



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: General Services  
Department No.: 063  
For Agenda Of: June 5, 2018  
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Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** General Services Janette D. Pell, Director (805) 560-1011  
Contact Info: Skip Grey, Assistant Director (805) 568-3083  
**SUBJECT:** Courthouse Legacy Foundation, Five Year Project Plan; District 1

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Receive and File the Santa Barbara Courthouse Legacy Foundation's Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan (Plan) of conservation, restoration, and preservation projects at the Historic Santa Barbara Courthouse; and
- b) Find that the proposed acceptance of this document is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) as it is an organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

**Summary Text:**

The Santa Barbara Courthouse Legacy Foundation (CLF) is a non-profit 501(C)(3) corporation that was created in 2004 by the late Naomi Schwartz, Superior Court Judge Frank Ochoa and County Architect Robert Ooley, FAIA. The purpose of the CLF is to provide a fundraising vehicle for undertaking various conservation, preservation and restoration projects at the Santa Barbara Courthouse, a National Historic Landmark. Since its inception, CLF has raised and spent over \$1.5 million on conservation, preservation and restoration projects, with the most notable being the restoration of the murals and ceiling in the Mural Room, and the installation of museum-quality lighting in that room. This \$620,000 project was completed as planned in 2015. Upcoming projects include fundraising for the conservation of the Great Arch

according to the recommendations in a 2017 Conservation Treatment study that was partially funded by the County. Fundraising for repair of deteriorating windows, primarily located in the two original courtrooms and law library on the second floor facing Figueroa Street is also planned. Repair/repainting of those windows will occur as funds become available. The CLF's Plan outlines priority projects and associated fundraising goals of CLF for the upcoming five-year period.

**Background:**

The Santa Barbara Courthouse was designated a City Historic Landmark in 1981, a State Historic Landmark in 2003 and a National Historic Landmark in 2005. Of the myriad needs at the facility, conservation, preservation and restoration of its historic fabric and elements is paramount and requires the use of highly skilled craftsmen and conservation professionals. This work requires a great deal of funding. The CLF has been successful in leading this effort with other preservation partners at the Santa Barbara Courthouse. Recently, CLF completed a Historic Structures Report (HSR) that includes a condition assessment of all the contributing historic elements in, on, and around the courthouse complex. A copy of this HSR is available from the County Architect. Using the HSR as a guide, CLF has created a Five-Year Capital Plan (Plan) of projects to be completed at the Santa Barbara Courthouse. CLF is actively fundraising to complete the listed projects that have been prioritized by condition and need.

**CEQA:**

The CLF Five-Year Capital Plan is not a project per CEQA Section 15378.

Any proposed work under the CLF Five-Year Plan would be executed in strict conformance with the U.S. Department of the Interior Standards for the care of Historic Property and require a Section 106 review by the California State Historic Preservation Officer as each project is undertaken to minimize or eliminate potential impacts to historic resources.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: N/A

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Funding is provided through the Santa Barbara Courthouse Legacy Foundation. The Plan does not require County funds at this time, or Board commitment on any of these projects; however, CLF may be seeking County contributions in the future on specific projects identified in the Plan. Each project will be brought back before the Board for final approval before proceeding, and any work exceeding \$10,000 that is received by the County from the Foundation will be brought back at a later date for acceptance as a gift.

**Attachments:**

- 1) CLF Five-Year Plan
- 2) CEQA Not A Project determination

**Special Instructions:**

Please send a copy of the Minute Order to the County Architect  
Attention: Robert Ooley, FAIA (SB Courthouse-East Wing, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

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