

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Transfer of Contingency Funds for costs of formal dedication of the Santa Barbara Courthouse as a National Historic Landmark.

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors: Approve transfer of Contingency Funds in the amount of \$12,500 for staffing and other costs associated with the formal dedication ceremony of the Santa Barbara Courthouse as a National Historic Landmark.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 6. A County Government that is Accessible, Open, and Citizen-Friendly.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Santa Barbara County Courthouse is a Local Landmark and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. On August 8, 2003 the State Historic Resources Commission designated the Santa Barbara County Courthouse a State Historic Landmark. On August 19, 2003, the Board of Supervisors approved the submission of an application for the County Courthouse as a National Historic Landmark. On Tuesday, April 5, 2005 the Secretary of the Interior, the Honorable Gale Norton, signed the designation memo officially naming the Santa Barbara Courthouse a National Historic Landmark. The formal dedication of the Courthouse as a National Historic Landmark will take place on Thursday, May 26, 2005 and the public is invited to this event. The transfer of funds from the general fund is requested to cover the cost of the event.

Obtaining a National Historic Landmark designation is expected to benefit the Santa Barbara County Courthouse through greater protection of historic resources on the property and through enhancing fund raising for the conservation and preservation of the Courthouse, since potential funding sources require

National Historic Landmark status as a condition of funding. Additionally, with National Historic Landmark designation, FEMA resources become available should the property sustain damages.

Mandates and Service Levels:

There is no mandate associated with the dedication of the Courthouse as a Historic Landmark.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The cost of the event is estimated at approximately \$12,500 and includes Sheriff's and General Services staff time, rental of tables, chairs, barricades, fencing, program design, printing, display advertising, as well as clean up after the event. This is not included in the County's FY 2004-05 adopted budget and your Board's approval of appropriation from the General Fund is sought to cover the cost of the event.

Special Instructions:

None

Concurrence: