



## County of Santa Cruz

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Board of Supervisors County of Santa Cruz 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz, California 95060

## REPORT ON SOUTH COUNTY OFFICES

## Dear Board Members:

As your Board will recall, the County and the City of Watsonville have discussed the possible relocation of the County's South County offices from Freedom Boulevard to downtown Watsonville. The City and the County are jointly funding a contract with the real estate consulting firm of Keyser Marston Associates, Inc. to assess the reuse potential of the County's Freedom Boulevard site. It was anticipated that a report would be provided to your Board on this date, however additional time will be needed for its completion.

This assessment is the first step in evaluating the feasibility of a relocation of the County functions currently located at the Freedom site to downtown Watsonville. The Freedom Boulevard site, consisting of approximately 10.4 acres, is the location of the County's Watsonville Health Clinic, Watsonville Superior Court, Agricultural Extension, and various related criminal justice and health programs. The Keyser Marston report will provide the County with an analysis and conclusions regarding the marketability and value of the property, with a focus on determining alternative mixes of use for the

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property, and the economic value associated with each use.

It is therefore Recommended that your Board approve a deferral of the report on South County offices to December 7, 1999.

Very truly yours,

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County Administrative Officer

cc. Carlos Palacios, City Manager, City of Watsonville
Jan Davison, Director, City of Watsonville Housing and Economic Development
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