

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 11/7/02
Department Name: General Services
Department No.: 063
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Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time:
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Ronald S. Cortez, Director
General Services Department

STAFF CONTACT: Robert Ooley, AIA
County Architect, 568.3085

SUBJECT: Acceptance of a Donated Electric Vehicle from Barber Ford of Ventura

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors accept the donation of an electric Ford "Think" vehicle valued at \$8,000 from Barber Ford of Ventura, not a local vendor.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with our organizational values regarding leadership, initiative and innovation.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

In early August of 2002, three major car manufactures offered their electric cars to non-profit and government agencies for free, with only a small fee (\$99) for transporting the car to the agency. They made this limited time offer because the State EV Credits awarded to dealers will be changing in 2003 and it was in the dealer's best interest to unload the vehicles. The County Architect submitted an application on behalf of the County for one of these vehicles shortly after the offer was made.

On August 26, we learned that our request was granted and that the Ford Think car would be delivered on August 28. County employees have made great use of the vehicle. The Think Car is now available to be checked out by county staff that has travel needs within 15 blocks of the historic courthouse. The vehicle number is 4340.

Mandates and Service Levels:

No change in programs or service levels.

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Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

With the acceptance of this donated electric vehicle, the County will add one additional vehicle to the pool car fleet. The costs associated with maintaining the vehicle are unknown at this time, but it is anticipated to be less than fuel powered vehicles and the environmental benefits to the community far outweigh the costs.

Special Instructions:

The Clerk should forward a Minute Order to Robert Ooley, AIA, Office of the County Architect, Courthouse, 2nd Floor Annex.