



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Bob Nisbet, Director, General Services (560-1011)  
Director(s)  
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**SUBJECT:** **Spirit of the Ocean Fountain at the Santa Barbara Courthouse-  
Request for Financial Contribution by Courthouse Legacy Foundation  
First Supervisorial District**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Consider a \$100,000 grant to the Courthouse Legacy Foundation for the purpose of replacing the Spirit of the Ocean fountain at the Santa Barbara Historic Courthouse.
- b) Adopt the attached Budget Revision that allocates the funds from the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Capital Designation.

**Summary Text:**

The attached letter from the Courthouse Legacy Foundation (CLF) was received by the County Executive Office on June 18, 2010. The CLF was founded to involve the community in preserving, conserving, and restoring the historic Santa Barbara Courthouse. A major initiative of the CLF is to replace the decomposing Spirit of the Ocean Fountain. The project will cost \$600,000 and to date the CLF has secured \$256,000—approximately 43% of the total project budget. The letter requests that the County contribute \$100,000 toward the Spirit of the Ocean replacement project.

The CLF has been working diligently for the past few years to raise the funds necessary to replace the fountain at the County Courthouse. The fountain is decomposing rapidly and it is the goal of the CLF to complete the project this year. The County contributed \$75,000 in 2006 as part of the project's kick-off campaign. The City of Santa Barbara contributed \$25,000. The project remains \$244,000 short of its fund raising goal; this \$100,000 donation from the County will bring into parity the current private and public commitments to this project and can be a key step to enable the CLF to raise the remaining funds from private donors.

**Background:**

The attached Memorandum of Understanding summarizes the mission of the CLF and the relationship between the CLF and the County.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Should the Board elect to contribute some, or all, of the requested \$100,000, staff recommends that the attached budget revision be adopted that allocates the funds from the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Capital Designation.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**  
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**FTEs:**  
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**Attachments:**

1. Santa Barbara Courthouse Legacy Foundation Letter
2. Memorandum of Understanding
3. Budget Revision Request