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800 South Victoria Avenue  
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**SUBJECT:** Direction to the CEO to Enter Discussions with the City of Ventura Regarding Potential Joint Development of Affordable Housing for County and City Employees and Emancipated Foster Youth on County and City Properties on California Street, Ventura.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Direct the CEO to enter discussions with the City of Ventura to explore the feasibility of potential joint development of County and City properties on California Street for affordable housing for County and City employees and a limited number of emancipated Foster Youth, and to report back to our Board.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** To be studied by CEO.

**DISCUSSION:**

As part of our Board's conceptual approval of sale of the Human Services Agency building behind Ventura City Hall to the City of Ventura, our Board also conceptually approved declaring as surplus and selling the 4,000 square-foot County office building on California Street. County Public Works Agency, Real Estate Services staff reports that the City of Ventura has expressed interest in jointly marketing this parcel together with the adjoining city-owned parcel. The County parcel is nearly entirely occupied by an old single-story office building and has no on-site parking. Development potential would be significantly enhanced by a partnership with the City.

In casual discussions with Councilmembers Bill Fulton and Brian Brennan, ideas surfaced regarding ways in which our adjoining properties could be jointly used to meet identified needs of our agencies. The City is interested in pursuing workforce housing for city and county employees in many locations around the city. I believe inclusion of a limited number of apartments for emancipated Foster youth at this site is also a possibility the county should discuss. Given the enhanced development potential of a joint venture, and the interest in exploring the feasibility of joint usage for meeting mutual housing needs, this appears to be an opportunity worth discussing.

The recommended action, to direct the CEO to enter discussions with the City of Ventura to explore the feasibility of this potential joint housing development, would not commit the county to any future course of action nor incur additional costs beyond what is typical to marketing surplus properties. The CEO would report back to us on the results of the discussions and preliminary feasibility analysis, further steps that would need to be taken, and the CEO's recommendations.

Cordially,



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