

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

March 29, 2022

FROM

BOB DUTTON, Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk

SUBJECT

Domain Name Registration with the .Gov Program

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute a Request for Responsibility Letter for registration of a second-level domain name with the .Gov Program, part of the United States General Services Administration, which would delegate authority to San Bernardino County over SBCountyARC.gov or ARCSBCounty.gov.

(Presenter: Bob Dutton, Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk, 382-3254)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Improve County Government Operations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This item will not result in the use of additional Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost) as this letter is non-financial in nature. There is no cost associated with the registration of a second-level domain name with the .Gov Program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In an effort to improve services, increase resiliency, facilitate business continuity, and reduce costs, the Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk Department (ARC) is migrating its infrastructure to the Cloud (i.e., Azure, Office365) and continuing with development of a new Assessor Information Management System (AIMS). These two efforts have positioned ARC to consider and plan for the domain name (i.e., .gov, .org, .com, etc.) that will be used by ARC moving forward. Obtaining either the SBCountyARC.gov or ARCSBCounty.gov domain will provide for comprehensive administration over ARC's domain, which is required for the progression of ARC's Cloud adoption strategy.

The .Gov Program is part of the United States General Services Administration. A .gov domain is used for online services like websites or e-mail, and it conveys a greater sense of trust and recognition than its counterparts like .com, .org, or .us. Government agencies can easily be identified as official with the use of a .gov domain, so the public will not have to guess whether the website they are on or the e-mail they received in their inbox is genuine. Adopting a .gov domain name (instead of .org, .com, etc.) provides a multitude of robust security protections to mitigate cyberattacks consistent with industry standards from the National Institute of Standards and Technology and Federal information security management practices. Creation of a new .gov domain name will not result in any negative technical or policy ramifications.

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Execution of the recommended letter will allow ARC to request a domain name with the .Gov Program and improve County government operations by securing a domain name that can be verified and trusted by the public and will facilitate the progression of moving to the Cloud.

PROCUREMENT

Not applicable.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Kaleigh Ragon, Research Attorney, 387-5455) on March 2, 2022; Innovation and Technology Department (Larry Ainsworth, Chief Information Officer, 388-5501) on February 28, 2022; Finance (Carl Lofton, Finance Analyst, 387-5404) on March 10, 2022; and County Finance and Administration (Paloma Hernandez-Barker, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on March 14, 2022.

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Record of Action of the Board of Supervisors
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APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

Moved: Joe Baca, Jr. Seconded: Dawn Rowe
Ayes: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Janice Rutherford, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY 
DATED: March 29, 2022



cc: ARC - Dutton w/attach
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