



Agenda Item No. _____

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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: July 29, 2008

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Housing and Redevelopment Division, Community Development Department

SUBJECT: California Redevelopment Law Findings Regarding The Police Department Locker Room Upgrade Project

RECOMMENDATION: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving and Adopting the Findings Required by Health and Safety Code Section 33445 for Funding of Capital Improvements for the Police Department Locker Room Upgrade Project Located Outside the Central City Redevelopment Project Area.

DISCUSSION:

On July 1, 2008, the City Council approved \$343,660 in Redevelopment Agency funds for a Design Services contract with Poirier & David Architects and identified Redevelopment Agency monies as the primary funding source for upcoming capital improvements to the Police Department locker rooms.

California Redevelopment law states that Redevelopment Agency funds must be spent, with certain exceptions, on projects located inside the Redevelopment Project Area, in this case the Central City Redevelopment Project Area. The Police Department Locker Room project will make locker room and systems improvements to the Police Department headquarters, which is located immediately outside the Redevelopment Agency's Central City Redevelopment Project Area. California Community Redevelopment Law Section 33445 does allow, with the consent of the legislative body, the funding of projects on property that is publicly-owned even if the project is outside the project area, if the project meets certain findings.

The Police Department Locker Room Upgrade Project meets all the required findings in Section 33445 because the proposed improvements are of benefit to the Central City Redevelopment Project Area, as they will enhance public safety services to the project area, providing a safe environment for locals and tourists. The project area environment has been affected recently by an increase in youth violence. A safe environment generates additional pedestrian activity by locals and tourists and adds to the attractiveness of the project area.. An increase in these activities improves the vitality of the project area by encouraging economic activity by locals and visitors, which leads to

additional public and private improvements, and thereby eliminates blight and the conditions that lead to blight. The operations and responsibilities of Police Headquarters provide the residences and businesses of the project area, and the City, with critical public safety services, without which the project area, and the City, would not be a viable residential or commercial area, and would therefore be blighted. No other reasonable means of financing the improvements are available.

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