



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

**Agenda Number:**

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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**Department Name:** 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor  
**Department No.:** 011  
**For Agenda Of:** 06/18/2024  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Supervisor Steve Lavagnino  
Contact: Cory Bantilan (568-2187)  
**SUBJECT:** **Approval of Contract with Santa Maria Fairpark for the 2024 Veterans Stand Down**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve for signature by the Chair of the Board, contract between the County of Santa Barbara and the Santa Maria Fairpark for the Santa Barbara County Veterans Stand Down on October 26, 2024.
- b) Find that the proposed action consists of the normal operation of existing facilities for public gatherings for the purpose for which the facilities were designed, and is therefore exempt from CEQA pursuant to 14 CCR 15322.

**Summary Text:**

The Santa Barbara County Veterans Stand Down on October 26, 2024 will provide a wide variety of services to homeless veterans, veterans and veteran family members from across the county. Board approval is requested since the contract obligates the County to indemnify the 37<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural Association and the State of California from liability for damage or loss arising out of the use of Fairpark property by the County.

**Background:**

The Santa Barbara County Veterans Stand Down is planned for October 26, 2024. The planning committee includes a large number and diverse cross-section of individuals, governmental

entities, nonprofits, active duty military, veterans and private organizations. The committee members volunteer on 25 different committees. The volunteers are pooling their resources and energy to extend a helping hand and offer hope and tangible assistance to homeless veterans.

The committee has chosen to hold a one-day event at the Santa Maria Fairpark. The one-day event will serve men, women and children and will provide shelter, medical, dental, clothing, showers, haircuts, food, counseling, legal assistance, employment training and other needed services.

The Fairpark was chosen because it will provide a safe enclosed area with onsite showers and rest rooms and large grassy areas for MASH tents and mobile dental, medical and counseling units. The service providers, clothing distribution, and hair stylists will set up in the Park Plaza Building. The Fairpark also provides easy access for chow lines and picnic tables. This year the contract will be \$12,637.50 which will be paid with donations.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

None

**Special Instructions:**

Two original signed copies of the contract are needed, one for the County and one for the Fairpark. Please brown mail to Yesenia Cuevas in the Fifth District.

**Attachments:**

2024 Fairpark Contract, Exhibit F