

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Supervisor Susan Rose

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SUBJECT: Creation of an ad hoc subcommittee to work with staff on the Housing Element process.

Recommendation(s):

- A. Authorize establishment of an ad hoc subcommittee consisting of two members of the Board of Supervisors (2nd District and 3rd District) and two members of the Planning Commission (2nd District and 3rd District) and staff to focus on a strategy for gaining certification of the Housing Element from the State Housing and Community Development Department and to complete the Action Phase of the Housing Element.

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, Goal No. 4., A Community that is Economically Vital and Sustainable, and Goal No. 5., A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

Executive Summary and Discussion: On May 17, 2005, during the discussion of the Comprehensive Planning Division's 3-Year Work Program, the second district requested that the Board of Supervisors support the establishment of an ad hoc subcommittee consisting of Supervisor Rose, Supervisor Firestone, Planning Commissioner Marc McGinnes, and Planning Commissioner Parker Montgomery and staff to provide guidance and direction on a strategy for gaining certification of the Housing Element from the State Housing and Community Development Department and for continuing to work with the community toward completing the Action Phase of the Housing Element.

The results of this informal subcommittee would be forwarded to the Planning Commission for review and consideration, and ultimately to the Board of Supervisors for review and consideration. The subcommittee would meet on an informal basis as necessary, with the goal of preparing recommendations for Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors consideration by Summer 2005. The subcommittee would disband upon the Board of Supervisors making a final determination on the strategy for gaining certification of the Housing Element and completing the Action Phase.

Mandates and Service Levels: The Housing Element is mandated by state law to be updated every five years. The Board adopted an updated Housing Element on March 29, 2004. Follow through on the action items committed to in this Housing Element will satisfy state law requirements. Service levels will not be impacted by this action.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: Funding for the Housing Element Action Phase work effort is from Planning and Development's adopted Fiscal Year 04/05 budget, in the Comprehensive Planning Division, General Plan Elements program on page D-286 of the County FY 04/05 budget. There would be no facilities impacts.

Special Instructions: None

Concurrence:

County Executive Office

County Counsel