County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors

Supervisorial District Five Supervisor Liz Kniss



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Supervisor, District 5

SUBJECT: Referral to Administration Regarding "Monster Homes"

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve request to refer to Administration an off agenda report back on homes that are typically referred to as "Monster Homes." Including a definition, the number built in County pockets in the past ten years, issues surrounding home size, and a comparison of local cities home size restrictions.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

In recent years, there has been a growing concern among county residents regarding homes built within the unincorporated areas of the County that do not conform to a neighborhood's established building pattern, or comply with size restrictions in neighboring cities. Typically, these homes are perceived to be too large, too tall, or to have an excessive building footprint