Marin County is Inviting Applications for an Advisory Committee on Regulatory Improvements

San Rafael, CA - The County of Marin is inviting candidates to apply for seats on an Advisory Committee on Regulatory Improvements (Committee) to identify and evaluate strategies for facilitating the review of development projects that are consistent with the Countywide Plan. In May 2012, the Board of Supervisors directed the Community Development Agency to form the Committee to review certain aspects of the County’s land use and environmental review processes and make recommendations for consideration by the Board regarding improvements to the implementation of existing and planned future regulations and policies.

The Advisory Committee will focus their review and recommendations on the following areas:

- **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**
  The County’s Environmental Impact Review Guidelines for potential improvements to the effectiveness and efficiency of implementing CEQA within unincorporated Marin.

- **Permit Review Efficiencies**
  The County’s Development Code (zoning regulations) and Building Permit process for improvements in the permit review process and customer service.

- **General Plan Policy Implementation**
  The Marin Countywide Plan (CWP) and the implementation of certain policies and programs to facilitate the permit review process for projects that clearly implement important CWP goals and policy objectives.

- **Development Review Fees**
  The Community Development Agency fee schedules for possible fee reductions or waivers for projects that reflect major public policy goals and targeted industries in Marin.

The process of identifying and evaluating regulatory improvements would benefit from a diversity of viewpoints and experience. The Committee will be composed of individuals who represent key interests and possess relevant experience in the following areas: community advisory organization, social equity, building industry, Planning Commission, environmental organization, sustainability, business, affordable housing, and architect/engineer. The final number of committee members has not yet been determined. However, at least one representative for each of the above categories should be selected.
The Committee will meet according to a predetermined schedule of six to eight monthly meetings with a definitive end date to ensure the timely completion of the Committee’s work. The anticipated general time frame for the Committee’s work is August 2012 through February 2013. The committee will be managed by a facilitator selected by the County in addition to County staff.

If you are interested in participating as a committee member, please complete and file an application form no later than 4:00 p.m. on July 5, 2012. Application forms may be obtained at the Marin County Community Development Agency web site at: http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/CD/Main/comdev/CURRENT/INDEX.cfm or at the Marin County Community Development Agency, Marin County Civic Center, 3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 308, San Rafael 94903. The completed application forms may be filed electronically by emailing the form to dstratton@marincounty.org or by submitting or mailing the form to the Civic Center at the above address. If you have any questions about the application process, please call (415) 473-6278.

For additional background information please see http://marin.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=688

If you need the application form in an accessible format, please call 473-4381 or the California Relay Service at 711.

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