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February 8, 2006

Housing Advisory Commission
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Dear Members of the Commission:

On behalf of each member of the Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express the Board's appreciation for your service on the Housing Advisory Commission this past year. Board members value the detail provided in annual reports and the opportunity to review the projects and issues completed by the Commission, as well as those still in progress.

Again, thank you very much for your service to the County of Santa Cruz.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mark W. Stone".

MARK W. STONE, Chair
Board of Supervisors

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cc: Clerk of the Board

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February 10, 2006

Sheri Damon, Chair
Housing Advisory Commission
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Dear Ms. Damon and Members of the Commission:

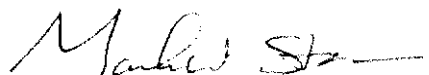
I am writing in response to your letter dated February 1, 2006, regarding recent vacancies on the Housing Advisory Commission and the associated problems achieving a quorum. A copy of your letter and my response will be circulated to each Supervisor.

Let me first say that members of the Board do not take vacancies on county advisory bodies lightly. Vacancies are posted on the County's website and Board members often send out press releases soliciting applicants and carry out recruitment efforts as opportunities arise in the community. Unfortunately, often due to a lack of applicants, it is true that vacancies do exist longer than desired.

Unless a board, commission or committee has been granted an exception to the provisions of County Code Section 2.38.150, these provisions do relate to all county advisory bodies. While the Board has been willing to make an exception to the general quorum requirements for a small number of advisory bodies, based on special need, I do not believe that such a change should be made on a broad basis.

In order to address this issue, the Commission could recommend that the Board either reduce the number of Commissioners, which actually has been done by a few other commissions facing this same dilemma, to one representative per district or request that the Board consider granting an exception to the existing quorum requirements for your specific commission. Again, however, I do not personally believe that a blanket change to the general quorum requirements is appropriate.

Sincerely,



MARK W. STONE, Chair
Board of Supervisors

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