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**Responding to the Governor’s Streamlining Affordable Housing Approvals – Proposed Trailer Bill Technical Modifications**

On October 27, 2015 the Board of Supervisors (Board) instructed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to create an Affordable Housing Programs budget unit and to invest \$300 million over 5 years to dramatically increase the production of affordable housing in Los Angeles County (County).

On February 9, 2016 the Board approved a comprehensive set of 47 strategies to address homelessness in the County and committed an additional \$100 million to the implementation of those strategies.

The Board has repeatedly addressed the housing crisis facing Los Angeles with evidence-based practices with broad community support. Solutions to the housing crisis must strengthen communities, thus ensuring that our residents thrive in their neighborhoods and that we create healthy urban environments for all members of our County.

The proposed trailer bill technical modifications entitled “Streamlining Affordable Housing Approvals” released by the Governor’s office on May 13, 2016 and revised on

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June 1, 2016 do not align with the vision and strategies the County has thus set forth. The bill weakens local control and environmental protections in exchange for a very limited provision of affordable housing.

The State of California has set forth models that could create a meaningful supply of affordable housing in economically diverse neighborhoods such as Assembly Bill (A.B) 2502 (Mullen and Chu), which would allow local jurisdictions to enact inclusionary zoning policies. The County has affirmed its strong support for A.B. 2502.

Housing development, community input and environmental protections strengthen our communities and should not be pitted against each other. In order to preserve a healthy balance between all of these important goals the County should oppose the proposed trailer bill technical modifications entitled “Streamlining Affordable Housing Approvals” unless amended to expedite entitlement and environmental reviews, rather than eliminate these reviews, and only in developments that provide a meaningful supply of affordable housing.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Officer and the County’s Sacramento Legislative Representatives to oppose the proposed trailer bill technical modifications entitled “Streamlining Affordable Housing Approvals” unless amended to expedite entitlement and environmental reviews, rather than eliminate these reviews, in developments that provide at least 25% of the total housing units to households that are very low income or below.

**WE FURTHER MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Regional Planning to report back in 30 days on existing practices employed by the County to expedite entitlement and environmental reviews for affordable housing developments and opportunities that may exist to further expedite these reviews.