

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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**SUBJECT:** Reading of the Ordinance to Create a Zone of Benefit within County Service Area No. 45 (Library Services) for the Vandenberg Village Area, Third and Fourth Districts

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## **Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Advance the second reading of the Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara Creating a New Zone of Benefit for Vandenberg Village and Authorizing the Levying of Special Taxes Therein from the original date of September 12, 2006 to the new date of August 15, 2006;
- B. Adopt the ordinance (second reading) entitled "An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara Creating a New Zone of Benefit for Vandenberg Village and Authorizing the Levying of Special Taxes Therein." The Ordinance will become effective if there is majority support (2/3 of registered voters) based on the results of the ballots received as part of the November 7, 2006 general election.

## **Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 5.A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

## **Executive Summary and Discussion:**

Elections staff is required by Elections Code to provide a copy of an ordinance in the sample ballot being prepared for the November 7, 2006 general election. The printing deadline for the sample ballot is August 25, 2006. Therefore, the ordinance creating a new zone of benefit for Vandenberg Village and authorizing the levying of special taxes must be adopted by the Board prior to August 25, 2006. Since the ordinance levies a tax, it must be read twice. The Board held a public hearing on the creating of the zone of benefit for Vandenberg Village and introduced the first reading of the ordinance on August 8, 2006. The Board set the second reading of the ordinance for September 12, 2006 unaware of Elections' staff August 25, 2006 deadline.

As referenced in previous Board letters for the hearings on July 18, 2006 and August 8, 2006, the actions before the Board proposed the creation of a zone of benefit with County Service Area #45. This zone of benefit would only include Vandenberg Village residents and would be used to fund library services. The zone to be created would share the same boundaries as the Vandenberg Village Community Services District. The cost of the library services is approximately \$50,000 annually, which would be raised via a \$22 annual charge levied on parcels within the newly created zone. In order to levy the special tax for library services, 2/3 of the registered voters within the Vandenberg Village Community Services District would need to vote in favor of the measure as part of the November 7, 2006 general election. The measure to levy the special tax on the parcels for library services was authorized by the Board of Supervisors on July 18, 2006 to be consolidated with the general election in November 7, 2006 and Elections' staff have assigned the ballot proposition the designation "O-2006."

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

The advanced reading of the Ordinance will enable Elections' staff to publish the Ordinance along with Measure O, Vandenberg Village library funding, within its sample ballot pamphlet issued to voters, which is a mandated function. The Vandenberg Village library funding issue will be part of the November 7, 2006 election as a way to ensure that the library receives enough funding to support an appropriate level of service.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

By advancing the reading of the Ordinance, Elections' staff will meet its deadline for including the Ordinance within its sample ballot. This is part of the effort to consolidate the Vandenberg Village library funding measure with the general election, rather than conduct a special election on this issue. The cost of consolidation is estimated at \$2,000-3,000 while the cost of a special election for the library is estimated at \$20,000-30,000.

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