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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Budget Revision Request to transfer one time funding from Housing and Community Development and one time transfer of Isla Vista Code Enforcement costs to County Redevelopment Agency to make General Fund available to Planning and Development to assist in long-range planning efforts.

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors approve the Budget Revision Request to transfer (1) one time funding of \$25,000 from Housing and Community Development, and (2) one time transfer of Isla Vista Code Enforcement costs to County Redevelopment Agency to make \$30,000 of General Fund available to Planning and Development to assist in long-range planning efforts.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan: The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 1, *An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community*, and Goal No. 2, *Ensure the public health and safety and provide essential infrastructure*, and with actions required by law or by routine business necessity.

Executive Summary and Discussion: The department proposes two budget adjustments. The first is a \$25,000 transfer from Housing and Community Development Department to Planning and Development to assist in funding for Housing Design Workshops that are being conducted as part of the Housing Element update process. The workshops are intended to give the community an opportunity to work with county staff and professional architects to identify the housing designs and types that are compatible with existing neighborhoods.

The second adjustment is a one time transfer of \$30,000 from the County Redevelopment Agency to fund Isla Vista housing code enforcement. The purpose of this special code enforcement position is to alleviate blight within the redevelopment project area. The office is located in Isla Vista and only serves the

redevelopment project area. The general fund dollars that are freed up by this one time transfer will be used to fund current fiscal year Housing Element work efforts.

On February 25, 2004, the department's fund transfer request was reviewed and recommended by the Isla Vista Project Area Committee. The committee passed the following motion 10-2:

"In light of the current County budget crisis, we recommend a one-time allocation of \$30,000 to fund an Isla Vista code enforcement officer."

Mandates and Service Levels: The Housing Element is mandated by state law to be updated every five years.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: The \$25,000 transfer from Housing and Community Development's Affordable Housing Fund will be paid from LIA: Special Projects 7671 – Fund: 0065 – Program: 6001 – Project: 0001. The adjustment does not contribute to fiscal or facilities impacts for Housing and Community Development. The one time transfer of \$30,000 from the County Redevelopment Agency to fund Isla Vista housing code enforcement was not anticipated in Redevelopment Agency's fiscal year 03/04 budget, however sufficient funds exist to fund this program and no fiscal or facilities impacts will result.

Special Instructions: Clerk of the Board will forward Minute Order to Planning and Development, Accounting.

Concurrence:

Housing and Community Development
County Counsel