

HOUSING TASK FORCE

Jim Beall has always been a strong advocate in the issues of affordable housing. He has always been proactive in the attempts to preserve and provide affordable housing for the work force. His belief was that as our community must creatively search for solutions to affordable housing. During his 2001 State of the County Address Jim said,

“Santa Clara County is in the grips of a housing crisis. With the passage of proposition 36, the rising number of special needs clients, and the lack of affordable housing for most residents, the time is right for the County to re-evaluate and perhaps redefine its role in housing. The need has never been greater and the time has never been better for bold action to significantly address the issue of affordable housing.”

He went full force with his recommendations and goals of creating a Housing Task Force in February 2001. He called for an intensive community planning process to craft a Housing Action Plan. In March 2001 the Board unanimously approved the creation of a Housing Task Force.

As Co-Chair of this Housing Task Force, Jim worked to develop and prepare recommendations relating to a comprehensive countywide Housing Action Plan. Hundreds of stakeholders representing housing advocates, elected officials, business, and labor worked for several months to identify barriers and solutions to affordable housing in Santa Clara County.

The Housing Task Force report was accepted in December 2001 and Jim referred 2 recommendations for immediate approval. One was the effort to establish a Board Policy (adopted in FY 2005) where 30% of the proceeds coming from the sale, lease or a development of general fund surplus property will be allocated to support affordable housing projects while 70% of the proceeds are to be used for capital improvement projects.

Jim also led the effort to combine existing housing services into one office to serve as the housing office for the county now known as the Office of Affordable Housing (OAH). This included an allocation of \$18 million dollars for housing programs and development of affordable housing throughout the valley. OAH has allocated more than \$14.5 million of the Affordable Housing Fund since its inception in 2002. This has funded 18 different housing developments for low-income, youth, seniors and homeless individuals -- adding more than 1400 new housing units or beds.

ATTACHMENTS

1/19/06	HLUET HOUSING TRUST QUATERLY REPORT
3/1/05	BOS RE USE OF FUNDS BY SALE OF EXCESS COUNTY PROPERTY
9/28/04	BOS RE SUPPLS LAND PROPERTY VIA FGOC
9/2/04	FGOC BOARD POLCIY RE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY
5/4/04	BOS HEARING ON HOME PROGRAM
2/26/04	FGOC STATUS REPORT ON AUDIT OF THE HOUSING BOND FUND
5/6/03	BOS HEARING ON HOME PROGRAM
4/29/03	BOS APPROVE RECOMMENDATION RE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND
1/28/03	BOS ESTABLISHING CLASSIFICATION FOR OFFICE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING
12/17/02	BOS ACCEPT REPORT ON OAH STAFFING AND RD SET ASIDE FUNDS
12/17/02	JTB PROPOSED ACTIONS MEMO
11/12/02	OAH RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE ENTERPRISE FOUNDATION
10/8/02	BOS USE OF REDEVELOPEMENT SETTLEMENT REVENUES FOR HOUSING PROJECTS
6/25/02	BOS HOUSING TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
6/6/02	BOS JTB MEMO ON BUDGET AUGMENTATION OF RD SETTLEMENT FUNDS FOR HOUSING PROJECTS
4/9/06	BOS JTB ACEPPT REPORT AND APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ADMINSTRATION AND THE HOUSING TASK FORCE STEERING COMM.
4/9/02	BOS RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO HOUSING TASK FORCE
4/9/02	BOS HOUSING TASK FORCE REPORT 2002
2/12/02	HLUET STATUS REPORT ON HOUSING TASK FORCE STEERING COMM.
12/4/01	BOS RECOMMENDATION FROM THE SCC HOUSING TASK FORCE
8/28/01	BOS STATUS REPORT ON THE HOUSING TASK FORCE
3/22/01	JTB RECOMMENDATION FOR A GOALS AND COMPOSITION OF THE SCC HOUISNG TASK FORCE
3/23/01	JTB BOARD ASSIGNMENTS TO THE HOUSING TASK FORCE
8/28/01	SUPPORTIVE HOUSING INITIATIVE BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE
8/28/01	BOS HOUSING TASK FORCE "Putting it all Together" STATUS REPORT INCLUDES SECTIONS 1 THROUGH 10
8/28/01	HOUSING TASK FORCE COMMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE (not scanned)