



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 12
For Agenda Of: 9/23/2008
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Tme: 15 Minutes
Continued Item: Yes
If Yes, date from: 7/8/2008;
File No. 08-00658
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Michael F. Brown, County Executive Officer
Contact Info: John Baker, Asst. CEO/Director of P&D

SUBJECT: Halsell Builders, Inc. Fee Waiver Request

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

1. Receive additional information requested by the Board of Supervisors at its July 8, 2008 meeting concerning this item, and
2. Consider the request from Supervisor Gray to support a waiver of planning and building fees for Halsell Builders, Inc. for a charitable home expansion in the Orcutt Community area (4/5ths)

Background:

Supervisor Gray had received a request from Halsell Builders, Inc., dated June 16, 2008 (attached), to waive planning and building fees for work the firm will be donating to expand a home by 1000 square feet for a family of 12. The project will add a family room, kitchen and master bedroom. The dollar amount required for the planning and building approvals is approximately \$2,400.

Discussion of this item at the July 8, 2008 Board meeting resulted in a motion that directed Halsell Builders, Inc. to return with evidence of financial need to support the proposed waiver of fees.

A review by staff of the County's Housing and Community Development Department of tax returns and bank statements submitted, confirmed that the subject family would be categorized as a 'low income' family in accordance with the HUD guidelines followed in the County's affordable housing program.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The waiver of fees would require a General Fund subsidy of approximately \$2,400 to restore a reduction of Planning & Development revenues.

Budgeted: No **Fiscal Analysis:**

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			\$ 2,400.00
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00

Attachments:

Letter from Halsell Builders, Inc. dated June 16, 2008

Authored by:

John Torell, CPA, Director HCD

Halsell Builders, Inc.

4630 Song Lane
Orcutt, CA 93455

June 16, 2008

Supervisor Gray
4869 S. Bradley #18-B
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Dear Supervisor Gray:

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. It has certainly stayed active and interesting for my family over the last year or so since our care facility has gotten into full swing. I wanted to address another project that we are doing in Orcutt and see if you could help me get the planning and building fees waived.

Halsell Builders chooses one project each year where we allocate the lion's share of the time, effort and money our family gives back to the community. This year we are donating a family room, kitchen and master bedroom addition of approximately 1000sf to the family of Kevin and Maria Pule. They have 10 kids – you can see why this project is so near and dear to our hearts – and are very active in the schools and church their family attends. Kevin is a mechanic at Jaekel's Automotive on Betteravia and Maria just began working as the managing Lifeguard at the YMCA. Their oldest is 16 and their youngest is one. We recognized the sacrifices they must make every day – especially the Mom and Dad – when you have a family of this size, and were immediately moved to help them get through one of the busiest and most financially stressful periods of their lives.

We have had an outpouring of support from each of the employees, subcontractors and vendors that we have approached about donating what they could to this project and hope that you find it within your ability to make Santa Barbara County a big part of this project as well. The fee estimate I received from the counter staff was for a total of about \$2,400 (\$635 for our LUP and the balance for building and plan check fees). We hope to submit plans by the end of this week or early next week and will certainly run a set by your office when they are ready. Please call me with any questions you might have about the project.

Sincerely yours,

Joe Halsell

Construction Manager

Halsell Builders

cc: John Baker