



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Board of Supervisors
Department No.: 011
For Agenda Of: 10/10/2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Board Member(s) Board of Supervisors, Third District Office
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SUBJECT: Authorization of funding from 990 fund balance for upcoming district-specific public information forums and townhalls.

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: Select_Concurrence

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions: That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize an amount not-to-exceed of \$5,000 for the planning, coordination, and execution of four upcoming district-specific public information forums and townhalls on youth wellness, homelessness, and tenant rights responsibilities and resources from the FY 2023/2024 990 fund balance that was allocated to each supervisor's office;
- b) Find that the public information forums and townhalls on these topics provides a community benefit that meets the social needs of the county; and
- c) Determine that the above actions are organizational or administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Summary Text:

Upon the adoption of the County's 2023-2024 Annual Budget, each Supervisorial District was allocated discretionary funding to direct to projects and/or programs in the County in need of funding that meet the social needs of the community. These funding requests are to come back to the full Board of Supervisors on the Administrative Agenda for majority approval.

This action will authorize funding not-to-exceed \$5,000 for the Third District to use to for the execution of four upcoming public information forums and townhall meetings within Third district boundaries on the following topics: Lompoc Self-Healing Communities Kick-off & Community Gathering on Youth Wellness; Lompoc Community Forum on Homelessness; and Know Your Rights, Responsibilities and Resources with Legal Aid Foundation for the communities of Lompoc and Solvang & Buellton.

Background: Santa Barbara County as an organization values and strives to achieve:

- A customer focus and exceptional public service by promoting belonging and eliminating barriers affecting socioeconomically disadvantaged and diverse racial and ethnic community members;
- Foster just, fair, equitable and inclusive County systems and services enabling all opportunity to participate and reach their full potential; and
- Champion countywide community and organizational diversity, ensuing inclusion and belonging, and promote empowered participation.

The public information forums and town hall meetings will focus on youth wellness, homelessness, and tenant rights, responsibilities and resources. The forums will be informational and serve as a valuable platform for communication and engagement with residents to inform about important, life-saving public safety information, resident rights, and create a venue for residents to ask questions, share feedback, and help shape public policy that matters in peoples' lives. Public meetings that offer amenities like language translation, childcare or child engagement, and provide food or refreshments after working hours are more accessible to a broader range of residents. It ensures that barriers such as language, childcare responsibilities, or concerns about how to attend and feed one's family during the meeting are addressed, making it easier for people to participate.

As such, the Third District is collaborating, planning, and/or executing with our partners, SB Act and Legal Aid to host four upcoming community forums and would like to secure food, childcare/child engagement, language translation/interpretation at each of the meetings to ensure maximum public participation. This agenda item serves to approve the expenditures for these items not-to-exceed \$5,000 total for different expenses related to these upcoming community forums and town halls.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund	\$ 5,000.00		
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -

Attachments:

Attachment A – A Series of upcoming forums in the 3rd District

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