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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING: CONFIRMATION OF HEARING OFFICERS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)

SUBJECT

Recommendation to confirm the appointment of two Hearing Officers within the Department of Regional Planning (Department). Hearing Officers are employees of the Department who are appointed by the Department's Director and confirmed by the Board of Supervisors (Board). Their duties are to conduct public hearings and render decisions on discretionary applications such as land divisions, land use permits, and variances.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Confirm the appointment of Steven Jareb and Mi Kim as Hearing Officers within the Department to conduct public hearings and make determinations on discretionary applications such as land divisions, land use permits, and variances.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On November 26, 1995, the Board adopted ordinances establishing Hearing Officers within the Department. Hearing Officers conduct public hearings on routine discretionary applications freeing the Regional Planning Commission to focus on significant proposals.

County Code Section 22.220.040 requires that all appointments of Hearing Officers be confirmed by the Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This recommendation is consistent with Strategic Plan Goal II, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, because the Hearing Officers will evaluate discretionary applications such as land divisions, land use permits, and variances to ensure that the proposals contribute towards vibrant and resilient unincorporated communities and are consistent with the goals and policies of the County's General Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The appointment of two Hearing Officers does not require additional funding; therefore, there is no impact on net County costs.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

County Code Section 22.220.040 permits the Department's Director to appoint Hearing Officers, subject to confirmation by the Board, to conduct public hearings and make determinations on discretionary applications such as land divisions, land use permits, and variances.

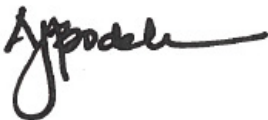
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The Board's approval of this recommendation will enable the Department to maintain an appropriate number of Hearing Officers to enhance the quality of services provided to the public.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to the Department. For further information regarding this request, please contact Mitch Glaser at (213) 974-6411 or mglaser@planning.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,



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