

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

DEPT: Parks and Recreation

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BOARD AGENDA # *B-10

Urgent

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AGENDA DATE October 20, 2009

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO

(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval for the Stanislaus County District Attorney Victim Services Unit to have Exclusive Use of the Courthouse Lawn and the Victim's Garden of Healing on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 for their 12th Annual Homicide Victims' Memorial Tree and Candlelight Vigil

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Approve the request from the Stanislaus County District Attorney Victim Services Unit to have exclusive use of the Courthouse Lawn and the Victim's Garden of Healing on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for their 12th Annual Homicide Victims' Memorial Tree and Candlelight Vigil.
- 2) Direct the Stanislaus County District Attorney Victim Services Unit to adhere to the requirements set forth by the Department of Parks and Recreation.
- 3) Approve the waiver of fees for the exclusive use and reservation of the Courthouse Lawn Area and the Victim's Garden of Healing.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If approved, \$100 in exclusive use and reservation fees will not be assessed to the Stanislaus County District Attorney Victim Services Unit.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2009-701

On motion of Supervisor Monteith, Seconded by Supervisor O'Brien

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Grover, Monteith, and Chairman DeMartini

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:

Christine Ferraro

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

Approval for the Stanislaus County District Attorney Victim Services Unit to have Exclusive Use of the Courthouse Lawn and the Victim's Garden of Healing on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 for their 12th Annual Homicide Victims' Memorial Tree and Candlelight Vigil

DISCUSSION:

A request has been received by Stanislaus County District Attorney Victim Services Unit to have exclusive use of the Courthouse Lawn and the Victim's Garden of Healing on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for their 12th Annual Homicide Victims' Memorial Tree and Candlelight Vigil.

The Courthouse Lawn serves as an essential community open-space area within the downtown corridor of the City of Modesto and is highly valued as making the community a better place to live. The Victim's Garden of Healing, created in 2002 and located within the area, is dedicated to the victims of crime.

The Stanislaus County District Attorney Victim Services Unit was established to serve persons in the community that are victims of crime. Their mission is to ensure sensitive treatment of victims and to reduce the trauma that may be experienced in the aftermath of a crime by providing crisis interventions, emergency assistance, follow-up counseling. The staff of the Victim Services Unit also acts as liaison between the victim and the Deputy District Attorneys to keep victims informed of court procedures and dispositions.

The Department of Parks and Recreation does not have any objection to this request for exclusive use and as such necessitates the Stanislaus County District Attorney Victim Services Unit to adhere to the following requirements:

- The Stanislaus County District Attorney Victim Services Unit shall work with all other necessary groups, organizations, or other governmental personnel as determined by applicable codes, laws, and regulations to ensure a safe event including but not limited to Sheriff's Office, California Highway Patrol, or City of Modesto Police Department.
- The Stanislaus County District Attorney Victim Services Unit will be responsible for all litter/debris removal from the event area. No litter or debris shall remain in the area upon completion of the event. The area is to be left in a clean condition.
- There is no guarantee of electricity at the facility. Should electricity be needed, all generators are to be placed on a concrete area of the facility and clearly marked.
- The expected number of person is 300 and is open to the public.
- All portable restrooms are to be placed on concrete or paved surfaces of the facility, not on any grass area and shall be removed on or by Thursday, December 10, 2009, no later than 6:00 a.m.
- No alcohol shall be sold, served or consumed during this exclusive use.

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POLICY ISSUE (S):

The Board should consider whether the approval of this exclusive use request supports the Board of Supervisors' priority of a healthy community. The Department of Parks and Recreation partners with organizations who strengthen a community's image and its sense of place in memory of those taken in violence.

STAFFING IMPACTS:

There are no staffing impacts associated with this item.

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