

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Supervisor Rose, Chair
Supervisor Firestone, Third District
(Ad Hoc Housing Subcommittee)

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SUBJECT: Set a hearing for November 8th, 2005 to receive a status report from the Ad Hoc Housing Subcommittee.

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors set a hearing for November 8th, 2005 to receive a status report on the strategy for gaining certification of the Housing Element from the State Housing and Community Development Department and completing the Action Phase of the Housing Element.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are 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 20th, 2005 the Board of Supervisors established an ad hoc subcommittee consisting of Supervisor Firestone, Supervisor Rose, Planning Commissioner Parker Montgomery and Planning Commissioner Marc McGinnes 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 on completing the Action Phase of the Housing Element.

The purpose of this hearing is to provide the Board of Supervisors with a status report on the subcommittee's deliberations to date, including the consideration of options for gaining state certification of the adopted Housing Element and implementation of the Housing Element Action Phase.

Representatives of the ad hoc subcommittee will provide an update to the County Planning Commission on November 2, 2005. Comments from the Planning Commission will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.

Mandates and Service Levels:

State law mandates that the Housing Element be updated every five years. The Board adopted an updated Housing Element on March 29th, 2004. The county is seeking state certification of the Housing Element. Follow through on the action items committed to in this Housing Element will satisfy state law requirements and ensure the county maintains a certified status.

Service levels will not be impacted by this action.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Funding for the Housing Element Action Phase work effort is included in the adopted Fiscal Year 05/06 budget in the Comprehensive Planning Division, General Plan Elements program on page D-292 of the county FY 05/06 budget. Subsequent to the adoption of the budget, Comprehensive Planning was moved to the County Executive Office, Department 990.

There would be no facilities impacts.

Special Instructions:

None.