

Resolution No. CHB 12-001

**RESOLUTION OF THE VENTURA COUNTY CULTURAL
HERITAGE BOARD RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF A MILLS
ACT CONTRACT FOR THE DAVID C. COOK MANSION KNOWN
AS VENTURA COUNTY HISTORICAL LANDMARK NO. 4**

WHEREAS, the Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board, ("CHB") on October 22, 2012, held a public hearing to consider a request for a "Mills Act" historical property contract ("Contract") with the property owners of the David C. Cook Mansion, located at 829 N. Park Street, Piru, CA (hereinafter referred to as the "Cook-Newhall Mansion") pursuant to Ventura County Cultural Heritage Ordinance procedures and Section 50280 of the California Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the CHB has considered all written and oral testimony on this matter, including County staff reports and exhibits and recommendations;

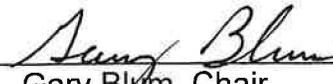
WHEREAS, the Cook-Newhall Mansion is a qualified historical property that is privately owned, not exempt from property taxation, and is Ventura County Historical Landmark No. 4 designated by the Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board on January 20, 1969; and

WHEREAS, the property owners of the Cook-Newhall Mansion, as a County Historical Landmark, are eligible to take advantage of the Contract benefits of property tax savings in exchange for restoration, preservation, and maintenance of the Cook-Newhall Mansion site; and

WHEREAS, the Contract requires that the owner stipulate the proposed rehabilitation measures over a minimum ten-year period and that the Contract is automatically renewed each year and is transferred to new owners when the property is sold.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ventura Cultural Heritage Board recommends to the Board of Supervisors that they approve and authorize the Board Chair to execute a Mills Act Contract for the Cook-Newhall Mansion known as Ventura County Historical Landmark No.4. A recorded copy of such Contract is to remain on file with the Ventura County Recorder's Office.

Date: 10/22/12

By: 
Gary Blum, Chair
Cultural Heritage Board