



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:** March 18, 2025  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Board Member(s) Board of Supervisors, Second District Office  
Contact Info: Daniela Aguirre 805-568-2191  
**SUBJECT:** Contribution of \$10,000 for United Way of Santa Barbara County, Mega Tax Day and Financial Resiliency Resource Fair

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form:

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:** That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize a contribution of \$10,000 for the United Way of Santa Barbara County (UWSBC) Mega Tax Day and Financial Resiliency Resource Fair funded by the Second District funding allocation in General County Programs General Fund; and
- b) Find that the above program is necessary to meet the social needs of the population of the County; and
- c) Determine that the above actions are organizational or administrative activities of 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 Text:** Upon the adoption of the County's 2024-2025 Annual Budget, each Supervisorial District Office was allocated discretionary funding to direct to projects and/or programs in the County in need of funding that meet the social needs of the community. These funding requests are to come back to the full Board of Supervisors on the Administrative Agenda for Board approval.

This action will authorize funding of a \$10,000 contribution to the UWSBC for their Mega Tax Day and Resource Fair. This funding will allow the United Way of Santa Barbara County (UWSBC) to relaunch its Mega Tax Day and Financial Resiliency Resource Fair.

**Background:**

Since 1923, United Way has served the Santa Barbara County community through funding, partnership development, volunteer services, and by creating, managing, and leading its own unique programs and initiatives that involve dozens of local non-profits, business, and public sector organizations. United Way's mission is driven by a focus on school readiness and academic achievement, financial empowerment, and crisis response and recovery.

The Mega Tax Day & Financial Resiliency Resource Fair aims to provide critical tax preparation services and financial resources to low-income households in Santa Barbara County, which has the second-highest poverty rate in the state. By directly addressing the community's needs, this event empowers residents to achieve greater financial stability and resilience.

This initiative is part of United Way of Santa Barbara County's broader Financial Security Initiative and is supported by the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. The event seeks to remove financial barriers for low-income individuals and families, equipping them with practical tools and knowledge to build lasting financial security.

The Santa Barbara Unified School District, along with other local nonprofits, is supportive of this event, recognizing its vital role in uplifting our community. The requested funding will support program execution, including volunteer coordination, outreach efforts, event logistics, and community partnerships, ensuring measurable impacts on financial resilience for Santa Barbara County residents. The collective goal is to conduct 300 individual tax filings, directly benefiting families and individuals in need.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00

Narrative: The \$10,000 will come from the Second District's FY 2024-25 discretionary spending allocation.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A – Funding Application for 2024-25 Fiscal Year

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