

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Approve the request for six (6) additional mid-week variances during the 2003 concert season; First Supervisorial District; Folio No. WC 1076

Recommendation:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve the attached request from the Santa Barbara Bowl Foundation for six (6) additional mid-week variances during the 2003 concert season at the Santa Barbara Bowl.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan: The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No.1: An Efficient Government Able to Anticipate and Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community and Goal No.5: A high Quality of Life for All Residents.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On May 6, 2003, the Santa Barbara Bowl Foundation requested and your Board approved six (6) additional mid-week variances for the 2003 concert season. The Santa Barbara Bowl Foundation is now requesting an additional six (6) mid-week variances making a total of twelve (12) Board approved mid-week variances for the 2003 concert season.

The current lease agreement between the County and the Bowl Foundation requires adherence to the existing Sound Control Plan for performances at the Bowl. This Sound Control Plan allows for six (6) mid-week variances, defined as concert events that occur Sunday night through Thursday night and that end no later than 10:00 p.m. Mid-week concerts may occur if concluded by 8:00 p.m. without variance requests.

The Sound Control Plan also requires any mid-week variances, in excess of the six (6) allowed under the plan, to be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

The attached letter from the Santa Barbara Bowl Foundation requests six (6) additional mid-week variances for a total of eighteen (18) for the 2003 season. As described in the attached letter, dated June 25, 2003 from the Foundation, there are two primary reasons for the request. Las Vegas, over recent years, has increased the amount of music it presents. This opportunity allows the Bowl to provide a venue for these same artists, provided they perform at the Bowl prior to or after the concert weekend dates in Las Vegas. In addition, the Bowl relies on a cooperative partnership with the Santa Barbara High School for parking during events at the Bowl, provided that priority for parking is given to the high school in the event of Friday night home games. This requirement then necessitates that the Foundation, while normally providing concert dates on Fridays, to schedule these venues during the variance periods described.

Given the Foundation's success with concerts performed during these variance periods as explained in the attached letter, County Parks recommends that your Board grant the additional six (6) mid-week variances for the scheduled concerts as outlined in the Bowl Foundation's request and allow the flexibility for the six additional mid-week concerts through the end of the 2003 season.

Mandates and Service Levels:

There are no mandates or changes to existing service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There are no fiscal or facilities impacts.