



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: 3/2/2010  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme: N/A  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from: N/A  
Vote Required: Simple Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** General Services Bob Nisbet, Director (560-1011)  
Contact Info: Paddy Langlands, Assistant Director (568-3096)

**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of Gift, restoration of SB Courthouse Lamp by Courthouse Docent Council,  
1<sup>st</sup> Supervisorial District

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: NA

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: NA

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Receive a restored historic lamp from the Courthouse Docent Council valued at \$8,170.00.

**Summary Text:**

The Santa Barbara Courthouse Docent Council, working with the General Services Department has funded the complete restoration of the Lawyers Entrance lamp at a total cost of \$8,170. The Santa Barbara Courthouse is fortunate to have a strong preservation partner in the Courthouse Docent Council.

**Background:**

The Santa Barbara Courthouse is a City/State/National Historic Landmark with many historic features that include lamps, wrought-iron, leather, leaded glass windows, painted surfaces and mural walls. These treasured features require restoration, conservation or preservation.

The Santa Barbara Courthouse Docent Council was founded in 1974 as an educational organization whose mission has been to share the history, stories and treasures of the Santa Barbara Courthouse with the community and world.

Over the years, the Courthouse Docent Council has undertaken the restoration of many features of the Santa Barbara Courthouse, including work on the Spirit of the Ocean fountain. Recently, the Docent Council approved a lamp restoration project that will, over time, restore all 80 historic lamps in the building, at an estimated cost of \$130,000. This project began with restoration of the Lawyers Entrance Lamp. The restoration included replacement of weathered zinc supports, internal electrical components and copper detailing. Over the next 3-years the process of bringing these treasures of light back to life will be completed.

The work is in full compliance of the Department of the Interior Standards for the care of National Historic Landmarks and Historic Properties.



Lamp Before (top disconnected from base element

Lamp After (zinc supports replaced and strengthened, copper details re-attached and new electrical installed)

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes **Fiscal Analysis:**

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

This project has no impact on the operating budget of General Services.

**Special Instructions:**

Please forward a copy of the Minute Order to Robert Ooley, AIA County Architect, General Services Department - Support Services Div., Courthouse East Wing.

**Attachments:**

**Authored by:**

Robert Ooley, AIA County Architect (*and Courthouse Docent*), (568-3085).