Exhibit 3
Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee Vision and Guiding Principles
Comments
Hello Henry and Korinne,

Below please find the revisions to the Draft Vision and Guiding Principles that the APAC agreed to at this morning’s meeting. As I mentioned, Planning Division staff will include these suggested revisions, along with the other public comments/revisions we have received, into our staff report for the upcoming Nov. 2017 Planning Commission Work Session. The Planning Commission will then consider whether they want to recommend the revision(s) to the Board of Supervisors.

I’ve identified the proposed changes using strike-outs (for deleted language) and underlines (for new language).

1. **Proposed change to Vision Statement:**
   Ventura County is a remarkable place to live, work and play. Our exceptional quality of life and economic vitality is rooted in the stewardship of our cultural resources, rich natural resources including our world class beaches, fertile agricultural soils plains, and scenic mountains, and our talented residents. The General Plan reflects the County’s ongoing commitment to collaborate with Ventura County’s residents, cities, businesses, and non-profit organizations to address our environmental, social, and economic needs in a sustainable manner, and allow our safe, healthy, vibrant and diverse communities to thrive.

2. **Proposed change to Agriculture Guiding Principle:**
   Encourage the long-term viability of Ventura County’s agricultural economy, by conserving agricultural lands and supporting a diverse and globally-competitive agricultural industry through the availability of water, land, and farmworker housing.

3. **Proposed change to Housing Guiding Principle:**
   Provide support the development of affordable and equitable housing opportunities by increasing housing supply, preserving the existing housing supply, and supporting diverse new housing types.

4. **Proposed change to Health and Safety Guiding Principle:**
   Minimize risks health and safety impacts to residents, businesses and visitors from human-caused hazards such as hazardous materials, noise, air and water pollution, as well as natural hazards such as flooding, wildland fires, and geologic events.

5. **Proposed change to Water Guiding Principle:**
   Manage and develop water resources in a manner that addresses current demand without compromising the ability to meet future demand, and while balancing the needs of urban and agricultural uses, and healthy ecosystems, while sustaining ecosystem health.

In addition to these changes, APAC members and Ag Commissioner staff asked questions about the definition of “built environment” and its use in the Healthy Communities Guiding Principle. I said that I would check the wording of the Board’s 2015 Health in all Policies Resolution to see if the term “built environment” was used. It was not. Please let me know if you want to include a revision to this Guiding Principle as part of APAC’s formal recommendation.
Based on your guidance this morning, we'll expect to get a formal written recommendation from APAC regarding the revisions noted above, (Revisions 1-5). Please submit that to me no later than Wednesday, Sept. 20th. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.
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