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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisor Roy Wilson

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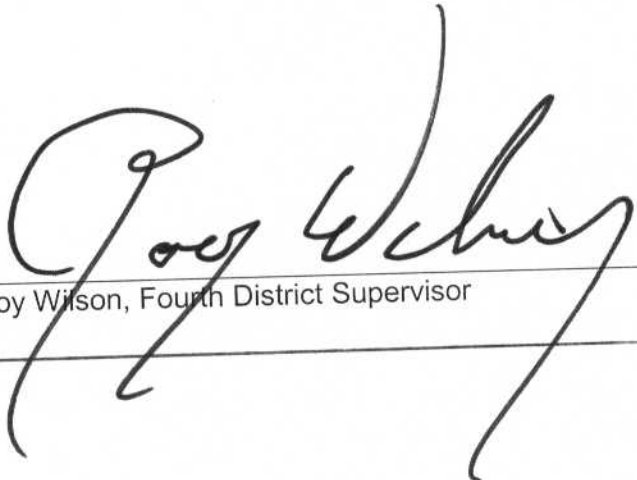
SUBJECT: FAST TRACK REQUEST FOR COACHELLA VALLEY HOUSING COALITION'S (CVHC) HUERTA DE MECCA PROJECT.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors grant Fast Track status to CVHC's Huerta de Mecca project in accordance with Board Fast Track Policy A-32.

BACKGROUND: Economic Development Agency staff has received a request for Fast Track status from CVHC for the Huerta de Mecca project. The project is a subdivision that will consist of the construction of 200 single-family homes for low and very low-income families to be located in the community of Mecca.

CVHC has secured the financing for the project having received \$1.75 million in HELP funds through the County of Riverside from the California Housing Finance Agency to develop this subdivision. In addition, the State of California's Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) has awarded \$1.5 million towards the project. The United States Department of Agriculture's total contribution to the project will be \$30 million for construction and permanent financing through the Rural Development's Mutual Self-Help program.

The HCD award must be expended within the next eighteen months. With the families building their homes through Self Help program, the construction alone will take at least 9 months. In order to assist CVHC in providing decent, affordable housing for families in eastern Riverside County, I am recommending that Fast Track status be granted to this project.



Roy Wilson, Fourth District Supervisor

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