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November 30, 2001

Agenda: December 11, 2001

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

Partnership for Employee Housing

Dear Members of the Board:

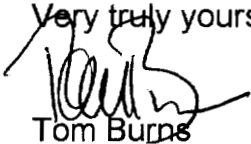
The issue of housing affordability is often raised as a critical concern affecting local employers' ability to recruit or retain employees. Most sectors of the local economy have been affected by increased housing costs, including employees providing the full range of local governmental services. In response to this concern, Supervisor Almquist proposed that the Redevelopment Agency, as part of its mission to pursue affordable housing opportunities, explore the potential for partnering with other local public and quasi-public agencies to create low and moderate income rental housing for their employees. As a result of that letter, staff subsequently provided the Board with a more in-depth discussion of the topic of employee housing and suggested that efforts begin by opening a dialogue with the affected local employers. Board members agreed and directed staff to report back at this time with a status report on those efforts.

An initial meeting with the representatives of the major public employers was held on November 29. A summary of those invited and in attendance is provided in Attachment 1. At that meeting staff provided an overview of the housing situation and had outside parties present a sense of current efforts related to employee housing, including UCSC, CSUMB, and teacher housing efforts taking place in Santa Clara County. The remainder of the meeting provided an opportunity for attendees to ask questions and explore options. There was broad agreement that employee housing was a critical issue for local public agency employers and one that will become even more critical in the future. Those in attendance encouraged a continued dialogue. As a result, staff will be soliciting additional information to define the extent of the problem and identify publicly owned sites that might be available for possible employee housing construction projects. It was agreed that the next meeting would be held late winter or early spring in 2002.

Staff anticipates that if these efforts result in a tangible direction, it will take several more meetings to develop a sound plan, at which time a subsequent status report to the Board would be provided.

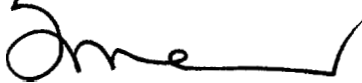
It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board accept and file this report and direct staff to return with an additional status report on these efforts on May 21, 2002.

Very truly yours,



Tom Burns
Redevelopment Agency Administrator

RECOMMENDED:



Susan A. Mauriello
County Administrative Officer

Attachment

cc. RDA

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**Housing Affordability Meeting
Nov. 29th, 2001**

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| Invitees | Attendees |
|--|------------------|
| City of Capitola | Yes |
| City of Santa Cruz | |
| City of Scott's Valley | Yes |
| City of Watsonville | Yes (2) |
| Cabrillo College | Yes (2) |
| Bonny Doon Elementary School Dist. | |
| Happy Valley School Dist. | |
| Live Oak School Dist. | Yes |
| Mountain Elementary School Dist. | |
| Pacific Elementary School Dist. | Yes |
| Pajaro Valley School Dist. | Yes |
| Santa Cruz Co. School Dist. | Yes |
| Pacific Collegiate School | Yes |
| Scott's Valley Unified School Dist. | |
| Soquel Union Elementary School Dist. | |
| Dominican Hospital | Yes |
| Watsonville Community Hospital | Yes |
| UCSC | Yes (2) |
| San Lorenzo Valley School Dist. | Yes |
| Soquel Creek Water District | Yes |
| Scott's Valley Water District | |
| San Lorenzo Valley Water Dist. | |
| Aptos / La Selva Fire Protection Dist. | Yes |
| Central Fire District | Yes |
| Pajaro Valley Fire Protection Dist. | Yes |
| Santa Cruz Co. Office of Education | Yes |
| Santa Cruz Co. CAO | Yes |
| Mid -Peninsula Housing | Yes |
| Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit Dist. | |