

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 9/14/04  
**Department Name:** BOS  
**Department No.:** 011  
**Agenda Date:** 9/21/04  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:**  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Supervisor Gail Marshall  
Third District

Supervisor Joni Gray  
Fourth District

**STAFF** Elizabeth Martinez, x 2192  
**CONTACT:** Susan Warnstrom, x 7700

**SUBJECT:** Letter of Support for the City of Lompoc Public Library Grant Request

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Authorize the chair to execute a letter to the Public Library Construction and Renovation Board in support of the City of Lompoc Public Library's grant request for \$1,188,182 for the construction of Charlotte's Web Library Learning Center.

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 1. An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community; and Goal No. 5. A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

**Executive Summary and Discussion:**

Charlotte's Web Library Learning Center (Charlotte's Web) has been proposed for construction on property that was donated by local businesswoman and former Lompoc mayor, Charlotte Benton. The location is in an ethnically diverse, low socioeconomic neighborhood, within walking distance of three elementary schools, two middle schools, and one K-8 Catholic school, with a total student population of 3,800.

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Charlotte's Web would serve the literacy needs of children ages 0-14 years and their caregivers, by providing a quiet place to read, do schoolwork, offer excellent research capabilities, and access to computers and other electronic resources, as well as, the opportunity to participate in educational and cultural programs.

In January 2004, the City of Lompoc Public Library applied for a grant in the amount of \$1,188,182 from Proposition 14, the Library Bond Act of 2000. That Bond Act was approved by the voters in 2000 therefore this grant program will not be affected by the state budget.

The Library Construction and Renovation Board, who makes the grant award decisions, will be meeting in the next few weeks to consider 72 grant applications in the amount of \$586 million. Obviously, the process is competitive and although several Board members have already submitted individual letters of support to the Library Construction Board, urging from our Board of Supervisors as a whole, will add potency to the request and help the Lompoc Public Library succeed in raising the funds needed for the construction of Charlotte's Web.

Attached is a draft letter of support for your review and approval.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

N/A

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

N/A

**Special Instructions:** Clerk of the Board to send out original executed letters to the Library Construction Board and copies to Richard Hall, Administrator of the Office of the Library Construction, Assemblywoman Hannah-Beth Jackson, Senator Tom McClintock, and Deborah Graf, Librarian at the Lompoc Public Library. Envelopes are included.

**Concurrence:**

September 21, 2004

Susan Hildreth  
State Librarian of California  
914 Capitol Mall, Room 220  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Ms. Hildreth,

The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is writing you in support of the City of Lompoc Public Library's grant request authorized by the California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act 2000. Funding for this grant will be used for the construction of Charlotte's Web Children's Library Learning Center (Charlotte's Web), in Lompoc, California.

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We urge your approval of the Lompoc Public Library's grant request for \$1,188,182. Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Joe Centeno  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

cc: Assemblywoman Hannah Beth Jackson  
Senator Tom McClintock  
Richard Hall, Library Bond Act Manager  
Deborah Graf, Librarian, Lompoc Public Library

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Phillip Angelides  
State Treasurer  
915 Capitol Mall, Room 110  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Angelides,

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The Honorable Dede Alpert  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 5050  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Alpert,

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Donna Arduin  
Director, California Department of Finance  
State Capitol, Room 1145  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Arduin,

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The Honorable Ellen Corbett  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 4126  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblywoman Corbett,

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Barton "Bart" Pachino, Esq.  
KB Home  
Los Angeles, CA 90024

Dear Mr. Pachino,

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