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**Agenda Item
Regular Meeting of the
Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, May 12, 2026**

Item Number: 1.4

MEETING DATE: 05/12/2026
DEPARTMENT: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Vanessa Delgado
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SUBJECT:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Ratify and Approve Letter of Support to Speaker of the House Robert Rivas regarding a request of \$500,000.00 in discretionary funding over two years in support of development of a countywide resilience and resource-mobilization initiative in San Benito County from the Community Foundation for San Benito County.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 156

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

The Community Foundation for San Benito County requested a letter of support to send to Speaker of the House Robert Rivas requesting \$500,000.00 in discretionary funding over two years to support a countywide resilience and resource-mobilization initiative in San Benito County.

Neither the County of San Benito nor the Cities of Hollister and San Juan Bautista currently have a dedicated grant writer, and many local nonprofits also lack the specialized capacity needed to pursue major funding opportunities.

To address this gap, the Community Foundation for San Benito County is seeking support to establish a shared, countywide, cross-sector grant-writing function. This initiative also includes the development of a sustainable business model to ensure long-term continuity and impact.

Formal support from the Cities of Hollister and San Juan Bautista, along with the San Benito County

Board of Supervisors, will strengthen this effort by demonstrating unified commitment and alignment across jurisdictions.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Agenda Fact Sheet - Letter of Support](#)

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