

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 10/25/05  
**Department Name:** Second District Supervisor  
**Department No.:** 011  
**Agenda Date:** 11/8/05  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:**  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Susan Rose  
Second District Supervisor

**STAFF** Robert Ooley, AIA, (568-3085)

**CONTACT:** County Architect

**SUBJECT:** Transfer Ownership of the Five Goleta Historic Cannons to the Goleta Valley  
Historical Society

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## **Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors transfer ownership of the five Goleta historic cannons to the Goleta Valley Historical Society.

## **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:**



The County of Santa Barbara will transfer their ownership interest in five historical cannons to the Goleta Valley Historical Society.

These five cannons, discovered on Goleta beach in 1981, are currently housed at the Goleta Valley Historical Society Museum.

The Goleta Valley Historical Society put forth a great deal of effort to restore and care for each cannon and should therefore be the owners of the five historical cannons.

## Background/History

In 1981 five cannon were discovered in the sand along the Goleta Beach. The beach is under the jurisdiction of the County of Santa Barbara, and thus the cannon's became the property of the County of Santa Barbara. While it is not clear just where the cannon's came from, there is a generally accepted history that includes a certain ship (the *Dorotea*) as the cargo vessel that either ran aground or was fired upon. The year of this event is also uncertain; however it is believed to be some time in the middle 1800's.

After being discovered in 1981, an effort was mobilized to care for the cannon's. At the direction of the Board of Supervisor's, a committee was created made up of representatives from: the UCSB Department of Anthropology, Santa Barbara Historical Society, Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation and the Goleta Valley Historical Society.

After a great deal of effort to restore each cannon, it was determined that the custodian of the cannon's would be the Goleta Valley Historical Society. The custom built carriages were provided by the Goleta Valley Historical Society. Since the early 1980's, the Goleta Valley Historical Society has kept a watchful eye over these community treasures.

### **Mandates and Service Levels:**

No change in service level.

### **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

No fiscal or facility impacts anticipated by this action.

### **Special Instructions:**

Upon Board approval the Clerk should

Forward a Minute Order to:

- 1) County Architect, Courthouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor East Wing, Santa Barbara Courthouse.

Forward a Board Letter and Minute Order to:

- 2) Goleta Valley Historical Society  
304 North Los Carneros Road  
Goleta, CA 93117  
805-964-4407

### **Concurrence:**

