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**MARIPOSA COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**AGENDA  
ACTION FORM**

**DATE:** December 17, 1996  
**AGENDA ITEM NO.:** 3

**DEPARTMENT:** Board of Supervisors **BY:** Doug Balmain  
Chairman

**PHONE:** 209-966-3222

**RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:** (Policy Item: Yes \_\_\_ No x)  
Acceptance of Gift to the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors of Courthouse Oil Painting by Darden Gilbert

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

Darden Gilbert, an eighteen year dedicated employee of Mariposa County and an accomplished artist, has made a very generous offer to the County of her Courthouse in oil painting. This is an extremely beautiful oil of the courthouse, which has most recently hung in the Treasurer/Tax Collector/County Clerk's offices for the pleasure of the employees and public and is now offered to the County of Mariposa to hang in the foyer of the new administration building. Darden has become unable to work as a result of illness and retired from the County on September 25, 1996.

This action accepts the offer of the painting and allows the Board of Supervisors the opportunity to publicly thank Mrs. Gilbert for her generosity.

**LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**  
NA

<b>COSTS:</b> ( x ) Not Applicable A. Budgeted Current FY \$ B. Total Anticipated Costs \$ C. Required Additional Funding \$ D. Internal Transfers \$		<b>SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:</b> List the attachments and number the pages consecutively: Letter from Darden Gilbert dated November 26, 1996
<b>SOURCE:</b> ( ) 4/5ths Vote Required \$ A. Unanticipated Revenues \$ B. Reserve for Contingencies \$ C. Source Description: _____		
Balance in Reserve for Contingencies ,if approved: _____		
<b>CLERKS USE ONLY:</b> Res. No. <u>96-505</u> Ord. No. _____ Vote - Ayes: <u>5</u> Noes: _____ Absent: _____ Abstained: _____ ( ) Approved ( ) Denied ( ) Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office Date: _____ ATTEST: _____ MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board County of Mariposa, State of California BY: _____ Deputy		
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:</b> This item on agenda as: <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> For Policy Determination <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted with Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Returned for Further Action Comment: _____ CAO's Initials: <u>[Signature]</u>		

## Darden Arlene Gilbert

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November 26, 1996

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
P.O.Box 784  
Mariposa, CA 95338

Dear Lady & Gentlemen:

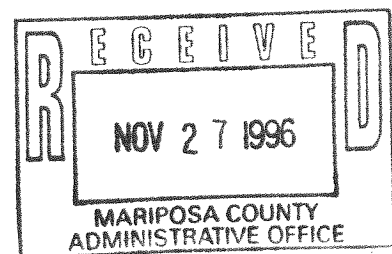
As I discussed informally with you some days ago, I would be honored if you would accept the donation of the Courthouse oil painting which I did in 1979. We had discussed the possibility of it hanging in the current board of supervisors meeting room and later on in the foyer of the new administration building. It would have to be placed in a manner where those who would do mischief could not get to it.

When I did the painting I had been working for the county for just a year and felt quite honored to be working in an historic landmark. So now that I have retired I can not think of a better place for it to be.

If you are still interested in having this painting, please let me know when you would like it delivered to you. It will need to be freshened up a bit as I'm sure it has collected some dust and I would like it presented to you in the best condition.

Best regards,

*Darden Gilbert*  
Darden Gilbert





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P. O. Box 1948  
Mariposa, CA 95338

December 17, 1996

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
Post Office Box 784  
Mariposa, CA 95338

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

After working a year for the County, I was inspired to do a painting of the Courthouse. Now after working here another 17 years, I have decided it should stay here. I suggested, and the board members agreed informally that they would accept it in behalf of the County of Mariposa. This landmark, the Courthouse was built even before the Civil War and it is still in full use. One day it will be a structure dedicated as an historic site, empty of people but not of memories.

The Board of supervisors accepted informally my suggestion that the Courthouse painting be placed in a prominent place for the public to view but with security that it not be damaged. Also that when the new administration building is built that it be displayed, perhaps in the solarium when it would continue to remind visitors of the wonderful historic site.

Working in this very old building, built before the civil war has been an honor many have enjoyed. I did not take it lightly but with a kind of awe knowing what has taken place in history over the last 152 years. This wonderful old structure stood here on the West Coast and this county being called the Mother Lode of the Gold found in Mariposa.

Thanks for the memories, I will treasure them. You will always be my friends.

With heartfelt love for my County, the wonderful people I have worked for I leave at least knowing a part of me will still be there in the painting of the Courthouse.

I love you all with what is called agape love. This is the kind of love that means love, charity like brothers and sisters. If there is a need someday I can fill for the county I'll do my best to accomplish this.

Thank you again for accepting my token gift. May it hang with dignity as the grand old lady (the Courthouse) reminds us not of just going to a job each day but of the history that took place during its remarkable time of service.

*Darden Gilbert*