the CEO has been appointed as the department responsible for implementation of the plan, they can return to our Board with a resolution and timeline for full implementation.

As agreed at the September 1, 2020, meeting of the Board of Supervisors, membership of the CEC shall be comprised of the following:

- One person representing each Supervisorial District who has demonstrated interest in and knowledge of climate action planning shall be nominated by each of the five members of the Board of Supervisors, and confirmed by a majority of the Board of Supervisors resulting in a total of five Supervisorial District representatives;

- One resident from each of the designated disadvantaged communities identified in the 2040 General Plan who has demonstrated an understanding of their community's needs as well as an interest in and knowledge of climate action planning shall be appointed by a majority of the Board of Supervisors; and
- Two additional at-large members who have demonstrated special interest, competence, experience, or knowledge in climate action planning shall be selected by a majority of the CEC members.

We recommend that our Board respond to our community's call for action and move forward with these initial implementation measures without delay.

Cordially,



Steve Bennett
Supervisor, First District



Linda Parks
Supervisor, Second District