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MOTION TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD DECLARE THE SAN PEDRO COURTHOUSE PROPERTY AVAILABLE FOR DISPOSAL AND SALE BY THE STATE (ITEM NO. 3, AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 16, 2016)

Item No. 3 on the February 16, 2016 Agenda is a motion by Supervisor Knabe to 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.

Background

In June 2013, due to budget issues, the State closed seven courthouses in Los Angeles County, including the San Pedro Courthouse, located at 505 South Centre Street, in San Pedro. Since its closing, the San Pedro Courthouse has remained vacant and mostly unused. The State, which holds a 95.15 percent equity interest in the property, is the primary owner of the property. The County currently holds the remaining 4.85 percent interest.

Existing Law

Current law authorizes the disposition of State real property where that property is not needed by a State agency, and the Legislature has taken legislative action to authorize its disposal. In April 2015, the Judicial Council of California (JCC) internally declared the San Pedro Courthouse a surplus property, an initial first step to allow for the property's transfer or sale. The JCC plans to introduce legislation this year that would allow the State Legislature to declare the property available for disposal and sale by the State.

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It is important to note that under the current Joint Occupancy Agreement with the State, the County, as part owner of the San Pedro Courthouse, has the first right to acquire the property from the State at fair market value.

Conclusion

The Board-approved State Legislative Agenda contains policy to support legislation that would facilitate the County's ability to acquire and/or use government-owned land, buildings, and existing infrastructure to further local community needs; however, because the intended legislation would make a specific property, the San Pedro Courthouse, available for disposal and sale, **support for this legislation is a matter for Board determination.**

We will continue to keep you advised.

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