



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

**Agenda Number:**

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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**Submitted on:**  
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**Department Name:** Board of Supervisors  
**Department No.:** 011  
**Agenda Date:** May 12, 2026  
**Placement:** Administrative Agenda  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** Choose an item.  
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**Vote Required:** Majority

**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** 1<sup>st</sup> District Supervisor Roy Lee  
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**SUBJECT:** Informational Presentation from the Santa Barbara Bowl Foundation

**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:** CEO Budget

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Receive and file an informational presentation from the Santa Barbara Bowl Foundation regarding its operations, community programs, and ongoing contributions to arts access and youth performing arts education in Santa Barbara County; and
- b) Determine that the recommended action is not a project subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), because the action consists of an administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Santa Barbara Bowl Foundation operates one of the County’s most important cultural venues and supports access to the performing arts through concerts, community engagement, and youth-focused outreach programs. The Foundation’s outreach work includes support for K-12 performing arts programs throughout Santa Barbara County, including instrument funding, grant opportunities, subsidized tickets, and other resources intended to expand access to music and performing arts education.

This informational presentation will provide the Board with an overview of the Foundation's current work, its role in maintaining and operating the Santa Barbara Bowl, and its broader community benefit to residents, students, schools, and arts organizations across the County.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Santa Barbara Bowl is a historic outdoor amphitheater and longstanding cultural asset in Santa Barbara County. The venue has been managed by the nonprofit Santa Barbara Bowl Foundation for decades and continues to serve as a regional gathering place for live music and community events. Publicly available venue information describes the Bowl as a 4,562-seat amphitheater that hosts concerts seasonally and has been managed by the nonprofit Bowl Foundation since the early 1990s.

In addition to venue operations, the Bowl Foundation has developed outreach programs intended to make performing arts experiences more accessible to young people. Its outreach initiatives provide support and resources for K-12 performing arts programs in Santa Barbara County, including grants, instrument support, subsidized tickets, and partnerships with youth-serving organizations and schools.

The May 12 presentation is intended to give the Board a better understanding of the Foundation's current activities, community investments, and opportunities to continue supporting arts access and youth enrichment throughout Santa Barbara County.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

### **Attachments:**

**Attachment A** – PowerPoint Presentation

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