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AGENDA: 3/23/99

March 16, 1999

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701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: SAN LORENZO VALLEY TEEN CENTER

Dear Members of the Board:

I am writing to request that the Board approve a one-time fee waiver from the Environmental Health and Planning Departments for the re-modeling of the Woodshed building in order to establish a San Lorenzo Valley YMCA Teen Center.

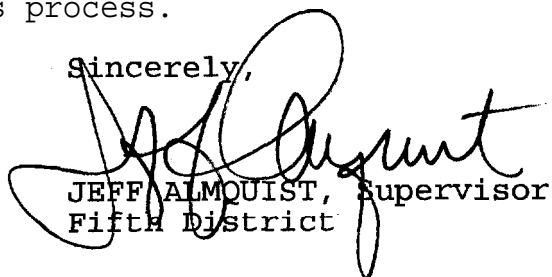
The Teen Center is the culmination of tremendous volunteer effort in the San Lorenzo Valley organized by the Valley Unity Action Group and the YMCA of the Redwoods. The Center has been designed for and by the community it serves: San Lorenzo Valley youth. It is to be housed, ironically, in what used to be an old bar in the very center of town, the Woodshed. The change in use will mark an important "healthy start."

The Center addresses a critical need in the community. The volunteer-driven commitment has been the most significant component to the success of this program. However, the Center has no major financial backer. All of the work to be done under the permits will be voluntary labor using contributed or wholesale materials. The financial relief from a fee waiver will be critical to getting this project moving forward.

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Accordingly, I recommend that the Board of Supervisors direct the Planning and Environmental Health Directors to coordinate with the representatives **of the** San Lorenzo Valley Teen Center to prepare and process the necessary permits and related documents associated with the establishment of the Teen Center and to waive the fees associated with this process.

Sincerely,



JEFF ALMQUIST, Supervisor
Fifth District

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cc: Planning Director
Environmental Health Director
San Lorenzo Valley Teen Center

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