



**Santa Barbara Trust
for Historic Preservation**
*El Presidio de Santa Bárbara SHP • Casa de la Guerra
Santa Inés Mission Mills • Jimmy's Oriental Gardens*

To preserve, restore, reconstruct and interpret historic sites in Santa Barbara County

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Day of Action for Proposition 21

Day of Action for Proposition 21 at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park

(Santa Barbara, CA)—**The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) will be participating in a State-wide Day of Action for Proposition 21, on Tuesday, September 21. Local supporters of the initiative measure that will provide funding for California's State Parks will gather at the corner of Canon Perdido and Santa Barbara Streets from noon to 12:45.** Because it will provide funding for state parks which are major visitor destinations around the State (some 278 state parks in all), numerous Chambers of Commerce and Conference and Visitor Bureaus are coming out in support of the measure. Among recent major newspaper editorials supporting it are: San Jose Mercury News, Sacramento Bee, and the Los Angeles Daily News.

Local State Parks include Carpinteria, El Capitan, Refugio and Gaviota State Beaches, Mission La Purisima, Chumash Painted Cave State Historic Park, and El Presidio SHP. Day of Action participants hope to increase public awareness and support for the initiative. Material about the initiative will be available and supporters will explain the direct benefits of Prop 21 for our local State Parks in Carpinteria, Santa Barbara and around the County. For more information go to: www.YesforStateParks.com

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ABOUT the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) – The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) works to *protect, preserve, restore, reconstruct, and interpret historic sites in Santa Barbara County*. Founded in 1963 by Dr. Pearl Chase and other concerned community leaders, SBTHP operates El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park—Santa Barbara’s 18th century birthplace—under a unique agreement with California State Parks and recently purchased the neighboring building that housed Jimmy’s Oriental Gardens, providing an opportunity to interpret the history of Santa Barbara’s Asian American community in the Presidio Neighborhood. SBTHP owns and operates Casa de la Guerra, the 1820s home of Presidio Comandante José de la Guerra and his family—the restored home is now a museum featuring original furnishings and rotating exhibits. Recently, SBTHP signed an agreement with State Parks to manage and develop the Santa Inés Mission Mills, located near the town of Solvang, as a future California State Park. With the help of continuing education programs and exhibits, SBTHP strives to encourage community involvement and foster an appreciation for Santa Barbara County’s distinct history. Learn more at www.sbthp.org.

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