



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Michael F. Brown, County Executive Officer
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: Letter of Support – California Space Center

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize and approve the Chair to execute a Letter of Support for Congressional funding for the California Space Center.

Summary Text:

Recently the County of Santa Barbara received a request from Janice Dunn, Deputy Director of the California Space Authority, representing the California Space Center, requesting the Board of Supervisors' support of a \$2 million federal funding request via the Department of Defense National Defense Education Program. This item is on the Board of Supervisors agenda for review of stated request

Background:

The California Space Center is proposed at the edge of the Vandenberg Air Force Base. With 12 to 15 Vandenberg launches taking place each year, it is anticipated that the center will attract thousands of visitors to the area. The center is slated to include a visitors complex, interpretive center, theater, amphitheater, youth education facilities, conference center and launch viewing facilities (Attachment B).

In addition the California Space Center is projected to create 2,994 jobs in Santa Barbara County and promote and inspire the study of science, technology, engineering and math throughout the state.

The California Space Center will be developed in three phases via government, public and private sources. Phase I: \$62 million 2 years, Phase II: \$90.8 million 5 years, Phase III: \$67.7million 2 years.

Performance Measure:

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Support of California Space Authority's request for federal funding of the California Space Center is independent of any subsequent request to the County for direct funding of the project.

Fiscal Analysis:

| <u>Funding Sources</u> | <u>Current FY Cost:</u> | <u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u> | <u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| General Fund | | | |
| State | | | |
| Federal | | | |
| Fees | | | |
| Other: | | | |
| Total | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |

Narrative:

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

Attachments:

Attachment A - Letter of Support

Attachment B - California Space Center Materials

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