



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** Community Services  
**Department No.:** 057  
**For Agenda Of:** December 4, 2018  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department George Chapjian, Community Services Director (805-568-2467)  
Director(s)  
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**SUBJECT: Donations of a Channing Peake Painting and Collection of Regional Artworks**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

- A. Accept the donation of the oil painting *Mountains and Cachuma Lake, Santa Ynez Valley* by Santa Barbara County artist Channing Peake, valued at \$25,000, from Stephen Diamond.
- B. Accept the donation of a new collection of artwork by Santa Barbara County artists, valued at \$110,000, from Michael and Nancy Gifford.
- C. Approve the attached Budget Revision Request that accounts for the donations
- D. Determine that the recommended actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), finding that the acceptance of the donations of artwork are covered by the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment, the activities are not subject to CEQA.

**Summary Text:**

In 2018, regional art collectors offered to donate significant artworks to the County. Stephen Diamond offered to donate *Mountains and Cachuma Lake, Santa Ynez Valley* by Channing Peake (Attachment A) and Michael and Nancy Gifford offered to donate a collection of 296 works by Santa Barbara County artists (Attachment B). The Arts Commission voted to recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept

the donations. Staff also recommends accepting these works. Because of the value of the works, the donations are subject to the approval of the Board of Supervisors.

**Background:**

In February 2018, art collector Stephen Diamond offered to donate the work *Mountains and Cachuma Lake, Santa Ynez Valley* by renowned local artist Channing Peake to the County. Channing Peake is the namesake of the County “Channing Peake” Gallery in the Santa Barbara County Government Administration Building. There are no stipulations to this donation. In the past, the County has accepted donations of various Channing Peake works. On July 12, 2018, the County Arts in Public Places Committee and County Arts Commission voted to recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept the work. The staff recommendation is also to accept the donation. Staff believes it is an important work and would be a great asset to the County collection.

*Mountains and Cachuma Lake, Santa Ynez Valley* is valued at \$25,000 and staff has determined that there is sufficient space in the art vault to store if it is not on display. There would be no cost to accept or maintain the work. In 2017, Mr. Diamond donated a different Channing Peake work, *Vertical Farm Implements* to the City of Santa Barbara.

In July 2018, Michael and Nancy Gifford offered the County a collection of 296 artworks by Santa Barbara County artists. The Gifford family has agreed to pay to frame and pack all of the works and has provided all of the necessary information for a catalogue. All works are in excellent condition. This donation is valued at \$110,000 and comes with the stipulation that the County could not sell the work for 10 years. Arts staff have determined that there is sufficient space in the art vault to store and maintain the work if it is not on display. On October 10, 2018, the County Arts in Public Places Committee and County Arts Commission voted to recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept the work.

Risk Management has evaluated the County Insurance premiums and determined that accepting these donations would have no impact on the County Insurance premiums or cost.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Upon Receipt of Budget Revision Request 0006092

**Fiscal Analysis:**

There is no impact on the County’s General Fund Contribution to the Arts Commission as a result of execution of this Gift Agreement.

**Performance Outcomes: The high volume of artwork makes it possible for local art to be displayed throughout Santa Barbara County buildings.Key Contract Risks:N/A**

**Special Instructions:**

Please send an electronic copy of the Minute Order to Sarah York Rubin at [sarah@sbac.ca.gov](mailto:sarah@sbac.ca.gov).

**Attachments:**

- a.) Photograph and Appraisal of Channing Peake Artwork
- b.) Gifford Artwork Collection Checklist and Appraisal Letter
- c.) Budget Revision Request

Acceptance of Channing Peake Artwork and Gifford Art Collection Donation

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