



Contact: Angela Jones
Public Information Officer
(916) 440-1355 or (916) 919-3090

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 17, 2005

**COUNTY'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING ORDINANCE WINS
PLANNING ASSOCIATION AWARD**

*Sacramento's affordable housing strategy proposes more than
2,200 new units in the County for low income households*

Sacramento County, Calif. The SacValley Section of the California Chapter of the American Planning Association (www.sactoapa.org) has chosen Sacramento County and the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency as the 2005 award winner for the County's Affordable Housing Ordinance.

The County Board of Supervisors passed an affordable housing ordinance last December which applies to all new residential development of five or more units in the unincorporated County. In general, the program requires the production of 15 percent of all new housing at levels affordable to low, very-low and extremely-low income households. The program offers a number of options to meet this requirement.

In a report presented to the Board of Supervisors, County planners and SHRA staff reported that 114 affordable housing plans have been submitted, representing 86 percent of the number of projects subject to the ordinance. The plans propose to construct 1,654 rental units at low, very low, and extremely low income levels and 608 for-sale units at low income levels. Land dedications of 81 acres are also proposed in the plans that have been submitted to the County.

A copy of the affordable housing ordinance and a flow chart describing the County and developer options under the ordinance is available at <http://www.shra.org/Content/Housing/HousingDevelopment/CountyAfford.htm>. For more information, contact Cindy Cavanaugh at (916) 440-1399, ext. 1403.

SHRA (www.shra.org) is a Joint Powers Authority created by the City and County of Sacramento to represent both jurisdictions for affordable housing and community redevelopment needs. SHRA oversees residential and commercial revitalization activities in 14 redevelopment areas throughout the City and County. The Agency is the leading public developer of affordable housing. SHRA has a FY 2005 budget of \$222 million and approximately 325 employees. The Agency approximately 3,200 units of public housing and is one of the largest landlords in Sacramento. SHRA also administers about 10,800 rental assisted vouchers per month.

"One Community, One Vision"
630 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814
(916) 444-9210
www.shra.org

