



# *City of Oakland Inclusionary Housing Blue Ribbon Commission*

**March 1, 2007**

## **STAFF REPORT**

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### **BACKGROUND**

At the meeting of February 15, 2006, the Blue Ribbon Commission took public testimony and held a discussion on the mandate of the commission related to inclusionary zoning, condominium conversions and the broader issue of citywide affordable housing policy. In addition, there was detailed discussion about the schedule as it relates to the requirement that the commission have at least one meeting in each City Council District and that the commission recommendations be presented to the City Council prior to the August break.

### **PROCESS FOR ISSUE RESOLUTION**

Staff met with the Chair and Vice Chair to discuss a modified schedule based on the discussion at the meeting of February 15, 2007. The Chair and Vice Chair agreed to propose a modified approach which would require the Blue Ribbon Commission to meet on Thursday evenings (2 hours) and Saturday mornings (2 hours) beginning Thursday, March 15, continuing through Thursday, April 5. It is envisioned that the public process could be completed while the economic analysis is being prepared. By the second week in April the commission would have benefit of all of the community meetings citywide and the economic analysis. The commission could then decide how and when to hold one or more all day or evening sessions in order to arrive at a recommendation. The proposed schedule is rather aggressive through March and it is anticipated that all commissioners may or may not be able to make all of the meetings. However, as long as any commissioners who are absent review the meeting minutes, each member should be able to remain current throughout the process. Staff is working with the City Council district offices to establish meeting locations and mailing lists for each district.

### **KEY ISSUES**

The items requested to come back for the meeting of March 1, 2007 are as follows:

- Modified draft schedule
- Introduction of any other issues pertinent to the commission's task
- Staff overview of current City of Oakland housing policies
- Information on use of a facilitator for each meeting

The modified draft schedule is included as an attachment to this report. Staff has also included in the packet a handout from PolicyLink related to affordable housing. The Housing Division of CEDA has provided information on overall City Housing Policy. Jeff Levine will make a brief presentation and be available for questions at the meeting. The City Administrator will also provide more information on the utilization of an outside facilitator at the meeting.



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**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Commission take the following actions at the meeting of March 1, 2007:

- Approve the meeting schedule and proposed process
- Finalize any additional issues to be considered
- Approve the role of the facilitator

Respectfully submitted:

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Attachments:

- A: Modified proposed schedule
- B: Policy Link correspondence
- C: Citywide Housing policy information
- D: Meeting Minutes, February 15, 2007