

County of Santa Clara
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George Shirakawa
Supervisor, District 2

SUBJECT: Referral requesting information on potential establishment of redevelopment agency for unincorporated Santa Clara County

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Refer to the County Executive, Finance Agency, and County Counsel a request to provide analyses related to establishing a redevelopment agency for unincorporated areas of Santa Clara County. These analyses shall include a description of the processes required to establish a redevelopment agency and adopt a redevelopment plan, the estimated timeline for completing these processes, and related legal and financial analyses.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The community redevelopment law was created by the State Legislature to improve blighted communities and to stimulate economic growth. The purpose of redevelopment is to expand employment and affordable housing opportunities, and to provide social and economic growth for the well-being of all residents.

There are areas within unincorporated Santa Clara County that have long suffered from both physical and economic blight. These blight conditions constitute a serious burden on the community that cannot be alleviated by private enterprise or governmental action without redevelopment.

For decades, these areas of the County have been neglected by both private investment and governmental redevelopment efforts. It is in the best interest of the County and the residents of Santa Clara County to explore the potential benefits of establishing a redevelopment agency to eliminate these blight conditions, encourage the redevelopment of these areas, and generate additional property and sales tax revenue.