

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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The San Pedro Courthouse served as an anchor for local business and residential activity for the San Pedro community since its opening in 1969. However, the courthouse has been vacant since its closure by the State in June 2013, leaving a void in the community. In April 2015, the Judicial Council of California (JCC) declared the San Pedro Courthouse a surplus property, a crucial first step to allow for the Property’s transfer or sale. Recently, the County’s Sacramento Advocates have learned that JCC is on track to introduce legislation that would allow the State Legislature to declare the property available for disposal and sale by the State.

This landmark building should remain a focal point of civic activity for the San Pedro community. The State’s proposed disposal of the courthouse provides a prime opportunity for the property to be acquired by a local jurisdiction, potentially the County, so that it may be used for services that benefit the community.

I, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Chief Executive Officer and the Sacramento Advocates to support legislation, once it is introduced, that would declare the San Pedro Courthouse property available for disposal and sale by the State.

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