

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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The California Enterprise Zone Program was created to stimulate economic growth in economically distressed areas throughout the State of California. The Enterprise Zone Program is a 15-year designation that seeks to generate new private sector investment and growth through the award of State tax credits and incentives.

On April 15, 2010, the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) issued a request for applications for Enterprise Zone designation to fill two expiring Enterprise Zones statewide. Applications must be completed and submitted to HCD by September 15, 2010. During this application period, the County of Los Angeles (County) and the Cities of Palmdale and Lancaster are applying for a regional Enterprise Zone.

The application for a multi-jurisdictional Enterprise Zone, to be called the Antelope Valley Enterprise Zone, will encompass approximately 61 square miles of commercial and industrial land in the Antelope Valley. The City of Palmdale currently administers an Enterprise Zone that was designated in 1997. Therefore, if the Antelope Valley Enterprise Zone application is successful, the joint County/City application would replace the current Enterprise Zone, keeping available the two Enterprise Zone openings for the rest of the State. The County will work cooperatively with the City of Palmdale and Lancaster, to implement and maintain the Enterprise Zone for a period of not less than 15 years.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES:

1. Authorize the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles to act as an agent of the County in the submission of the application and administration of the joint Antelope Valley Enterprise Zone with the Cities of Palmdale and Lancaster.
2. Adopt and instruct the Chair to sign, upon presentation, a Resolution that will support a joint Antelope Valley Enterprise Zone application with the Cities of Palmdale and Lancaster.

I, FURTHER, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO AUTHORIZE THE:

1. Community Development Commission (Commission) to act as an agent of the County of Los Angeles for the Antelope Valley Enterprise Zone application, as a joint application with the Cities of Palmdale and Lancaster; submit to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) an Enterprise Zone application, as a joint applicant with the Cities of Palmdale and Lancaster; and authorize the Executive Director or his designee to prepare, execute and submit all documents related to the joint Antelope Valley Enterprise Zone application.
2. Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with HCD to establish the Antelope Valley Enterprise Zone, if selected for designation; and authorize the Executive Director to prepare, execute, and/or submit any other documents necessary for establishment of the Antelope Valley Enterprise Zone.
3. Submission of an application to the State of California to establish portions of unincorporated Antelope Valley as a State Enterprise Zone, and find that it is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it will not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

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