

July 2, 2003

To: Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Chair  
Supervisor Gloria Molina  
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky  
Supervisor Don Knabe  
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

From: David E. Janssen  
Chief Administrative Officer

**UPDATE ON CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT (FIRST DISTRICT)**

On March 18, 2003, this office informed your Board via memorandum of our initial concerns regarding the Proposed Huntington Park Neighborhood Preservation Redevelopment Project not meeting blighting requirements consistent with Community Redevelopment Law (CRL). Over the past few months, my staff have met with Huntington Park to discuss County concerns and to review additional blight information not previously available.

As a result of these discussions, Huntington Park staff has agreed to recommend that their City Council and Redevelopment Agency exclude property from the proposed Project which this office continues to believe is not blighted. These properties have an assessed value of over \$432 million; the County General Fund is estimated to save \$30 - \$48 million over the 45-year term of the project. With the exclusion of the agreed upon property, this office believes the proposed redevelopment project area (see attached) is generally consistent with CRL, and we do not recommend any further action. The Public Hearing on this project is scheduled for July 7, 2003 (we should note that failure to voice opposition at the hearing may preclude the County from legally challenging the proposed project area at a later date).

We want to take this opportunity to thank City of Huntington Park Director of Redevelopment, Jack L. Wong and his staff for their collaborative and cooperative posture throughout this effort, and their consistent willingness to hear and respond constructively to our concerns. We believe the resulting project serves the interests of both the City and County.

If you have any questions, please call me, or your staff may call Jerry Ramirez of my office at (213) 974-4282.

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Attachment

c: County Counsel  
Auditor-Controller  
Jack L. Wong, Director of Redevelopment, City of Huntington Park