

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



FROM: Supervisor John Tavaglione

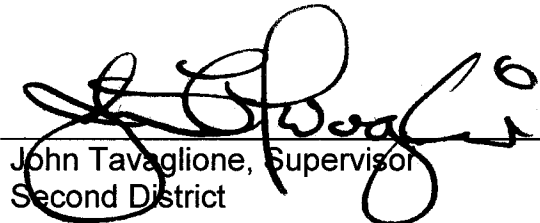
SUBMITTAL DATE: February 9, 2010

SUBJECT: Habitat for Humanity Pontiac Project

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors direct the Planning Department to process a general plan amendment and change of zone on Assessor Parcel Numbers 181-052-011 and 181-052-012, owned by the Riverside County Economic Development Agency to provide for development of two affordable single-family homes.

BACKGROUND: Following completion of Habitat for Humanity Riverside's recent project on 37th Street in Rubidoux the Riverside County Economic Development Agency offered Habitat for Humanity Riverside two additional parcels in Rubidoux for construction of affordable single-family homes. The lots, 3846 Pontiac Ave. (APN 181-052-011) and 3838 Pontiac Ave. (APN 181-052-012) are situated on the southeast corner of Pontiac Avenue and Fort Fremont Alley.

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The subject parcels are currently designated as commercial on the Riverside County General Plan and have commercial zoning. This would make them unsuitable for such a residential project. However, many of the parcels located southerly of Fort Fremont Alley and adjacent to the subject site are currently in residential uses and have been so for many years.

Habitat of Humanity Riverside, a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) is interested in continuing their building efforts in the Rubidoux community. Their efforts in fulfilling their mission of providing affordable housing in the Rubidoux community has a strong track record. Habitat Riverside's actions assist in the development of housing to meet the needs of the very low, low, and moderate income households within the northwestern part of Riverside County and help Riverside County meet the goals, policies, and actions specified in the adopted Riverside County Housing Element. The approval of this item will provide an opportunity for the County to show its support of Habitat Riverside's efforts and commitment to fulfillment of the goals and policies within the Housing Element.