

# Washington Update

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

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## SPECIAL REPORT

### PROPOSED FUNDING FOR LOMPOC VETERANS BUILDING

Yesterday, the Senate Appropriations Committee released its report to accompany its markup and approval of the *FY 2009 Transportation-HUD Appropriations* bill. We are pleased to report that the bill proposes \$850,000 under HUD's Economic Development Initiative for the Lompoc Veterans Building Renovation.

We advocated this request with Senator Boxer, and her support was critical to the inclusion of the proposed funding in the Senate version of the FY 2009 Transportation/HUD funding measure. In the House, where we are working with Congressman Gallegly on the proposal, the Appropriations Committee has not yet taken action on the bill. The final funding level for the request will be determined when a joint House/Senate Conference Committee is convened to negotiate the final version of the *FY 2009 Transportation-HUD Appropriations* bill after it has been approved separately by the full House and the full Senate. This may not occur until late in the year, or possibly in the winter.

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