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County of Orange Positions on Proposed Legislation

The Legislative Bulletin provides the Board of Supervisors with analyses of measures pending in Sacramento and Washington that are of interest to the County. Staff provides recommended positions that fall within the range of policies established by the Board. According to the County of Orange Legislative Affairs Procedures adopted by the Board of Supervisors on June 3, 2003, staff recommendations for formal County positions on legislation will be agendized and presented in this document for Board action at regular Board of Supervisors meetings. When the Board takes formal action on a piece of legislation, the CEO will direct the County's legislative advocates to promote the individual bills as approved by the Board. The Legislative Bulletin also provides the Board of Supervisors with informative updates on State and Federal issues.

The 2009 Legislative Platform was adopted by Board of Supervisors' Minute Orders dated November 25, 2008, and December 16, 2008. On July 21, 2009, the Board of Supervisors will consider the following actions:

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. Adopt Resolution – OC Community Resources- Neighborhood Stabilization Program: Tier 2 Funds
2. Receive and File Legislative Bulletin

SACRAMENTO LEGISLATIVE REPORT

SACRAMENTO UPDATE

As this goes to press it appears that negotiations among the 'Big Five' have produced a budget made up of cuts, borrowing and no tax increases. Details are wanting, but it appears that the raid on local government Highway User Tax Accounts and Proposition 42 monies that were in the budget conference committee version remain in this final budget. A suspension of Proposition 1A is rumored but there is no confirmation that it has been inserted into the final version of the budget.

Negotiators appear to be wrestling with both how much and how to repay schools for monies guaranteed to education under Proposition 98. All scenarios under consideration include significant cuts to education.

As announced on July 15, 2009, UCC, in conjunction with CSAC, RCRC and the California Elections Officials have sent a letter to the Governor and Legislative leadership requesting reimbursement for the cost of conducting the May 19th special election. They have received the actual costs from all 58 counties which totals \$68.2 million. The reimbursement could be part of the budget revisions currently being considered by the Legislature. Orange County's reimbursement would be approximately \$4.5 million.

County sponsored legislation to implement a recently negotiated agreement with the Orange County Employees Association passed the Assembly Committee on Public Employees, Retirement & Social Security on a unanimous vote. SB 752 now contains all amendments agreed upon by both the OCEA and the County of Orange and has been referred to the Committee on Appropriations. It has no known opposition.

AB 1409 (Perez) would significantly impact the County's ability to use our own labor force for road maintenance and minor construction. The Board has taken a position in opposition to this pending legislation. On Thursday the 16th AB 1409 became a two-year bill following vigorous advocacy by County advocates working with CSAC.

ACTION ITEMS

None at this time.

WASHINGTON LEGISLATIVE REPORT

WASHINGTON UPDATE

Congress is working on an overhaul of the nation's health care system; a debate that will occupy the Capitol through the summer. The bill pending before the House Ways and Means Committee (H.R. 3200) would greatly expand insurance coverage for individuals currently without insurance. It proposes to pay for this in part with an income tax surcharge on those labeled wealthy. In addition, it contains provisions mandating employer provided health insurance and a payroll tax of eight percent on middle to large sized employers that do not provide employees with health insurance. Staff will be meeting with our Washington advocate next week to examine impacts on health care delivery by local government.

Last week, Senators Boxer and Feinstein requested information from the County of Orange that might be considered in the Transportation Reauthorization bill. The County submitted three projects for consideration: Antonio Parkway Road Widening Project, La Pata Avenue Gap Closure and Camino Del Rio Extension Project, and Cow Camp Road Project.

ACTION ITEMS

ADOPT RESOLUTION – OC Community Resources- Neighborhood Stabilization Program: Tier 2 Funds

On July 14, 2009, the Board of Supervisors approved submittal of an application for Neighborhood Stabilization Program: Tier 2 Funds from the State Department of House and Community Development (HCD). The grant funds are to acquire abandoned or foreclosed homes and make them available to households at or below 120 percent Area Median Income. CEO Legislative Affairs and OC Community Resources are requesting that your honorable Board adopt the attached resolution to be submitted to HCD as their requirement for the grant application.

COUNTY OF ORANGE - SPONSORED BILLS STATUS/UPDATE

SB 40 (Correa) Personal Information: Social Security Numbers

Introduced: January 6, 2009

Last Amended: March 31, 2009

Status: From Consent Calendar to third reading.

Location: A-Senate Third Reading File

SB 752 (Correa) County Employees' Retirement: Orange County

Last Amended: July 15 2009

Status: From committee with author's amendments. Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to Committee on Appropriations

Location: Assembly Appropriations

A copy of the 2009 County of Orange Legislative Platform is available at: <http://www.oc.ca.gov/> under OC Links.

If you or your staff have any questions or require additional information on any of the items in this bulletin, please contact Bruce Matthias, at 714.834.7010.

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3 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
4 ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

5 July __, 2009

6 WHEREAS, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (“HCD”)
7 issued a Notice of Funding Availability (“NOFA”) on April 30, 2009 for the Neighborhood Stabilization
8 Program (“NSP”) as authorized under Title III of Division B of the Housing and Economic Recovery
9 Act of 2008 (“HERA”) for the purpose of making NSP Tier 2 funds available to assist in the
10 redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed homes under the Emergency Assistance for Redevelopment
11 of Abandoned and Foreclosed Homes heading; and

12 WHEREAS, these NSP Tier 2 Funds are available to jurisdictions who did not receive a direct
13 allocation of NSP funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”), and

14 WHEREAS, on July 14, 2009, the County of Orange, a political subdivision of the State of
15 California (“County”), approved an application for funding and the execution of a grant agreement and
16 any amendments thereto from the State of California Neighborhood Stabilization Program (“NSP”); and

17 WHEREAS, the County wishes to submit an application to obtain from HCD an allocation of
18 NSP Tier 2 funds in the amount of \$3,158,042 to be used for financing mechanisms to acquire
19 abandoned or foreclosed properties.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

21 1. The County Board of Supervisors has approved an application for NSP Tier 2 funds (and
22 its contents) for up to \$3,158,042 for the following activities:

23 (a) The County will distribute NSP Tier 2 funds to the areas of greatest need, including those
24 with the greatest percentage of home foreclosures and identified by the County as likely to face a
25 significant rise in the rate of home foreclosures. Accordingly, the County will meet the requirements set
26 forth in the State of California Neighborhood Stabilization Program when expending NSP Tier 2 funds.
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1 (b) If any additional NSP Tier 2 funding becomes available at a later date, the County of
2 Orange is authorized to apply for and/or accept funding, up to a total of \$4,000,000. Any additional
3 NSP Tier 2 funding will be used in accordance with funding requirements established by the State of
4 California Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

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6 2. The County has determined that federal Citizen Participation requirements were met
7 during the development of this application.

8 3. The County will encourage the use of local funding sources to be used as the County's
9 leverage for this application.

10 4. The Director of OC Community Services is hereby authorized and directed to act on the
11 County's behalf in all matters pertaining to this application.

12 5. The Director of OC Community Services is authorized to enter into and sign the grant
13 agreement, and any subsequent amendments thereto, with the State of California for the purposes of this
14 grant.

15 6. The Director of OC Community Services is authorized to sign Funds Requests and other
16 required reporting forms.

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