KERN COUNTY Administrative Office

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Board of Supervisors
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PROPOSED ALLOWABLE EXCLUSIONS TO FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 GANN LIMIT
Fiscal Impact: None

On August 25, 2026, your Board adopted the Appropriations Limit of the County of Kern for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27, as provided in the California Constitution and by statutes implementing Proposition 4 of 1976 and Proposition 111 of 1990. The Appropriations Limit, commonly referred to as the Gann Limit, represents the maximum amount of revenue derived from "proceeds of taxes" that can be appropriated for expenditure in any fiscal year. The Appropriations Limit established for FY 2026-27 is $1,920,380,036.

Pursuant to the implementing statutes, exclusions from the adopted Appropriations Limit are allowable, including:

a) Debt service;
b) Appropriations required for purposes of complying with mandates of the courts or the federal government which, without discretion, require an expenditure for additional services or which unavoidably make providing existing services more costly;
c) Qualified capital outlay projects; and
d) Appropriation of revenues which are derived from any of the following:
    1) that portion of taxes imposed on motor vehicle fuels for use in motor vehicles upon public streets and highways at a rate of more than nine cents ($0.09) per gallon;
    2) sales and use taxes collected on that increment of the tax specified in 1); and
    3) that portion of the weight fee imposed on commercial vehicles which exceeds the weight fee imposed on those vehicles on January 1, 1990.

Allowable exclusions of $32,870,281 have been calculated for FY 2026-27 and are summarized in Attachment A. The FY 2026-27 Appropriations Limit Status is presented on Attachment B and shows the County's total appropriations for FY 2026-27 subject to the Appropriations Limit are $828,510,045 which is $1,091,869,991 under the FY 2026-27 limit.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board approve the allowable exclusions to the FY 2026-27 Appropriations Limit.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

cc: Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

ATTACHMENT A

COUNTY OF KERN

SUMMARY OF GANN LIMIT EXCLUSIONS FOR FY 2026-27

(Allowed Pursuant to Section 9, Article XIII-B, California Constitution)

Federal Mandates	
1. Overtime Payment Required by Fair Labor Standards Act	$4,500,000
2. Increased Postage Costs Resulting from Federal Rate Increases	$594,657
3. ADA Compliance	$640,000
Total Federal Mandates	**$5,734,657**
Court Ordered Mandates	
1. Minimum Security Detention Facility for Female Inmates (Lerdo)	$3,358,176
2. Increased Staffing Costs for Court Ordered Guards and Bailiffs for Superior Court	$5,698,595
3. Increased Staffing Costs at Lerdo Maximum-Medium Facility per Federal Court Order	$399,749
Total Court Ordered Mandates	**$9,456,520**
Qualified Capital Outlay	
(Unit Cost of $100,000 or More, Useful Life of 20 Years or More)	**$17,679,104**
TOTAL ALLOWABLE EXCLUSIONS	**$32,870,281**

ATTACHMENT B

COUNTY OF KERN
FY 2026-27 APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT STATUS

Total Estimated Proceeds of Tax Revenues	$861,380,326
Less Allowable Exclusions	$32,870,281
Appropriations Subject to Limit	$828,510,045
FY 2026-27 Appropriations Limit	$1,920,380,036
AMOUNT OVER (OR UNDER) FY 2026-27 APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT	**($1,091,869,991)**