



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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**Department Name:** General Services  
**Department No.:** 063  
**For Agenda Of:** 10/24/2006  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director(s) Bob Nisbet , Director 560-1011  
General Services Department  
Contact Info: Paddy Langlands, Assistant Director, 568-3096  
General Services Department, Support Services Division  
**SUBJECT: La Morada Youth Center**

**County Counsel Concurrence:**

As to form:  Yes  No  N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence:**

As to form:  Yes  No  N/A

**Other Concurrence: N/A**

As to form:  Yes  No  N/A

**Recommended Action(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve the plans and specifications to refurbish the La Morada building for use as the Youth Transition and Assessment Center: 66 South San Antonio Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110.
- b) Authorize the General Services Department to advertise the Project for public bidding.

**Summary:**

The La Morada building is 6,400 square feet and its overall design fits the needs of the Youth Center with minor construction changes. The estimated cost of this construction is \$400,000. This remodel will result in a facility for residential care for children in the foster care system in transition, between placements or in need of stabilization. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$590,000 and is funded by a grant associated to Housing and Development.

The Department of Social Services is obligated under the Welfare and Institutions Code 16500.1. (a) to provide...”for children who cannot return to their biological families, to reduce the number of placements experienced by these children, to ensure that children leaving the foster care system have support within their communities, to improve the quality and homelike nature of out-of-home care, and to foster the educational progress of children in out-of-home care.”

**Background:**

The La Morada building is a county owned building that functioned as the Women's Honor Farm for many years. The remodel will result in a facility for residential care for children in the foster care system in transition, between placements or in need of stabilization. The 6,400 square foot building is designed with two dormitory style wings capable of housing up to seventeen residential beds, a commercial kitchen, living/recreational area and an office and physician's area, which all meet the criteria of the Youth Center. This project will upgrade and renovate the building to the current building standards. After the Women's Honor Farm closed, the Sheriff's Department used the building for storage and occasional meetings. During the past few years the building had deteriorated past the point of general maintenance and the Sheriff moved all the storage out to make way for the Youth Center.

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2: Ensure the Public Health and Safety and Provide Essential Infrastructure and is also aligned with Goal No. 7: "a community that fosters the safety and well being of children".

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted:  Yes     No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$590,000. The Social Services Department has funded this project in the amount of \$90,000 and the Department of Housing and Community Development was awarded a grant in the amount of \$500,000. The funds for the current fiscal year have been appropriated and are available in Fund 0030, Department 063, Account 8700, Program 1930, Project 8658. The project is shown in the Department Summary as Capital Improvements on page B-62 of the Santa Barbara County Budget for FY 2006-2010.

**Staffing Impact(s):**

**Legal Positions:**  
0

**FTEs:**  
0

**Special Instructions:**

Upon approval, please forward the Minute Order to Scott Hosking (568-2622), Support Services Division, General Services Department.

**Attachments:**

NA

**Authored by: Scott Hosking, 568-2622**