



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

**FROM:** Supervisor Roy Wilson

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** October 12, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Support for Proposition 1C – Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors support Proposition 1C and direct the Executive Office and the Board's Sacramento Representatives to further this action.

**BACKGROUND:** This measure authorizes the state to sell \$2.85 billion of general obligation bonds to fund new and existing housing and development programs. Proposition 1C is part of the REBUILD California Plan (Propositions 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D and 1E) placed on the November 7 ballot by the state legislature and Governor Schwarzenegger. Proposition 1C funds will provide funding for emergency shelters and affordable housing for seniors, low-income families and the disabled. The major program areas in Proposition 1C are as follows:

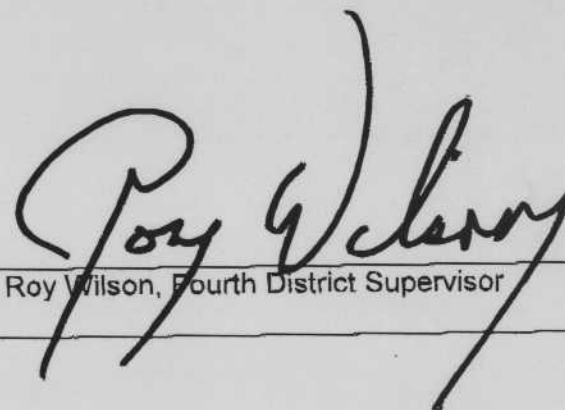
Development Programs (\$1.35 billion) – Funding would be targeted to development projects in existing urban areas and near public transportation. The programs would provide loans and grants for a wide variety of projects, such as parks, water, sewage, transportation and housing.

Homeownership Programs (\$625 million) – These funds would be used to encourage home ownership for low and moderate income homebuyers through loans and grants.

Multi-family Programs (\$590 million) – Funds would be provided in the form of low interest loans to local governments, non-profit organizations and private developers to fund part of the construction or renovation costs for rental housing projects such as apartment buildings.

Other Housing Programs ((\$285 million) – The primary use for these funds is to provide loans and grants for homeless shelters and housing for farm workers. Funds could also be allocated for pilot projects aimed at reducing the costs of affordable housing.

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Roy Wilson, Fourth District Supervisor

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Two critical concerns for our county are funding for homeless shelters and affordable housing. While our county currently provides a wide-range of programs to deal with these issues, the funding provided by Proposition 1C will both maintain existing programs and fund new initiatives that will invest in the infrastructure needed to combat homelessness and provide affordable housing.

Proposition 1C will provide California and Riverside County more funds for homeless shelters. The number of homeless seeking shelter far exceeds the number of available shelter beds. More than 360,000 Californians are homeless, with approximately 4,800 homeless in our county according to the most recent homeless survey conducted by the Department of Social Services.

Housing affordability is at an all-time low both in California and in Riverside County. According to National Low Income Housing Coalition, an estimated 57 per cent of renters in California, and 56 percent in Riverside County, are unable to afford adequate housing which is defined as spending no more than 30 percent of the renter's income housing. Proposition 1C will provide funds to make housing more affordable for many county residents.

I urge my fellow Board Members to join with me in supporting Proposition 1C.