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# County Sets \$350,000 As URA Negotiating Price

A "negotiating price" of \$350,000 was set by the board of supervisors yesterday for purchasing almost 3.5 acres from the Santa Cruz urban redevelopment agency to complete the 7½-acre parcel needed for a new courthouse.

The board authorized Supervisor Louis Nelson to negotiate with URA for purchase of approximately 152,000 square feet, located at each end of the proposed site.

Before final approval is given to the URA-board agreement, the board agent (Nelson) must return to the board to have the price ratified.

URA Director Olin Carl White explained this morning that the redevelopment plan has already been amended to provide for the courthouse site to bite 7½ acres out of the

project. The revised plan has been submitted to the San Francisco URA headquarters for approval and must be sanctioned by Washington, D.C., before local hearings can be conducted on the change, according to White.

The way it stands now URA needs to acquire from the county the Front street right of way for developing a new Front street and a section behind the Veterans Memorial building, a total of 13,890 square feet.

The county needs the parking lots from the County Bank of Santa Cruz and the URA property on each end of the proposed courthouse site, totaling 166,113 square feet. Thus, the county needs a difference of approximately 152,000 square feet.

The board has agreed to sign an owner-participation agreement from URA that it consents to the revised redevelopment plan which gives the county a total of 7½ acres for the courthouse site.

## Davenport Fire District Hopes