



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: August 19, 2025
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Bob Nelson, Fourth District Office
Director(s)
Contact Info: Aaron Hanke, Chief of Staff
SUBJECT: Contribution of Fourth District Discretionary Funds to the Old Town Orcutt Revitalization Association (OTORA)

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the contribution of \$2,000 from the Fourth District's discretionary funding budgeted in the General County Programs General Fund to the Old Town Orcutt Revitalization Association (OTORA), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, (EIN #47-0932205), to support the ongoing efforts of an organization committed to the revitalization and continuity of the commercial district; and
- b) Find that the project 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 the 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:

OTORA's vision is to continually enhance the economic, social, cultural, and environmental vitality of Old Town Orcutt by honoring its rich history and ensuring thoughtful, quality design for a thriving future. In collaboration with Santa Barbara County and other key stakeholders, the organization develops and implements comprehensive plans to organize, design, promote, and restore Old Town Orcutt's commercial district.

The Fourth District is seeking authorization to contribute \$2,000 to OTORA in support of their mission. This contribution will benefit the organization, as well as the businesses, residents and visitors in the area.

Background:

Nestled in the heart of California’s Central Coast, Orcutt is a charming unincorporated community in northern Santa Barbara County with a rich history rooted in the early 20th century oil boom. Named after William Warren Orcutt, a pioneering petroleum geologist, the town was established as a hub for the burgeoning oil industry in the region.

The mission of OTORA is to revitalize historic Old Town Orcutt by working together in a grassroots fashion to create a unique center for community activity; this includes: a seasonal Farmer’s market, public art projects, numerous community events, and both hardscape and landscape maintenance in coordination with the County.

Fiscal Analysis Yes, funding for this \$2,000 donation from the Fourth District Office is included in the General County Programs General Fund FY 2025-26 adopted budget. On an annual basis, each Board District Office is allocated \$7,500 for discretionary spending which is appropriated in the General County Programs General Fund for each District Office. The Fourth District Office has opted to utilize a portion of their available discretionary funding for a contribution to the Old Town Orcutt Revitalization Association (a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, (EIN #47-0932205).

Funding Source	FY [2025-26]	Total
General Fund	\$2,000	\$2,000
State		
Federal		
Fees		
[Other Source]		
Total	\$2,000	\$2,000

Attachments:

Attachment A: Funding Application

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