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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Isla Vista Foot Patrol Building  
Project No. 2388  
Third Supervisorial District

This memorandum serves as a follow-up to item A-31 originally heard on 6-15-04 and continued to 7-13-04.

**ADDITIONAL SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION:**

The Isla Vista Foot Patrol came into being in the early 1970's, subsequent to riots in the late 60's and early 70's. The Trow Commission was formed after these riots and made several findings and recommendations including many about police services in this unique community. An innovative approach to law enforcement was ultimately the result. The Isla Vista Foot Patrol became a national model for Community Oriented Policing and has been studied by Law Enforcement agencies from around the Country.

Key to the concept of being 'Community Oriented' required a physical presence within the community.

Over the past 33 years, the Foot Patrol has been a cooperative endeavor employing law enforcement officers from the Sheriff's Department and UCSB PD. The most recent addition has been from the California Highway Patrol.

During this time three different sites have been rented as offices, all within the community. The desire to transition from tenant status to ownership has been a high priority.

The current office site lease will expire in October, 2004, with the potential of a one year extension of the lease agreement at a substantial increase in rent. Neither the County Real Property Division nor the University has been able to locate rental space in the Community of Isla Vista.

During recent site surveys in Isla Vista with UCSB, a real opportunity was proposed by the University. A collaborative endeavor to build a new office designed specifically to law enforcement needs was entered into. Conceptually, the University has offered a renewable forty year lease of property they own for a Foot Patrol office while the County will design, build and furnish the office. The University will continue to make a \$41,000.00 annual payment to offset the estimated annual payment of just over \$148,000, leaving approximately \$107,000 annually as the responsibility to the County.

The proposed building site on Trigo Road sits adjacent to the University Campus within the Community of Isla Vista. Response to calls for service and the proximity of the office for access to the business and residential community makes this location ideal. Design of a building specifically for law enforcement purposes as opposed to retrofitting rented office space is highly desirable and will be efficient for years to come.

The purpose of the Department's request is to dedicate funds for soil investigation, survey and the process of selecting a local architectural firm for the design and associated construction documents. Due to time constraints imposed by the current lease agreement and total construction time, these steps are necessary.

Negotiations with the University are continuing and the actual terms of the land lease will soon be finalized.

#### FUNDING OPTIONS:

- 1) General Fund Contribution
- 2) Community Development Block Grant
- 3) Certificate of Participation (Dispatch COP expires 8-04)
- 4) Parking District Revenue
- 5) Increased participation by UCSB

**CONCLUSION:**

The Sheriff's Department, with the assistance from the Administrative Office will refine these options and continue to identify additional funding sources and present a proposal to the Debt Advisory Committee for their final analysis and recommendation to your board.