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TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jerry Hill, President

SUBJECT: State Capitol Window Display

Recommendation: Approve the Capitol Window Display design proposed by Mr. Stephen McNally.

Background

The first floor of the California State Capitol features what is referred to as the Hall of Counties with a glass enclosed window provided to each of the 58 counties to display the features of their community. The window designs reflect the historic, natural, economic and social diversity found in the state. It offers the more than 1 million tourists that visit the State Capitol each year an opportunity to learn more about the state's rich and colorful history, economies, cultures and natural resources.

The San Mateo County window display was last updated in 1994 with the financial assistance of the San Mateo County Convention and Visitors Bureau. Prior to that, the display had not been updated in more than 10 years.

Discussion: Request for Qualifications

In partnership with *ARTshare* of San Mateo, the County issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) in June 2002 to select a local artist to develop a design for the San Mateo County Capitol Window display. A copy of the RFQ is attached. A selection process included a review of the RFQ by a selection panel composed of two (2) representatives from the County Board of Supervisors, two (2) from the County Arts Commission, two (2) artists at large, one (1) representative from *ARTshare* and one (1) public members. Three outstanding San Mateo County artists responded. After a thorough review and subject to interviews with the selection panel, Mr. Stephen McNally, an artist from the City of San Mateo was selected. Mr. McNally's qualifications are attached.

Design

The colorful window display design features San Mateo County's rich history and protected natural resources. It provides a professional and thoughtful presentation of San Mateo County's place in the history of the State benefiting the thousands of school children and tourists who tour the State Capitol annually. The design will also be used as the basis for future displays, including the County's 2003 State Fair booth.

Vision Alignment

Applicable *Shared Vision 2010* commitment, Realize the potential of our diverse population achieves goal #1, Our diverse population works well together to build strong communities, effective government and a prosperous economy.