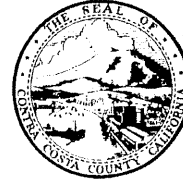


TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
FROM: DENNIS M. BARRY, AICP  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



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Contra  
Costa  
County

DATE: AUGUST 15, 2006

SUBJECT: APPROVE WRITTEN ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF THE 2006 VOTER-APPROVED  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY URBAN LIMIT LINE (COUNTYWIDE) (COUNTY FILES:  
GP#06-0001 AND ZT#06-0001)

**SPECIFIC REQUEST(S) OR RECOMMENDATION(S) & BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION**

RECOMMENDATIONS

APPROVE the attached ballot argument on behalf of the Board of Supervisors for November 7, 2006 General Election in favor of the 2006 Voter-Approved Contra Costa County Urban Limit Line.

CONTINUED ON ATTACHMENT:  YES SIGNATURE Dennis M Barry  
 RECOMMENDATION OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE  
 APPROVE  OTHER

SIGNATURE(S): Julie Ines

ACTION OF BOARD ON 08/15/06 APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED  OTHER

It was directed that the "Argument in favor of Measure L" shall be amended so that where the phrase "yes vote" occurs, "yes" shall be in quotation marks.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF AN ACTION TAKEN AND ENTERED ON THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON THE DATE SHOWN

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS  
 UNANIMOUS (ABSENT )  
AYES: \_\_\_\_\_ NOES: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_ ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: P. Roche, CDD-Adv. Plng. (Ph #925-335-1242)

Cc: CAO  
Clerk of the Board  
County Counsel  
S. Weir, County Clerk

ATTESTED 08/15/06  
JOHN CULLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

BY [Signature] DEPUTY

## FISCAL IMPACT

None.

## BACKGROUND / REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

On July 25, 2006 the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2006/80 calling for an election on November 7, 2006 for Voter-Approved Contra Costa County Urban Limit Line. California Elections Code section 9162 allows the Board of Supervisors, or any member of the Board authorized by the Board, to file a written argument for or against a County ballot measure. The Department has been advised by the County Elections Office that Friday, August 18, 2006 is the last day arguments will be received by that office for the November 2006 General Election.

Attached for the Board's consideration (see Attachment "A") is a ballot argument on behalf of the Board of Supervisors in favor of the 2006 Voter-Approved Contra Costa County Urban Limit Line. The argument has been prepared pursuant to the requirements under the Elections Code, specifically the word count is 290 and that is within 300 word limit for a ballot argument.

### Attachment (1 item)

Attachment "A":

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF THE 2006 VOTER-APPROVED CONTRA  
COSTA COUNTY URBAN LIMIT LINE

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VOTER-APPROVED CONTRA COSTA  
COUNTY URBAN LIMIT LINE

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF THE 2006 VOTER-APPROVED CONTRA COSTA  
COUNTY URBAN LIMIT LINE BALLOT MEASURE**

Protecting Contra Costa County's remaining open space and agricultural lands, discouraging urban sprawl, and preventing traffic congestion from getting any worse, are concerns that matter to all County residents. These concerns are not new. In 1990 the voters enacted the County's Urban Limit Line, approved under Measure C: The Contra Costa County 65/35 Land Preservation Plan Ordinance, which established a line beyond which no urban land uses could be approved during the term of the County's General Plan. The Measure C-1990 ordinance runs for 20 years and is due to expire in 2010.

Over the past 16 years, the Urban Limit Line has protected thousands of acres of open space and agricultural lands and has succeeded in channeling growth into areas of the County most appropriate for urban development. Through Measure \_\_\_\_, the Board of Supervisors asks the voters to extend the term of the County's Urban Limit Line to the year 2026.

What does a yes vote on Measure \_\_\_\_ mean? A yes vote will extend the term of the Urban Limit Line for another 20 years insuring the continued protection and preservation of the County's open space and agricultural lands. A yes vote will require voter approval for future expansion of the Urban Limit Line by more than 30 acres, meaning that through 2026 the voters will decide whether the unincorporated, rural areas of Contra Costa County should be urbanized. A yes vote will provide certainty in the County's land use planning process, promoting orderly development in the

unincorporated communities of the County with adequate public services to accommodate future growth (roads, water, sewer, etc.). A yes vote will maintain eligibility for local funds under the ½ cent transportation sales tax program approved by voters in 2004.

We strongly urge voters to approve Measure \_\_\_\_.

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The undersigned proponents and authors of the primary argument in favor of the ballot proposition Measure \_\_\_\_ at the general election for the County of Contra Costa to be held on November 7, 2006 hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief:

Signed:

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
John Gioia, Supervisor, District I

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Gayle B. Uilkema, Supervisor, District II

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Mary Nejedly Piepho, Supervisor District III

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Mark DeSaulnier, Supervisor, District IV

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Federal D. Glover, Supervisor, District V

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**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE L: 2006 VOTER-APPROVED CONTRA COSTA COUNTY URBAN LIMIT LINE**

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Over the past 16 years, the Urban Limit Line has protected thousands of acres of open space and agricultural lands and has succeeded in channeling growth into areas of the County most appropriate for urban development. Through Measure L, the Board of Supervisors asks the voters to extend the term of the County's Urban Limit Line to the year 2026.

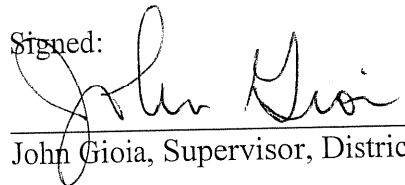
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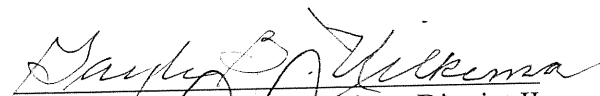
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Signed:


  
John Gioia, Supervisor, District I

Date:


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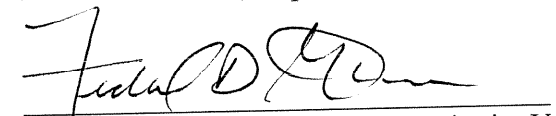
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