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September 29, 2000

AGENDA: October 17, 2000

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County of Santa Cruz

701 Ocean Street

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

SUBJECT: Defer Draft Lease Agreement with the City of Watsonville for the
Watsonville Veterans Memorial Building

Dear Members of the Board:

During Budget Hearings your Board directed the Parks Department to return to your Board with a draft agreement with the City of Watsonville (City) for the leasing of the Watsonville Veterans Memorial Building (WVMB).

On Tuesday, September 26, the Watsonville City Council met and discussed their staffs report with regard to the City leasing the WVMB. The City Council voted to authorize the City Manager to continue negotiations with the County of Santa Cruz. The City also asked staff to consider the request of the Pajaro Valley Ohlone Indian Council to be included in the operation of the building. The Indian Council has expressed an interest in leasing the facility to establish a center for activities that will benefit the Watsonville Community as a whole and also help to preserve the welfare and culture of their tribe. At this time we have not concluded these discussions and hope to be able to develop a strategy to address any remaining concerns raised by the City.

As your Board may recall, the 2000/2001 County budget contains \$150,000 for capital improvements to the WVMB and minimal funds to operate the building until January 1, 2001. Staff has been honoring the event commitments made under the prior management contract and at the same time working to make improvements to the building which will make it more attractive for public assembly. Some of the improvements which have been undertaken or are contracted for include: painting the front and the first floor interior of the building, removing all debris, replacing several exterior doors, repairing the main waste line, installing an alarm system, upgrading the electrical system, upgrading the elevator to meet ADA requirements, upgrading

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DEFER DRAFT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE FOR THE
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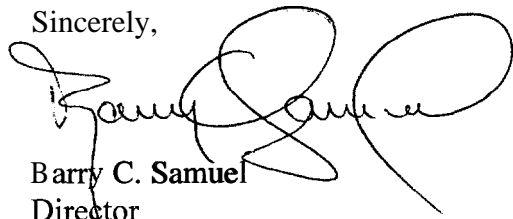
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the first floor rest rooms, and conducting other minor repairs in the building. It is anticipated that this work will be completed this fiscal year.

Staff continues to believe that the City is best able to manage the use of the Watsonville Veterans Memorial Building. However, if it is determined that this is unworkable, the County should conduct a systematic review of options for the use of this facility.

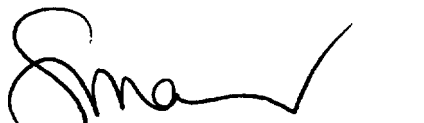
It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board accept this report regarding the lease of the Watsonville Veterans Memorial Building to the City of Watsonville and return no later than December 12, 2000 with the status of negotiations and recommendations for further actions.

Sincerely,



Barry C. Samuel
Director

RECOMMENDED:



SUSAN A. MAURIELLO
County Administrative Officer

cc: CAO, Auditor-Controller, County Counsel, General Services, Parks