

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 6/25/03  
**Department Name:** First District and General Services  
**Department No.:** 011  
**Agenda Date:** 6/1/04  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:** 0 minutes  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Naomi Schwartz, First District Supervisor  
Ron Cortez, Director, General Service Department

**STAFF CONTACT:** Robert Ooley, AIA, County Architect, 568.3085  
General Services Department--Facilities Division

**SUBJECT:** Santa Barbara County Courthouse--  
Formation of the Santa Barbara Courthouse Legacy Foundation  
First Supervisorial District

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors receive a status report on the formation of the Santa Barbara Courthouse Legacy Foundation.

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 1. An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community

**Executive Summary and Discussion:**

Santa Barbara Courthouse is in need of significant infrastructure improvement and repair. Recognizing the importance of the Courthouse to the citizens of Santa Barbara County, a small group led by First District Supervisor Schwartz, began meeting earlier this year to explore ways to insure the preservation and restoration of the Courthouse for future generations. The Santa Barbara Courthouse Legacy Foundation has formed a non-profit 501(c)3 entity. Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws have been filed with the appropriate agencies.

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The purpose of the Santa Barbara Courthouse Legacy Foundation 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation is to provide long-term preservation, conservation and education for the community regarding the Santa Barbara Courthouse. The Foundation will be a fundraising entity, while the County remains responsible for the general maintenance and care of the Courthouse. The Foundation will work closely with the County and Courthouse Docent Council on an annual work plan to identify preservation, conservation and educational projects.

To date, over the last two years, staff has been working to establish a higher degree of protection for the historic resources at the Santa Barbara Courthouse. These projects include extensive documentation, State and Federal Landmark designation, maintenance plans, conservation efforts, and tighter controls on the use of the building. Examples of projects include the restoration of the flagpole, Department One ceiling, and the Hall of Records rehabilitation. These projects are the beginning of a restoration effort to insure a legacy for generations to come.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

No change in program or service levels.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

There are no fiscal impacts with this action.

**Special Instructions:**

Please send a copy of the Minute Order to Robert Ooley, AIA, County Architect, Facilities Services Division, General Services Department.

**Concurrence:**

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County Counsel