Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead

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SUBJECT: BOARD MOTION REGARDING DIAMOND PROPERTIES (March 25, 2008, Item #5)

On March 25, 2008 your Board directed of the Department of Regional Planning to refer to Consumer Affairs the owners of approximately forty properties purchased from Diamond Properties that were improved inconsistent with development standards and code violations, in order to set up a complaint process for possible restitution. The Board also requested that the Department provide a detailed report of exactly how many properties are involved and the end result of the Consumer Affairs complaint process.

The Department of Regional Planning has met with Consumer Affairs and County Counsel in response to the Board motion. Additional meetings have been scheduled to address the issues raised in the Board motion and to develop a detailed report involving the Consumer Affairs complaint process. We anticipate providing a final report to your Board by July 31, 2008.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or Mr. Sorin Alexanian of my staff at (213) 974-6441. Our office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. We are closed on Fridays.

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