

Date: January 16, 2002

To: Inter-Regional Partnership Members

From: IRP Staff

RE: Jobs/Housing Opportunity Zone Designation for Alameda County

Background

The IRP received thirteen proposals for Jobs/Housing Opportunity Zones (Zones) during the Request for Proposal (RFP) period, including one from Santa Clara County (Milpitas) and none from Alameda County. Supervisor Haggerty has expressed interest in having at least one jurisdiction in Alameda County participate in the Zone selection process. Since the RFP period has closed, and the selection process has been completed, the Partnership would need to decide if there is a process by which additional proposals could be considered.

Discussion

The attached letter from Supervisor Haggerty has been forwarded to the Partnership for consideration. In the letter, the Supervisor requests that the Partnership allow Alameda County the opportunity to submit a proposal for a Jobs/Housing Opportunity Zone designation.

If the Partnership determines that they will consider an additional Zone proposal, then a process will need to be developed for the review of the proposal. This could consist of a review and final selection by the IRP at the March meeting. A staff level report would be developed for the IRP in similar fashion to those supplied during the most recent Evaluation Committee review process.

Recommended Actions

1. Allow designation of one Jobs/Housing Opportunity Zone in Alameda County. The zone is to be identified through a collaborative process of the Alameda County representatives to the IRP.



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SCOTT HAGGERTY
PRESIDENT
SUPERVISOR, FIRST DISTRICT

January 8, 2002

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Re: IRP Jobs/Housing Opportunity Zone Pilot Project

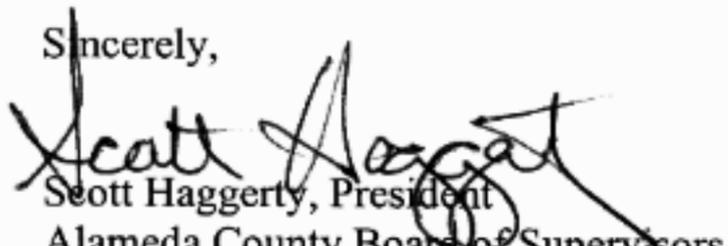
Dear IRP Members:

Alameda County, along with the cities of Fremont and Livermore, is pleased to have participated in the Inter-Regional Partnership (IRP) for the last four years. During that time, I believe that IRP members have developed an understanding of the importance of inter-regional planning and its benefits to our communities. The IRP Pilot Project, with its Zone designation, is a significant step towards affecting jobs/housing balance between our regions.

While Alameda County jurisdictions gave much consideration and effort to the process, regrettably, they were unable to submit a Zone proposal within the allotted time. I think that you'll agree that our participation in this project benefits not only the communities within Alameda County, but also those of neighboring counties. As one of the most populated counties in the region, participation in this pilot project would provide a valuable indication of the regional impact of such projects.

As a result, I submit for your consideration a request to allow additional time for Alameda County to bring forward an IRP Jobs/Housing Opportunity Zone proposal. I strongly believe that Alameda County must participate in this process to make it successful at an inter-regional level.

Sincerely,


Scott Haggerty, President
Alameda County Board of Supervisors
District 1

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