



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Probation  
Department No.: 022  
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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Patricia J. Stewart, Chief Probation Officer, x3652  
Director(s)  
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**SUBJECT: Donation to provide vocational training to minors at the Los Prietos Boys Camp**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:  
Accept a \$51,000 donation from the E.F. Foundation earmarked to provide vocational training to wards at the Los Prietos Boys Camp (LPBC).

**Summary Text:**

The E.F. Foundation has made a \$51,000 donation to the Los Prietos Boys Camp to provide a construction technology woodshop program to wards in the Camp program. The funds would facilitate the deployment of a part time vocational technology instructor and the implementation of a certification program that would enable the minors in the Camp programs to receive valuable vocational training and marketable job skills.

**Background:**

Under the authority of the California Education Code, the Santa Barbara County Education Office (SBCEO), Juvenile Court and Community Schools has developed and maintained an excellent and comprehensive educational program sited the Probation Department's Los Prietos Boys Camp and Boys Academy programs. All students committed to the Camp attend Los Robles High School and receive appropriate and thorough instruction in the core academic subjects presented through a variety of teaching strategies and subject to the Federal requirements of No Child Left Behind. It is the mission of the Camp school programs to effectively educate every student.

The course of study at Los Robles High School includes Mathematics, English, History, Vocational Technology, and Science. Special Education resource services and English Language learner classes are

also offered. Selected applicants participate in the vocational computer lab and restore computers for the Computers for Families Project. Within all courses, the instructors integrate social awareness skill-building in the areas of anger management, conflict resolution, self-esteem building activities, effective decision-making and vocational assessment and awareness. General Education Development (GED) preparation is offered for eligible students.

There is a fully operational wood shop located at the Los Prietos Boys Camp. The shop has been without a certified instructor for over four years due to SBCEO budget constraints. The shop program and equipment have been dormant for several years after successfully providing decades of vocational training for campers in the Los Prietos Boys Camp and Boys Academy programs. The donation will allow the Camp and school programs to provide valuable vocational training through a construction technology wood shop program. The program will teach marketable job skills to wards committed to the Boys Camp and Boys Academy. The skills learned will include designing plans, the proper and safe use of tools, and constructing and finishing projects to plan specifications. The minors will learn a work ethic and take pride in a finished product. Construction Technology (CT) certificates and recognition will be awarded to campers who complete the 10-week program, which could lead to employment or continued education through scholarship awards available by application from the Camp program. The program will be facilitated by a certified Vocational Technology Instructor through the Regional Opportunity Program (ROP) at Santa Barbara City College and Campers who participate in the program will also receive high school credits.

Performance Measure:

0020: Ensure at least 80% of 90 youth committed to the Los Prietos Boys Camp graduate from the program after completing an individualized program of education and counseling to reduce delinquent behavior.

0050: Ensure at least 80% of 80 youth committed to the Los Prietos Boys Academy graduate from the program after completing an individualized program of education and counseling to reduce delinquent behavior.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

In accepting this donation your Board agrees to use the funds for the delivery of vocational programming to wards at the Camp program. The donor has specified that the funds must be used to finance the woodshop program. The Camp has a fully equipped and operational woodshop where the program will be delivered. The instructor will be provided by the schools. The donation would finance the salaries and materials necessary to provide the program. Discretionary funds will also be utilized to finance materials for the program. There will be no increase to the Probation Departments general fund contribution.

**Staffing Impacts:**

The instructor has been identified and will be provided by the school. There is no impact on Probation Department staffing.

**Special Instructions:**

**Attachments:**

None

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