



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

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2004 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 Codes. These duties specifically include:

- Assessing the housing needs of Santa Cruz County residents and making recommendations on public programs designed to meet those needs;
- Advising the Board of Supervisors on housing policy;
- Advising the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission on matters related to the Housing Element of the General Plan; and
- Conducting public hearings 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 2004 are as follows:

January 7	May 5	September 1
February 4	June 2	October 6
March 3	July 7	November 3
April 7	August 4	December 1

The Commission may elect 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 2004

The Housing Advisory Commission plans to focus on four main areas of activity:

- Providing Input to and Oversight of County Housing Policies;
- Monitoring Housing Programs, Projects and Activities;
- Seeking Information to Help Address Housing Problems and Needs; and
- Facilitating Public Participation Related to Housing Programs and Policies.

The Commission's planned activities within each of these categories are summarized below.

A. 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 also plans to evaluate the housing impacts of proposed non-residential (i.e., commercial and industrial) developments, and to explore ways to encourage the construction of more multi-family housing (i.e., attached dwellings such as townhomes, apartments, four-plexes and so on) to meet local needs.

B. Information Seeking

The Commission aims to stay abreast 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. The Commission also intends to seek information regarding current water supply issues as they relate to local housing development during 2004.

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.

C. 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.

IV. Approval

The Housing Advisory Commission approved and adopted this 2004 Work Program on January 7, 2004.

Donna Stewman, Chairperson