



Agenda Item No. \_\_\_\_\_

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# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** August 3, 2010  
**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Community Development Department  
**SUBJECT:** Santa Barbara Zoo Discovery Pavilion

### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara in Support of the Santa Barbara Zoo's Submittal of a Proposition 84 Nature Education Facilities Program Application for the Discovery Pavilion to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation.

### DISCUSSION:

On July 1, the Santa Barbara Zoo submitted a proposal to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation for funding under Proposition 84's "Nature Education Facilities" (NEF) Program. The Zoo is requesting \$4.9 million to go toward the construction of the *Discovery Pavilion*, a 9,000 square-foot facility that will expand the Zoo's capacity to provide educational experiences for guests and school groups. At this level of request, the competition is substantial with over 150 institutions vying for about \$50 million in available grant money. This grant would allow the Zoo to create educational opportunities in the *Discovery Pavilion* and bring this new facility on line sooner than anticipated. The project received approval from the Planning Commission in December 2006 and now that *California Trails* is completed, they are ready to move forward. The project still requires Historic Landmark Commission approval, but has had positive reviews before the Commission to date.

Support from the City of Santa Barbara as expressed in the Resolution will be beneficial to the Zoo's application.

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