

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jim Holmes, Supervisor, District 3 and Kirk Uhler, Supervisor District 4

DATE: August 7, 2007

SUBJECT: REVENUE SHARING – Approve appropriation of \$450 in Revenue Sharing monies to the Child Advocates of Placer County *Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program* as requested by Supervisor Holmes (\$200) and Supervisor Uhler (\$250).

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve appropriation of \$250 in Revenue Sharing monies to the Child Advocates of Placer County *Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program* as requested by Supervisor Holmes (\$200) and Supervisor Uhler (\$250).

BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS: In approving the following contributions, the Placer County Board of Supervisors finds that each and every approved contribution serves a public purpose by promoting the general welfare of the County and its inhabitants therefore a benefit results to the County.

The Board of Supervisors is being asked once again to approve appropriations to help fund the Child Advocates of Placer County *Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program*. The primary function of Child Advocates of Placer County is to administer the *Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program* for Placer County. The CASA program, recruit, train, and supervise community volunteers who advocate for the best interests of abused, neglected, and/or abandoned children in the Placer County Dependency Court and ensure they are placed in a safe, permanent living situation. The funds designated towards this program will help offset the cost associated with recruiting and training new CASA volunteers, and providing supervision and continuing training for all of the CASA volunteers, as well as printing training materials, hosting training events, meeting with Court personnel and County social workers, and various personnel costs.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are available in the Revenue Sharing budget.



CHILD ADVOCATES OF PLACER COUNTY - CASA

July 6, 2007

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Robert Weygandt
Placer County Supervisor, District 2
175 Fulweiler Avenue
Auburn California 95603

Dear Mr. Weygandt,

I am writing to you on behalf of my organization, Child Advocates of Placer County to inquire about potential financial assistance for Child Advocates and our Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program for children. Our CASA volunteers are community members who undergo over 30 hours of training to become sworn officers of the Placer County Juvenile Court. As such, they advocate in court for the best interests of abused and or neglected foster youth, providing the presiding judge with recommendations for permanent placement and communicating the child's wishes.

To give you a better understanding of what we do, I am attaching a little background information and a newsletter and brochure, along with a copy of our IRS non-profit letter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (530) 887-1006, or by email: don@casaplacer.org. We would greatly appreciate any support or funding your office could provide.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Don Kleinfelder
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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IRS 501 (c) (3) letter
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