

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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AGENDA: March 12,2002

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

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Members of the Board:

On January 15,2002, your Board considered a number of recommended amendments to the County's Affordable Housing Ordinance (Chapter 17.10). The proposed amendments were a result of your Board's review of the Housing Action Plan presented by the County Administrative Office on November 6,2001. At that meeting, your Board continued the proposed ordinance amendments to February 5,2001, and directed staff to prepare additional information regarding the parts of the proposed ordinance relating to increasing the affordability requirement from 15% to 20% and changing the applicability of the ordinance from 5 or more units to 2 or more units. *On* February 5, 2002, staff requested additional time to complete the report on these two parts of the ordinance, but presented the remainder of the ordinance to your Board for consideration. Following deliberations on the above proposed amendments to Chapter 17.10, your Board directed that staff provide further information about some of the proposals to address Board concerns, and that staff analyze some of the alternative proposals provided by the public during the February 5 public hearing of this item. Your Board continued the matter to this date.

Staff has completed its analysis of the information requested by your Board regarding the proposed Existing Unit Conversion Program and believes that the issues raised by the public and your Board will be satisfactorily addressed. Unfortunately, staff has not yet completed the analysis and recommendations regarding the changes to the County's affordable housing requirements. These proposed amendments, including the affordable housing requirement (15% \rightarrow 20%), the applicability (5+ units \rightarrow 2+ units), elimination of the in lieu fee, the fractional fee amount and the elimination of 'rounding', are inextricably intertwined and staff requires additional time to complete the analysis and to prepare a report that will adequately describe the effects of each amendment.

It is, therefore, RECOMMENDED that your Board continue this matter to April 9,2002, so that staff can complete the analysis directed by your Board.

Sincerely,

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