



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:** July 12, 2022  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:** N/A  
**Vote Required:** 4/5ths

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** General Services Janette D. Pell, Director (805) 560-1011  
Contact Info: Patrick Zuroske, Assistant Director (805) 568-3096  
**SUBJECT:** **Accept Gift in the amount of \$21,895.00 for replacement of drapes in the SB Courthouse-Loggia and Restoration of main stair hanging lamp. First Supervisorial District**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: N/A

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

- a) Accept and ratify an in-kind donation gift of drapes for the loggia at the Santa Barbara Courthouse valued at \$15,131.00 from the Santa Barbara Courthouse Docent Council; and
- b) Accept and ratify an in-kind donation of restored lamp improvements for the main stair lamp at the Santa Barbara Courthouse valued at \$6,764.00 from the Santa Barbara Courthouse Docent Council; and
- c) Approve Budget Review Request No. 00088170 for the value of \$21,895 that accounts for the donations; and
- d) Acknowledge private contributions in the amount of \$15,131.00 for the replacement of Loggia drapes from Marie Morrisroe to the Courthouse Docent Council; and
- e) Acknowledge the countless volunteer hours of Courthouse Docents and funds they raise to restore elements of the Courthouse. More than \$400,000 over 40-years; and
- f) Acknowledge the pro bono work of Ann Kale and Associates in the restoration of the main stair lamp; and
- g) Acknowledge the craftsmanship of Holroyd Studios in the restoration of the main stair lamp; and
- h) Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review per CEQA Guideline Sections 15061 (b)(3) and 15301, since it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activities may have a significant

effect on the environment and the donation consists of minor alterations to an existing facility, and direct staff to file the attached Notice of Exemption on that basis.

**Summary Text:**

The recommended actions by the Board of Supervisors to authorize and ratify the acceptance of the referenced noncash donations are in accordance with California Government Code Section 25355, and Policies & Procedures for the Acceptance of Donations and Gifts to the County.

The Courthouse Docent Council was formed in 1974 for the purpose of providing information about the historic courthouse. At that time the property had not been designated a landmark at any level; designation did not occur until some seven years later when the Director of Planning & Development (then called Resource Management) filed a nomination to make the property a City of Santa Barbara Historic Landmark. In 2004 and 2005, respectfully, the property was designated a California State Historic Landmark and a National Historic Landmark, an effort led by the County Architect. These designations help the property be competitive in conservation or preservation grants.

The Courthouse Docent Council has steadily provided public tours and information since 1974 from a pool of some 90 volunteers that spend countless hours each year in the information booth, leading public tours or hosting youth tours to area schools as part of the Civic Class curriculum. During community celebrations, like the annual Fiesta de Santa Barbara, the Docents provide tours of the courthouse every half-hour to thousands of visitors during the four-day events.

The organization also has a very active Conservation and Preservation effort, led by Rodney Baker (past President of the Docent Council.) Members of the Docent Council that lead tours, identify projects throughout the complex. These projects are vetted through the Docent Council and those that fit both their annual projects budget and scale to accomplish within a few weeks' effort are authorized and funded. They often partner with the Courthouse Legacy Foundation (CLF) on larger projects that CLF may have underway. The current CLF project is the restoration of the Great Stone Arch, active fundraising for this project is underway now. To date the Docent Council has raised and spent approximately \$400,000 over the years which greatly benefit the courthouse complex, the visiting public and the County; all from the sale of postcards, refrigerator magnets and published information about the courthouse.

The second floor Loggia, just outside the Mural Room, once included drapes that framed the arches overlooking the renowned Sunken Garden. These drapes have only been seen in images of the Loggia taken when the building was first finished in 1929. Each drape set is comprised of two full panels, a wrought-iron rod which is attached to the wall and drape-rings which are sewn onto the drapes. Looking for a way to give back to the community Marie Morrisroe, a courthouse docent, was so inspired by the historic pictures of the Loggia that she offered to personally fund the effort to have the drapes replaced.

The drapes were carefully measured and fabricated by *Carter Hinds Drapery* (a local vendor and a Montecito Debris Flow survivor). The work was delayed because of the pandemic. After fabrication of the drapes, they were installed over a few days under the direction of Rodney Baker and assistance by Joseph Padilla of the General Services Facility/Maintenance (F/M) Team.

**Performance Measure:**

None.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Private Funding through the Santa Barbara Courthouse Docent Council, a non-profit 501 (c) 3 California Corporation, at no cost to the County.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

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**Narrative:**

The funding for this project is being provided by the Santa Barbara Courthouse Docent Council, a non-profit 501 (c) 3 California Corporation.

**Special Instructions:**

Please send a copy of the minute order to Patrick Zuroske, GS Assistant Director, GS Capital Division, Courthouse East Wing.

**Attachments:**

1. Budget Revision Request 0008170
2. CEQA – Notice of Exemption

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