

**TO: Planning, Policy Development and  
Legislation Committee**

**Date: August 28, 2002**

**FROM: Mr. Nicholas Benjamin**

**For Action**  
 **For Information**  
 **Meeting Notes**

**SUBJECT: Affordable Housing in Merced County**

**PROPOSED MOTION: The Committee recommends to the Board that it adopt the attached policy regarding the development of affordable/workforce housing within Merced County.**

**DISCUSSION: None**

**ATTACHMENT: Proposed Policy**

## **Affordable/Workforce Housing Policy**

WHEREAS, the Workforce Investment Board of Merced County recognizes the current and growing need for affordable/workforce housing throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, affordable/workforce housing is a vital component to community economic health and development;

NOW THEREFORE, it is resolved that the Workforce Investment Board of Merced County does hereby adopt the following policy regarding the development of affordable/workforce Housing in Merced County and the political subdivisions therein:

The Workforce Investment Board of Merced County strongly encourages the County of Merced and all appropriate units of government therein to actively pursue the development of affordable/workforce housing by:

- appointing an affordable/workforce housing task force;
- implementing a housing trust fund or other instrument to effectively set aside funds;
- engage in outreach efforts to competent, proven developers of affordable/workforce housing;
- partner and share resources with large entities, i.e. UC Merced, for resource leveraging; and
- partner with private industry to develop new innovations in the production of housing.