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TO: HOUSING **ADVISORY** COMMISSION

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Subject: HAC Goals for 2007: Consideration of action items brought in by Commissioners and adopt the 2007 Work Program

County Code Section 2.38.1 70 requires County Commissions, advisory boards and technical advisory groups to submit an annual report prior to January 31, 2007. The Annual Report includes the HAC's Work Program for 2007.

It is requested that, along with the discussion of the HAC goals, the HAC adopt the Work Program for 2007.



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HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION 2007 WORK PROGRAM

I. Role of the Housing Advisory Commission

The duties of the Housing Advisory Commission are listed in Section 2.94.050 of the Santa Cruz County Code. These duties specifically include:

1. Assessing the housing needs of Santa Cruz County residents and making recommendations on public programs designed to meet those needs;
2. Advising the Board of Supervisors on housing policy;
3. Advising the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission on matters related to the Housing Element of the General Plan; and
4. Conducting public hearing on housing problems and potential solutions to them.

II. Meeting Dates, Time and Location

The Housing Advisory Commission meets at the Aptos-La Selva Fire Protection District's first floor conference room located at 6934 Soquel Drive, Aptos. Meetings are held from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month, or the second Wednesday in case of a holiday. The scheduled meeting dates for 2007 are as follows:

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| January 3, 2007 | May 2, 2007 | September 5, 2007 |
| February 8, 2007 | June 6, 2007 | October 3, 2007 |
| March 7, 2007 | July – Summer recess | November 7, 2007 |
| April 4, 2007 | August – Summer recess | December 5, 2007 |

The Commission has elected to cancel the July and/or August meetings for a summer hiatus. If so, notice will be given in the prior month's Agenda.

III. Planned Activities for 2007

The Housing Advisory Commission plans to focus on the following areas of activity:

1. Providing input to and oversight of county housing policies, and monitoring housing programs, projects and Activities;
2. Keeping informed of housing legislation and receiving information affecting housing In the County;
3. Facilitating required public participation related to funding applications for housing programs and policies, as appropriate;
4. Follow through on HAC's role in implementing the Housing Element and its programs.

The Commission plans to focus on activities within each of these categories as summarized below:

1. Housing programs, projects and activities:
 - The Commission strives to be informed of planned and proposed housing projects in the County, including market-rate and affordable housing developments.
 - The Commission strives to be informed of County housing programs.
 - The Commission plans to continue to provide input on the sale and resale process for Measure J units.
 - The Commission also plans to explore ways to encourage the construction of more multifamily housing (i.e., attached dwellings such as townhomes, apartments, four-plexes, etc.) to meet local needs.
 - The Commission plans to consider expanding financial options to seniors, first time home buyers, and home ownership programs.
 - Other housing issues identified by the Commission throughout the year.
2. Housing Legislation and Information
 - The Commission intends to stay informed of new state and local housing legislation that may affect the provision of affordable housing in the County or otherwise affect local housing supply, demand and/or the development process.
 - The Commission will seek information related to the creation of adequate housing for agricultural workers and their families, and for other groups with special housing needs.

- In order to remain well informed, the Commission plans to invite speakers from various housing organizations, public agencies, etc. to make presentations on current housing topics of interest. In addition, the Commission plans to continue to communicate regularly with other housing groups such as the Continuum of Care Coordinating Group.

3. Public Participation

- The Commission will continue to serve as a forum for public discussion of any housing issues, to conduct public hearings on proposed County housing legislation and plans, as required by law, and to hear public comments related to local housing issues, needs and developments.

4. Implementation of the Housing Element and its programs.

- The Housing Element indicates that the Commission is involved in implementing certain policies and programs. The Commission will prioritize the policies and programs and focus on their implementation.

IV. Approval

The Housing Advisory Commission approved and adopted **this** 2007 Work Program on _____, 2007.

Carl Sprague, Vice-Chair