

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSING LEGISLATION ASSEMBLY BILL 1497**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the “Board of Supervisors”) of the County of Santa Barbara (the “County”) is required by the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (“HCD”) to provide for the creation of affordable housing units within the unincorporated area of the County in order to be in compliance with the 2003-2008 Housing Element;

WHEREAS, the ability for the County to meet its mandated housing units is constrained by the amount of land considered suitable for development;

WHEREAS, the Federal and State governments control 47% of the County’s land;

WHEREAS, 90% of all private land within the County is considered to be agricultural and 74% of these said lands are bound to Williamson Act preservation contracts;

WHEREAS, lands under Williamson Act within the County make up 555,000 acres;

WHEREAS, the economic value of the 2005 gross production of agriculture was nearly \$998 million;

WHEREAS, the County’s extraordinary level of participation in the Williamson Act must be balanced against the prescribed mandate for housing units; and,

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 1497 has been introduced by Assembly Member Roger Niello (coauthored by Senator Maldonado) that would amend Government Code Section 65583 to exempt from the inventory of land suitable for residential development, land that is currently under a Williamson Act contract, if it meets specified criteria, and land that is owned by the state or the federal government, as specified. Further said bill would amend Government Code Section 65584 to require each council of governments or delegate subregion, as applicable, to analyze the inventory of land suitable for residential development and identify the number of housing sites that are contingent upon the rezoning of agricultural lands currently subject to a Williamson Act contract, as specified, and make reductions to the housing allocations based upon the number of sites subject to a Williamson Act contract.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara as follows:

1. The Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes and appreciates the responsiveness and leadership displayed by Assembly Member Roger Niello and Senator Abel Maldonado by introducing Assembly Bill 1479.

2. The Board of Supervisors hereby officially endorses said bill and declares its commitment to support and advocate for the passage of Assembly Bill 1479.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007, by the following votes:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

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Brooks Firestone, Chair  
Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Barbara

ATTEST:  
CLERK OF THE BOARD  
MICHAEL BROWN

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
STEPHEN S. STARK  
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ROBERT W. GEIS  
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Counsel

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy