



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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**Department Name:** Community Services  
**Department No.:** 057  
**For Agenda Of:** June 16, 2015  
**Placement:** Set Hearing for  
July 7, 2015  
**Estimated Time:** 20 minutes  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:** N/A  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Renee E. Bahl, Interim Community Services Director (805) 568-2467  
Director:  
Contact Info: Ryder Bailey, Chief Financial Officer (805) 568-3526  
**SUBJECT: CPI Adjustment of the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Library Special Tax Rate for County Service Area No. 3 (greater Goleta); Second and Third Supervisorial District.**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Public Works Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

That the Board of Supervisors on June 16, 2015:

- a) Receive a written report that contains a description of each parcel of real property receiving the extended library facilities and services in County Service Area (CSA) No. 3 (Goleta) and the amount of the special tax for each parcel for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-2016 (the "Report") (Attachment 1);
- b) Direct Community Services Department staff to file the Report with the Clerk of the Board;
- c) Direct the Clerk to publish notice beginning on June 16, 2015, in accord with California Government Code section 6066, of the hearing to be held on July 7, 2015 (Attachment 3) to consider the adoption of a resolution that confirms the Report and that adjusts the FY 2015-2016 library special tax rate in CSA No. 3 by 1.3%, which reflects the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for 2013 (the "Resolution") (Attachment 2); and
- d) Set a hearing on July 7, 2015 to consider the adoption of the Resolution.

On July 7, 2015, your Board's actions should include the following:

- a) Adopt the Resolution that confirms the Report and adjusts the FY 2015-2016 library special tax rate in CSA No. 3 by 1.3%;
- b) Determine that the adoption of the Resolution is not the approval of a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4), finding that the project is a creation of a governmental funding mechanism or other government fiscal activity, which does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment; and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) (Attachment 4).

**Summary Text:**

The library special tax is levied for parcels located in CSA No. 3 in the unincorporated area outside the boundaries of the City of Goleta. The special tax rates for CSA No. 3 for FY 2015-2016 are proposed to be adjusted by 1.3%, which reflects the percentage change in the CPI adjustment for 2014. The chart below shows proposed adjustments in the special tax rates by parcel category and incorporates applicable tax factors:

Parcel Description	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Amount of Adjustment
Vacant Farm Land	\$10.99	\$11.13	\$0.14
Res. – Single, -Condos	\$21.97	\$22.26	\$0.29
Res.-Duplex, -Triplex	\$43.94	\$44.52	\$0.58
Apartment. –Courts	\$131.82	\$133.56	\$1.74
Heavy Commercial	\$98.87	\$100.17	\$1.30
Light Commercial	\$98.87	\$100.17	\$1.30
Industrial	\$98.87	\$100.17	\$1.30
Churches-Misc.-Other	\$43.94	\$44.52	\$0.58
Government Exempt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

**Background:**

In June 1990, voters in CSA No. 3 approved a special tax to fund extended library facilities and services at the Goleta Library. In accordance with the terms of ballot Measure L and Resolution 90-92 (Attachment 5) that authorized the special tax, your Board must hold a public hearing to annually fix the amount of the special tax to be collected. The tax can be adjusted each year for changes in the cost of living. Changes in the cost of living are based upon the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index of the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics for the Los Angeles/Anaheim/Riverside area using the calendar year immediately preceding the applicable tax year as the base. Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 53750(h)(2)(A) and 53753.5, this adjustment to the special tax is not subject to voter approval under Proposition 218 or the notice, protest and hearing requirements of California Government Code Section 53753, because it is being adjusted within the defined formula for inflation adjustment approved by the voters in 1990.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other: Tax	\$ 182,231		
Total	\$ 182,231	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: CSA No. 3 special tax proceeds for the Goleta Library are proposed to be adjusted from \$179,859 for FY 2014-2015 to approximately \$182,231 for FY 2015-2016.

**Special Instructions:**

1. Publish the attached Notice of Public Hearing (Attachment 3) in accord with California Government Code section 6066. The notice shall be published in the Santa Barbara News Press and the Santa Maria Times once a week for two successive weeks, with at least five days intervening between the respective publication dates and not counting such publication dates; and
2. Send a copy of the minute order and a signed copy of the Notice of Public Hearing to the Community Services Department, Attention: Marie Gensler, Community Services.

**Attachments:**

- Attachment 1 – Administration Report Fiscal Year 2015-16, County of Santa Barbara Service Area No. 3 (Library Special Tax)
- Attachment 2 – Board of Supervisors Resolution setting the FY 2015-2016 Library Tax Rates for CSA 3
- Attachment 3 – Public Hearing Notice
- Attachment 4 – CEQA Notice of Exemption
- Attachment 5 - Resolution No. 90-92