

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



FROM: Supervisor John Tavaglione &
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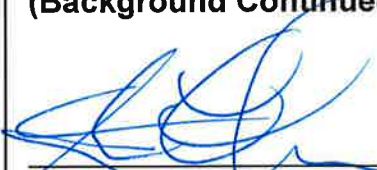
SUBMITTAL DATE: November 22, 2011

SUBJECT: Sponsorship of State Assembly and or State Senate Bill to create a
Fast Track Permitting process in the State of California

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1.) Direct the Assistant County Executive Officer-EDA, Managing Director-EDA, and/or the Commissioner of the Office of Foreign Trade-EDA to work with elected leaders in the State Assembly, and/or Senate to introduce legislation in the upcoming session of the legislature to create a "California Fast Track" Permitting Process within the State of California governmental agencies.
- 2.) Authorize the above staff to negotiate language of said bill on behalf of the county and to testify in support of the bill. This authorization also approves this team to negotiate acceptance of amendments with the bills co-authors or rejecting same.
- 3.) Team members may also engage the County's legislative lobbyists in Sacramento and deploy our lobbying team as necessary to promote and pass this legislation. Working with the administration in Sacramento will also be required and is authorized.
- 4.) Direct team members to travel to Sacramento as needed to accomplish tasks assigned by the Board of Supervisors. The County Executive Office shall lend its assistance, as needed, with legislative advocacy. Team members should also work with trade and building industry groups to solicit support.

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John Tavaglione, Vice Chairman
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BACKGROUND CONTINUED:

In 1994 the Board of Supervisors introduced "Fast Track" permitting in the County of Riverside. The program was an instant success with the business and development community. This program speeds up the review of development plans and permits to enable rapid project processing and facilitate local jobs in the construction trades, real-estate, lending industry, underwriting, and the supply chain. A California "Fast Track" permitting process is sorely needed to help stimulate the economic recovery and eliminate long delays in the permitting process. We envision the state adopting a "Fast Track" process very similar to the County of Riverside program administered by our Economic Development Agency. While numerous reforms in the tax code, environmental arena, and other reforms are necessary to get our statewide economy on track and create new jobs, expedited permitting is an excellent area to start the process in Sacramento. Its purpose is to save developers time in the plans and construction process. Simply put...time is money. California Fast Track will send a message that this state is serious about job creation, retention and making our state attractive to the business community.