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Economy & Efficiency Commission Presentation

**PRESENTATION OF
Fred Guido, Chief of Staff,
Supervisor Knabe
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Topic: Supervisors' Direction for 1997

Mr. Staniforth introduced the Deputies and Chairperson Abel welcomed them to the Commission and asked each of to give an overview of their respective Supervisor's priorities for 1997.

Mr. Guido stated that Supervisor Knabe has five major points for streamlining government.

1. Consolidating Departments. This area has been addressed by the Economy and Efficiency Commission.
2. Auditing of Major Departments. The Sheriff's Department is currently auditing itself and a report is expected in the near future. The other audits will focus on cost intensive departments. The EEC might be able to assist in this area.
3. Strategic Planning. We need to start thinking in terms of long-range budget planning. A tree-year plan would help anticipate shortfalls, especially in areas where continued funding is unlikely to continue. It would assist in the prioritization of critically needed services. A fiscal year from October to October, similar to the Federal fiscal year, is being considered. This would aid in the logistics of the budgetary process dealing with budget cuts and receiving State and Federal funds.
4. Department Goals. Six weeks ago a document was received from the CAO outlining the approved department head goals for 1997-98. Many of these goals were confusing and should be "stretch type" activities and not tasks that are a part of the Department Head's job. A majority of the goals included in the document were not measurable goals and their financial impact on the County is unknown and the benefit for the County, if any, is not apparent.
5. Centers of Excellence - specifically Rancho Los Amigos and USC Children's Clinic. These two Centers of Excellence are internationally known and these facilities, and others like them, should be marketed more aggressively. Many citizens are not aware of the services these institutions provide.

Mr. Guido stated that these are items which the Commission should assimilate into future studies, if it has not done so in the past.

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