



**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: July 18, 2023
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If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Board of Supervisors, Fourth District Office
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: Contribution of \$50,000 to Oasis Senior and Community Center for Support of the Orcutt Area Seniors in Service Project

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 \$50,000 from the Fourth District Budget to the Oasis Senior and Community Center for the Orcutt Area Seniors in Service Project;
- b) Find that the project provides a community benefit that meets the social needs of the County;
- c) Approve the Budget Journal Entry # 0009108; and
- d) 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:

This item is to request your Board consider a contribution to the Oasis Senior and Community Center in the amount of \$50,000 from funds available in the District Four budget. The contribution is intended to assist with planning and entitlement processing costs associated with the Orcutt Area Seniors in Service project to build a permanent 14,000-square-foot Senior and Community Center in the Old Town Orcutt area.

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Background:

Orcutt Area Seniors in Service (OASIS) began as a small group of service-oriented retirees in the 1960's and was incorporated as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in 1985 with 99 members. It continues to offer volunteer opportunities, with over 260 volunteers this year alone, 48 of those being local high school students. The organization is currently in talks with Orcutt Union School District to find ways for members to interact with, support, and mentor students while having students come to the OASIS Center to do similar activities for its members.

Oasis has grown by over 300 members in the last six months alone and expects to pass 2000 before year-end. Although predominantly Orcutt and the Santa Maria Valley, they have active members from as far away as Arroyo Grande and Solvang. Periodically Oasis will meet up with the Solvang Senior Center for hikes and activities, and a few months back, welcomed the Guadalupe Seniors to their hike at Oso Flaco.

Along with four days a week, lunch is served free to those over 60; Oasis partners with local restaurants for a \$6 lunch each Tuesday. This includes Pizzeria Bella Forno, Cubanissimo, Old Town Mexican Café, The Homestead Deli, and more— all local businesses. The organization also acts as a Food Bank of Santa Barbara County distribution site, extending its reach further into the community.

Their programming focuses on keeping seniors healthy in all physical, mental, social, and intellectual areas. This means 50+ classes and activities per week, including physical exercise, social opportunities like single friends and gentleman's coffee, one-pot cooking, nutrition seminars, hiking and adventure group, bereavement group, investment class, and various board & card games to a well-stocked small library with books, games, puzzles.

On December 7, 2021, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors approved a project for Orcutt Area Seniors in Service, better known as OASIS, to build a permanent 14,000-square-foot Senior and Community Center in the Old Town Orcutt area. District Four would like to contribute towards planning and entitlement process costs related to the project.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: Budgeted: Yes, fund balance is available within the District Four budget. The attached budget journal entry for \$50,000 releases fund balance to appropriate the funds for payment to Oasis Senior and Community Center.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Oasis Senior and Community Center Funding Application

Attachment B – BJE # 0009108

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