

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

DEPT: Parks and Recreation

BOARD AGENDA # \*B-9(b)

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE November 25, 2008

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES  NO

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

(Information Attached)

SUBJECT:

Approval of Request from the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Victim Services Division for Use of the Courthouse Lawn on December 9, 2008, for their 11th Annual Homicide Victims' Memorial Tree Lighting Ceremony and Candlelight Vigil and Waiver of Fees

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Approve the request from the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Victim Services Division for use of the Courthouse lawn on Tuesday, December 9, 2008, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., for their 11th Annual Homicide Victims' Memorial Tree Lighting Ceremony and Candlelight Vigil.
- 2) Approve the waiver of fees associated with placement, repairing, and removal of tree lights, and any associated costs for equipment, materials, and supplies.
- 3) Direct the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Victim Services Division to adhere to the requirements set forth by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If approved, \$335 for weighted labor will not be assessed to the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Victim Service Division for the placement, repairs, and removal of the tree lights prior to, during, and after the ceremony. The Department of Parks and Recreation will incur any associated costs for equipment, materials, and supplies.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2008-805

On motion of Supervisor O'Brien, Seconded by Supervisor Grover  
 and approved by the following vote,  
 Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Grover, Monteith, and Vice Chairman DeMartini  
 Noes: Supervisors: None  
 Excused or Absent: Supervisors: Mayfield  
 Abstaining: Supervisor: None

- 1)  Approved as recommended
- 2)  Denied
- 3)  Approved as amended
- 4)  Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

**DISCUSSION:**

A request from the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Victim Service Division has been received for the use of the Courthouse lawn located at 800 11<sup>th</sup> Street in Modesto for its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Homicide Victims' Memorial Tree Lighting Ceremony and Candlelight Vigil.

The Victim Services Division is responsible for providing services to crime victims including crisis intervention, emergency assistance, resource and referral assistance, counseling, property return, orientation to the criminal justice system, court support, restitution assistance, submission of Victim of Crime claims, and community outreach activities.

The Victim Program assists over 3,000 crime victims every year; provides a 24-hour crisis response team to assist victims at the crime scene, hospital, home and police or Sheriff's office; developed the Garden of Healing for Victims of Crime on the Courthouse lawn; and participates in the County Fair, Red Ribbon Week, and Victim's Rights Week.

The Department of Parks and Recreation does not have any objections to this request and its waiver of fees and necessitates the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Victim Service Division adheres to the following requirements:

- Requests all portable toilets to be placed on paved or concrete surface and not on the lawn.
- Requests that the lawn and its surroundings to be left in a clean condition free of debris.
- No alcohol shall be served or consumed during the ceremony.
- All staff and/or volunteers shall work with all other necessary groups, organizations, or other governmental personnel as necessary or requested by the Department to ensure a safe event.

**POLICY ISSUE:**

The Board should consider whether the approval of this request supports the Board of Supervisors' priorities of a safe community and efficient delivery of public services.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

There are no staffing impacts associated with this item.