



**RON ROBERTS**  
SUPERVISOR, FOURTH DISTRICT  
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**AGENDA ITEM**

**DATE:** May 6, 2009

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**SUBJECT:** TOSSING LIFELINES BY EXTENDING BUILDING DEADLINES  
(DISTRICT: ALL)

**SUMMARY:**

**Overview**

Like the rest of our nation, over the course of this recession San Diego County has seen a vast decline in construction and development that has significantly contributed to an economic downturn for this region. In response, this Board of Supervisors has taken necessary steps to help stimulate the industry and economy, including the implementation of an Impact Fee Deferral Program.

In taking current policies under further review, there are other minor regulatory changes that can be undertaken that could have a major positive impact on the ailing building industry. These reforms come in the form of relaxing time requirements for building permits and tentative maps.

Today's action will direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to amend the County Building Code to extend the expiration of building permits from one year to two years. This action will also direct the CAO to draft a letter for the Chairwoman's signature to Senator Walters, the author of Senate Bill 763 (SB 763), and all members of the San Diego delegation in support of SB 763, and to communicate the Board of Supervisor's support of SB 763 to San Diego County's legislative representative in Sacramento.

**Recommendation(s)**

**SUPERVISOR ROBERTS**

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to amend the County Building Code to extend the expiration of building permits from one year to two years.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to draft a letter for the Chairwoman's signature to Senator Walters and all members of the San Diego delegation in support of Senate Bill 763.

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3. Direct the CAO to communicate this Board of Supervisors' support of Senate Bill 763 to San Diego County's legislative representative in Sacramento.

**Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact resulting from this action.

**Business Impact Statement**

N/A

**Advisory Board Statement**

N/A

**BACKGROUND:**

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Currently, building permits expire if the project does not start construction within one year of the date the permit was issued. If enough physical progress is made in the development to pass an inspection, the permit automatically extends for an extra six months. The permit will continue to be extended in six month increments as long as the development continues to pass new inspections. This action will extend the time that a project can sit inactive before beginning construction to two years, and will not affect the six month extensions given for progress.

Tentative maps, on the other hand, are the domain of the state. California Senate Bill 763 addresses approved tentative maps, adding one year to their lifespan. This extension would apply to tentative maps which were approved and had not expired as of the date SB 763 becomes effective, and which will expire before January 1, 2012.

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**Linkage to the County of San Diego Strategic Plan**  
N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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Supervisor, Fourth District

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**AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**

**CONCURRENCE(S)**

<b>COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Written Disclosure per County Charter Section 1000.1 Required	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>GROUP/AGENCY FINANCE DIRECTOR</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Requires Four Votes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>GROUP/AGENCY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>COUNTY TECHNOLOGY OFFICE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

**Other Concurrence(s):** N/A

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:** District 4, Board of Supervisors

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**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:**

N/A

**BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:**

N/A

**BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:**

N/A

**CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):**

N/A