

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors

FROM: Dianne Meester, Interim Director
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SUBJECT: Contract authorization for Isla Vista Community Center Feasibility Study Funding Contribution

Recommendation(s):

That the County of Santa Barbara Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors authorize the Chair to execute an agreement for The Community Center Feasibility Study Contribution (attached) with Isla Vista Parks and Recreation District for \$4,500 towards the preparation of an Isla Vista Community Center Feasibility Study.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

Approval of a contract to contribute towards the completion of an Isla Vista Community Center Feasibility Study is consistent with our organizational values regarding collaboration and partnering and the following adopted Strategic Goals:

- Goal #6: A County Government that is Accessible, Open and Citizen Friendly,
- Goal #5: A High Quality of Life for All Residents

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Isla Vista community has had an interest in creating a community center since the late 1970's. A quasi-community center existed in Isla Vista from 1987-1992. The building the community center was housed in was inadequate because it was too small (950 square feet) and structurally unsound. The facility was ultimately closed and demolished. In 1990, the Santa Barbara County Redevelopment Agency (RDA) identified a new community center as a redevelopment project in response to the community's desire for such a facility. The Isla Vista Recreation and Park District (IVRPD) Board is also interested in establishing a new community center. The IVRPD Board is currently seeking to locate a community center on IVRPD property on El Estero Road. Since 1998 IVRPD has held many community meetings regarding the potential for an Isla Vista Community Center with the

assistance of The Sustainability Project, a non-profit organization whose mission is to inspire change in the built environment to improve the quality of life in harmony with nature. The Sustainability Project forms partnerships with citizens, educational institutions, businesses, non-profit organizations, and state and local governments to address issues and collectively meet challenges and solve problems.

A Community Center Task Force has recently been formed to oversee the development of a feasibility study that will look at needed programming and funding sources and to recommend a community center design. The proposed location for the community center is also being reviewed in the IV Master Plan as part of the current Isla Vista Master Plan process. The feasibility study is the first step towards the creation of a community center. Opticos Design, the Isla Vista Master Plan consultants, will complete the community center feasibility study including the following work:

- Problem description.
- Identify success factors.
- Describe current situation.
- Solution & site analysis.
- Implementation schedule.
- Financing and fundraising plan.
- Management approval.
- Supporting documentation

The total cost to prepare the feasibility study is \$61,610. Contributions to the feasibility study are:

Source	Amount
IVRPD	\$19,000
Orfalea Foundation	\$11,610
IV Community Relations Commission	\$6,500
UCSB	\$20,000
Santa Barbara County RDA (pending)	\$4,500
Total	\$61,610

Mandates and Service Levels:

Provision of a Community Center is not mandated. State law allows for local agencies to provide recreational services. Provision of a community center in Isla Vista is consistent with the following goals listed in the 1990 Redevelopment Plan for the Isla Vista Redevelopment Project:

- Enhance the livability of the residential areas throughout the Project Area and the Community as a whole.
- To promote public improvement facilities which are sensitive to the unique environmental qualities of the Project Area and improve deficient infrastructure conditions.

A community center is also included on the public improvements list in the Redevelopment Plan (attached). Staff brought this item to the Isla Vista Project Area Committee/General Plan Advisory as an informational item on January 8th, 2003.

There are no anticipated changes in County services.

Consistency with the Planning and Development Department Comprehensive Planning Division Five-Year Work Program:

The Isla Vista master plan project is included in Comprehensive Planning's Five-Year Work Program. The Isla Vista community center feasibility study will complement the Isla Vista Master Plan process and clarify options for Isla Vista's revitalization

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

A recent budget revision was submitted to augment the IVRDA budget by \$150,000 for various contracts. This proposed \$4500 contract to contribute towards an Isla Vista Community Center Feasibility Study was included in that budget revision. In the 2002-03 operating budget book, page D-262, the Redevelopment Agency expenditures and revenues will be increased by \$150,000.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board to forward a copy of the minute order to Planning and Development; Attn: Heather Baker.

Concurrence:

N/A