

**City of Hercules
Agenda Item Transmittal**

Meeting Date: February 9, 2010

Agenda Item Number: VIII.3

Agenda Item Wording:

Adopt Resolution Authorizing The Preparation and Submittal of a Proposal to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for Designation of the Hercules Bayfront Transit Village as a Catalyst Project for the California Sustainable Strategies Pilot Program.

Submitting Department: City Manager and Economic Development

Contact Names:

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For action by:

- City Council
- RDA Board
- PFA Commission

Placement on agenda:

- Intro./Presentation
- Consent Calendar
- Public Hearing
- Communications
- Council Rpts./Reso
- C.M. Rpts/Reso.
- Intergov. Issues

Department Recommendation: Staff recommends that Council take the following actions:

1. Authorize the City Manager / Executive Director to prepare and submit a proposal to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for designation of the Hercules Bayfront Transit Village as a Catalyst Project for the California Sustainable Strategies Pilot Program.

Alternatives:

Do not appropriate and provide direction to staff.

Discussion:

HCD is seeking to designate six development projects as Catalyst Projects throughout the State to incentivize sustainable communities and test innovative strategies designed to increase housing supply and affordability; improve jobs and housing relationships; stimulate job creation and retention; enhance transportation modal choices that reflect community values; preserve open space; promote public health; eliminate toxic threats; address blighted properties; reduce green house gas emission and increase energy conservation and independence. Catalyst Projects will position California to effectively participate and compete for any new federal initiatives resulting from the federal DOT, HUD and EPA's Partnership for Sustainable Communities.

Current economic and fiscal conditions constrain the ability of local governments to adopt new plans and approve innovative developments. The Catalyst Program enables the State to support

local innovation, develop projects that integrate environmental, economic and housing goals and test strategies for broad implementation throughout California.

Staff believes that the Waterfront private and public development can qualify for designation as a Catalyst Project. Such designation will enable Hercules to be eligible for a variety of resources and technical assistance, including access to specified State funding resources and priority or bonus points for specified State funds.

Prior Council/Board Actions: None

Commission Review and Actions/Recommendation: Not applicable

Attachments:

1. [Resolution](#)

<i>Financial Impact</i>	
Description: No impact.	
Funding Source: Account Number: Not applicable; no revenue or expense impact.	
Budget Recap:	
Total Estimated cost: \$	New Revenue: \$
Amount Budgeted: \$	Lost Revenue: \$
New funding required: \$	New Personnel: \$
Council Policy Change: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

Subcommittee Review and Approval: None Required