

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

DEPT: Parks and Recreation

BOARD AGENDA # \*B-11

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE November 30, 2010

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 8, 2010, for their 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Homicide Victims' Memorial Tree Lighting 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 Victims' Garden of Healing on Wednesday, December 8, 2010, beginning at 5:00 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m. for their 13th Annual Homicide Victims' Memorial Tree Lighting 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 for exclusive use, reservation and Courthouse Lawn fees.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fee for this exclusive use is \$135. If approved, the \$90 exclusive use fee, the \$10 reservation fee, and the \$35 Courthouse Lawn fee will not be assessed to the Stanislaus County District Attorney Victim Service Unit.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2010-714

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

and approved by the following vote,

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

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1)  Approved as recommended

2)  Denied

3)  Approved as amended

4)  Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

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## **DISCUSSION:**

A request has been received from the Stanislaus County District Attorney Victim Service Unit to have exclusive use of the Courthouse Lawn and the Victim's Garden of Healing on Wednesday, December 8, 2010, beginning at 5:00 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m. for their 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Homicide Victims' Memorial Tree Lighting 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 a community event location.

The Stanislaus County District Attorney Victim Service Unit was established to serve persons in the community that have been 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, and follow-up counseling. The staff of the Victim Service 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 supports this request for exclusive use providing that the District Attorney Victim Service Unit adheres 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 the State of California, City of Modesto, Sheriff's Office, or Department of Environmental Resources.
- The Stanislaus County District Attorney Victim Services Unit shall be responsible for all litter/debris removal from the exclusive use area. No litter or debris shall remain in the area upon completion of the exclusive use. The area is to be left in a clean condition.
- There are no utility connections available for use at this facility.
- All portable restrooms are to be placed on concrete or paved surfaces of the facility, not on any grass area and shall be removed no later than 10:00 a.m., Thursday, December 9, 2010.
- No alcohol shall be sold, served, or consumed during the exclusive use.
- The event is open to the public and the expected number of people attending is 300.

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**POLICY ISSUE:**

Approval of this agenda item supports the Board of Supervisors' priorities of A Safe Community by promoting public awareness of the need to ensure sensitive treatment for the victims of crime; A Healthy Community by providing access to services to those who have been victims of crime; and Effective Partnerships by recognizing the importance of allowing the community to gather in memory of those taken in violence.

**STAFFING IMPACTS:**

There are no staffing impacts associated with this item.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

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