



# County of Santa Cruz

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Board of Directors  
County of Santa Cruz Redevelopment Agency  
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### Consideration of Incentives for Constructing Affordable Second Units

Dear Members of the Board:

During the October 2, 2002 Housing Workshop presentation and as part of the subsequent November Housing Action Plan, the Board requested both Planning and Redevelopment staff to explore potential approaches to broaden the interest in developing more affordable housing through County's Second Unit Ordinance. As part of these initiatives, the Redevelopment staff was directed to explore the feasibility of providing financial incentives to foster the construction of second units affordable to lower income households.

The Board is currently considering a number of initiatives designed to encourage the construction of affordable second units. On today's agenda, your Board will consider a first reading of an ordinance revision to allow second units on agricultural lands. In the event your Board adopts these revisions, the ordinance changes would be in effect in mid-May. Concurrently, the Planning Department is preparing a report for the May 21, 2002 agenda on the potential to establish a program to provide for amnesty for illegal second units. As a result of these pending efforts, it is recommended that the Agency's report on evaluating potential financial incentives for second units also be considered by your Board on the May 21<sup>st</sup> agenda.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board continue consideration of financial incentives for the Second Unit Program until May 21, 2002.

Very truly yours,

Tom Burns  
Redevelopment Agency Administrator

RECOMMENDED:

Susan A. Mauriello  
Redevelopment Agency Director

cc. RDA