

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

DEPT: _____

BOARD AGENDA # A-8

Urgent _____ Routine X

AGENDA DATE April 10, 2001

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES OK NO OK
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES _____ NO X

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO HOLD A DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR THE SECOND PHASE COMPLETION OF THE VICTIMS' GARDEN OF HEALING ON THE COURTHOUSE LAWN ON APRIL 26, 2001 AND TO PROCLAIM APRIL 22th THROUGH APRIL 28th, 2001 AS VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK..

STAFF
RECOMMEN-
DATIONS:

1. APPROVE USE OF THE COURTHOUSE LAWN FOR THE VICTIMS' GARDEN DEDICATION CEREMONY ON APRIL 26th AT 12:15 PM
2. ADOPT A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 22nd THROUGH APRIL 28th, 2001 AS VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

FISCAL
IMPACT:

This request will cause no fiscal impact.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2001-265

On motion of Supervisor Blom, Seconded by Supervisor Mayfield
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Mayfield, Blom, Simon, Caruso, and Chair Paul

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

Motion:

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

By: Christine Ferraro Deputy

File No.

DISCUSSION: In recognition of Victims' Rights Week, April 22nd through April 28th, the District Attorney's Office Victim Services Program is planning a ceremony to dedicate completion of the second phase of the Victims' Garden of Healing. Completion of the first phase last year included the removal of the lawn and creation of a walkway and patio area. Completion of the second phase consists of the planting of over thirty five (35) rose bushes with other assorted plants and flowers and the addition of benches to the patio area. The dedication ceremony is planned during Victims' Rights Week on Thursday, April 26th at 12:15 pm. The garden project was approved by the Board on March 16, 1999.

The garden will be developed in three stages with each stage being recognized during a Victims' Rights Week ceremony in April over a period of several years until the garden is complete. The development of the garden is primarily dependant upon donations. The District Attorney's Office and the Parks Department have worked closely together on planning and developing each stage in an appropriate order. The Board recently approved the addition of a fountain and fencing surrounding the garden during phase three.

The dates for National Victims' Rights Week - 2001 are April 22nd through April 28th. This week has been selected by the National Organization for Victim Assistance and is expected to be proclaimed as such by the President of the United States and the Governor of California. A Board Resolution proclaiming Victims' Rights Week in Stanislaus County is included in this Board agenda item.

POLICY

ISSUE: The Board must determine the merits of approving use of the Courthouse lawn for the Victims' Garden dedication ceremony and proclaiming April 22nd through April 28th as Victims' Rights Week by Board Resolution.

STAFFING

IMPACT: No staffing impacts will occur based on this Board action request.

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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

IN RE: PROCLAIMING APRIL 22nd THROUGH APRIL 28th , 2001 AS
"VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK"

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors has recognized safe,
healthy communities as a priority; and

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County has established a Victim Services Program in the
District Attorney's Office to assist crime victims with compensation as provided by California
state law, including crisis response, counseling, emergency assistance, and court support services;
and

WHEREAS, coordinated efforts between local law enforcement and victim service
agencies can provide resources and assistance to citizens to recover from the effects of crime; and

WHEREAS, victims of crime should be informed of their rights, as well as
procedures and functions of the Criminal Justice System; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of
Supervisors does hereby proclaim April 22ND through April 28th , 2001 as Victims' Rights Week.

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,
State of California,



By: Deputy

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