

THE *Santa Barbara* COURTHOUSE LEGACY FOUNDATION

Dedicated to the conservation and restoration of the Historic Santa Barbara Courthouse



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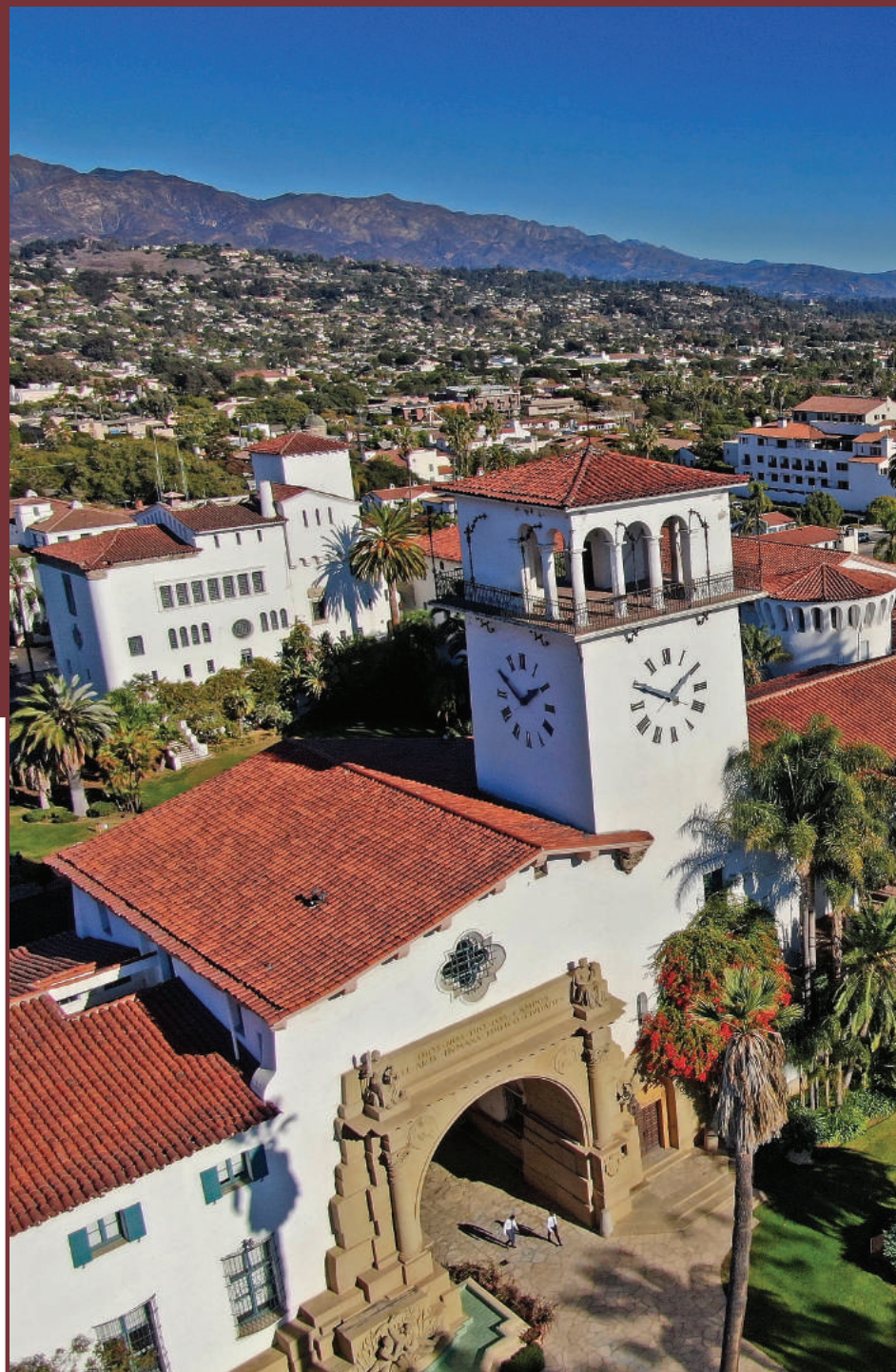
Our Magnificent Courthouse **NEEDS YOUR HELP**

Few structures are more recognizable than the Santa Barbara County Courthouse. Though it looks indestructible, in truth, this magnificent building is deteriorating from age and environmental impacts. If you look closely you will see crumbling sandstone, failed mortar joints, loss of ornamental stone features, cracking tiles and fading paint.

Please join us in our mission to restore our Courthouse to its original glory and ensure it is protected for generations to come.

Protecting An **ARCHITECTURAL TREASURE**

The mission of the Courthouse Legacy Foundation (CLF) is to fund the conservation, preservation, restoration, enhancement, and educational legacy of the Santa Barbara Courthouse. The CLF also aims to create greater awareness of the Courthouse as an architectural treasure, a living cultural resource, and cultural icon for our community.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

All conservation projects adhere to the Department of the Interior Standards for the care of a National Historic Landmark.

Notable Courthouse Legacy Foundation projects include:

The Spirit of the Ocean Fountain: Years of exposure took its toll on the delicate sandstone and degraded it so much that a replacement was the only solution. The \$760,000 project was funded by community supporters.

The Mural Room: Considered the Jewel in the Crown of the Courthouse, the mural room, was in much need of restoration following an electrical fire that caused smoke damage. The Courthouse Legacy Foundation raised \$575,000 to restore the entire room including the impressive 4,200 square feet of hand painted murals.

The Great Arch has been visibility deteriorating for many years. A coating that had been applied to the sandstone decades ago was causing deterioration on the Anacapa side and biological growth and pollution had badly stained the sandstone on the Garden side. Thanks to community supporters, \$250,000 was raised and the surface treatment, using dry ice and localized micro air abrasion, will be completed in 2023.

The Great Arch CONSERVATION PROJECT

While we are thrilled with the results of the surface treatment, our work is not done. **The Courthouse Legacy Foundation is now focused on raising funds to address damage to the sandstone blocks, failed mortar joints, and loss of ornamental stone features on the Great Arch.**

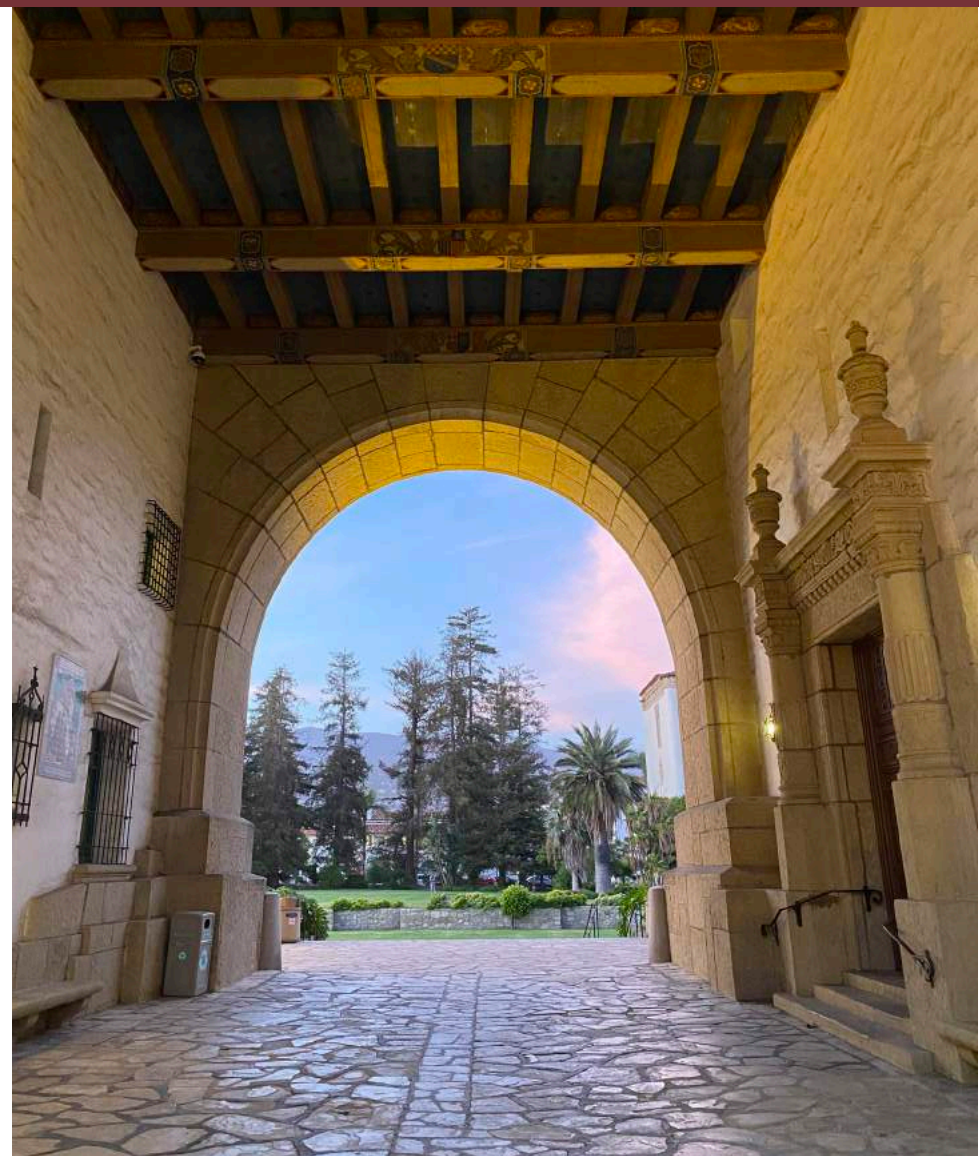
If the stonework is not repaired, it will continue to deteriorate, leading to an ongoing rise in the cost of future restoration efforts, or worse, a need to replace entire pieces of the Arch. We need to address these issues now, before the Great Arch, a major architectural component of our beloved historic landmark, is compromised.

The current Great Arch Conservation project budget is \$796,250 of which we have raised \$327,000. We are completing the work in phases as we raise funds from individuals, grants and special events.

\$327,000 Raised

\$469,250 Needed

\$796,250 Budget



Before and after surface treatment on the Great Arch



A Brief History of the COURTHOUSE

Since 1855 the site of our Courthouse has been the home of local government and a place of civic pride and celebration. Designed by William Moser III, the Spanish Colonial Revival style building was completed in 1929 after the 1925 earthquake destroyed much of the city including the original Greek-Revival courthouse. Today, thousands of visitors from around the world come to admire and tour our architectural masterpiece. For locals, the Courthouse is Santa Barbara's most cherished landmark. The Courthouse was designated a Santa Barbara City Landmark in 1981, a California State Historic Landmark in 2003 and National Historic Landmark in 2005.

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WITHOUT THE COURTHOUSE LEGACY FOUNDATION

the staggering preservation and restoration requirements of a Landmark structure (over and above general maintenance and upkeep requirements) would not be possible.



The Rotunda taken from the first floor



Water damage on painted surfaces



Law Library ceiling

FUTURE PROJECTS

The County of Santa Barbara is responsible for the general maintenance of the Courthouse along with over 400 other buildings under their care, but it does not have the funds or resources to carry out historic conservation projects. Since 2006, a partnership between Santa Barbara County and the Courthouse Legacy Foundation exists to preserve the Courthouse. Our Memorandum of Understanding outlines projects for conservation and restoration.

The current five year plan seeks to raise \$3,273,850 to carry out six critical projects including:

- **The Great Arch Conservation Project** - \$469,250 remains to be raised
- **The Rotunda Conservation Project** will address painted surfaces, repairing the Spanish-style hanging lantern and installing lighting to illuminate the ceiling - Approximate cost of \$232,500
- **The Law Library Conservation Project** will replace missing ceiling elements and repair damage to the ceiling - Approximate cost of \$525,000
- **Interior Painted and Stained Surface Conservation** - Approximate cost of \$370,000
- **Hall of Records and Main Building and Annex Plinth (Stone and plaster base) Conservation** - Approximate cost for Hall of Records \$780,000 and the approximate cost for the Main Building and Annex \$570,000

Please JOIN US

Your gift to the Courthouse Legacy Foundation will help us to fulfill our mission to preserve and restore the magnificent Santa Barbara Courthouse for the benefit of the community and visiting public for generations to come.

We thank you for joining our efforts!

Gifts can be made online at:
www.sbclf.org



Gifts can also be sent to:

Santa Barbara Courthouse Legacy Foundation
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You may also designate contributions to the endowment fund, bequests or other planned giving to the Courthouse Legacy Foundation by joining the Courthouse Legacy Society with your pledge.

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