



# County of Santa Cruz

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## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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AGENDA: May 7, 2002

Board of Supervisors  
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### DEFERRAL OF REPORT ON THE SUITABILITY OF COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LAND FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING


Members of the Board:

On November 6, 2001, your Board considered a report entitled the Housing Action Plan presented by the County Administrative Office. Following deliberations on the matter, your Board directed that a number of reports be prepared for consideration in the future. One of the requested reports concerned the suitability of vacant and under-utilized commercial and industrial land for the development of affordable housing projects. Your Board directed staff, in consultation with the Housing Advisory Commission (HAC), to prepare an analysis of the potential for this type of land use conversion. This analysis will eventually be used as a part of the County's Housing Element.

Staff has prepared maps showing the location of commercial and industrial properties that are located near medium and high density residential zoning for review by the HAC on April 3, 2002. However, the HAC expressed an interest in examining a wider range of potential commercial and industrial sites. This review is scheduled for the May 1 HAC meeting and it is anticipated that additional HAC meetings will be required to finalize the recommendation.

It is, therefore, **RECOMMENDED** that your Board defer the report on the suitability of using vacant and under-utilized commercial and industrial properties for affordable housing to August 13, 2002.

Sincerely,

  
 Alvin D. James  
 Planning Director

Approved:   
 Susan A. Mauriello, CAO

cc: Housing Advisory Commission