



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, ROOM 335, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92101-2470

AGENDA ITEM

DATE: December 15, 2004
TO: Board of Supervisors
SUBJECT: Reinstatement of Code Enforcement Officer Positions (District: All)

SUMMARY:

Overview

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To address the backlog of cases, some of which cannot be investigated for more than six months, and to ensure that special use permits are properly monitored, the seven positions must be reinstated.

Recommendation(s)

CHAIRWOMAN DIANNE JACOB AND SUPERVISOR GREG COX

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to add six Code Enforcement Officer positions and one Building Inspector position to the Department of Planning and Land Use, and increase the Department's General Fund Appropriations by \$300,000 based on available fund balance for these positions for the remainder of FY04-05 and refer the ongoing funding of these positions to the FY 05-06 budget process.

Fiscal Impact

Annual cost to reinstate these positions is approximately \$600,000 dollars.

Business Impact Statement

N/A

Advisory Board Statement

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(DISTRICT: ALL)**

N/A

BACKGROUND:

Code enforcement responsibilities are performed by Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) positions in the Code Enforcement Division of the Department of Planning and Land Use.

Functions performed by CEOs include, but are not limited to, responding to: stormwater violations; clearing/grading violations; noise complaints; open space easement violations; and violations that represent significant and immediate health, life, or safety concerns. CEOs typically handle several hundred cases a year, some of which involve Civil Court actions.

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We urge your support,

DIANNE JACOB
Chairwoman Second District

GREG COX
Supervisor, First District

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AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

CONCURRENCE(S)

COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Written Disclosure per County Charter Section 1000.1 Required	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
GROUP/AGENCY FINANCE DIRECTOR	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Requires Four Votes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
GROUP/AGENCY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
COUNTY TECHNOLOGY OFFICE	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Other Concurrence(s): [Click here and type, or type N/A if not applicable]

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