

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Economic Development Agency and Transportation and Land Management Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:
June 29, 2006

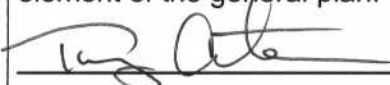
SUBJECT: Administration of the Housing Element

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors designate the Planning Department as the county agency responsible for administration of the Housing Element, pursuant to Government Code Sections 65100-65302 and Ordinance 348.

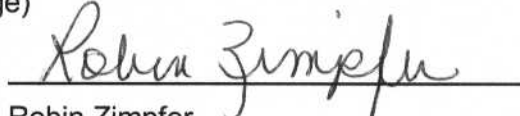
BACKGROUND:

Government Code §65100 designates within each county and city a planning agency and requires the legislative body of the county to assign by ordinance the functions of the planning agency. Riverside County Ordinance 348, section 1.2 designates the planning agency for Riverside County as the Board of Supervisors, County Planning Commission, East Area Planning Council and the Planning Department. Government Code §65300 requires each planning agency to prepare and each legislative body to adopt a comprehensive, long term general plan. Section 65300.5 requires that the general plan be integrated, internally consistent and compatible and Section 65302 (c) designates the Housing Element as a required element of the general plan. (Continued on Next Page)

Departmental Concurrence



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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$	In Current Year Budget:	
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$		Budget Adjustment:
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$		For Fiscal Year:

COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA: No

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature



Policy

Consent

Dep't Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 3.15 of 4/26/94

District: All

Agenda Number:

3.33

On April 26, 1994, the Board of Supervisors transferred responsibility for the Housing Element from the Planning Department to the Economic Development Agency. In the previous two years the Planning Department had been severely downsized and many planners were laid off, due to the recession and resulting halt in construction activity as well as State actions to appropriate local funds. The remaining staff was assigned to fee-supported development review activities. Since the Economic Development Agency (EDA) had responsibility for housing implementation activities such as rehabilitation and construction, and the preparation of federally-required plans such as the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) the Board chose to assign the Housing Element to EDA.

In 1998 the County embarked on an update of the General Plan through the Riverside County Intergrated Plan (RCIP) process. This included funding for updating the Housing Element. EDA Staff worked with Planning Staff as well as the County's consultant, the Planning Center, to prepare the updated Housing Element. The County's litigation with the State over the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) was concluded in 2004 and in 2005 the Housing Element was amended accordingly.

Legislation enacted in 2004 provides for better coordination of planning for housing and transportation. The next update for the Housing Element is due July 1, 2008. The RHNA determinations for the housing element update will be based on the same forecast prepared by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) for the 2007 Regional Transportation Plan. Since the Transportation and Land Management Agency is now a partner in the Center for Demographic Research they are well prepared to provide the demographic information that will be used for both the Regional Transportation Plan and the Regional Housing Needs Assessment. In addition, the Planning Department of TLMA is best positioned to manage the housing element update and ensure that it is integrated into and consistent with the General Plan.

EDA will continue to construct, rehabilitate and preserve affordable housing utilizing federal, state and local funds and operate implementation programs under the housing element. However, both EDA and TLMA believe that TLMA is best positioned to administer the Housing Element and recommend that the Board formally transfer this program to the Planning Department of the Transportation and Land Management Agency.