

Agenda Item 32

TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director  
 FROM: Jim Roberts, Public Services Manager *JR*  
 DATE: April 17, 2006  
 SUBJECT: Program Committee Report for the month of March.

*ADULT SERVICES*

	Mar 04-05	Mar 05-06	YTD 04-05	YTD 05-06
NUMBER OF PROGRAMS	2	1	8	9
NUMBER OF ATTENDEES	68	52	163	232

*CHILDREN'S SERVICES*

	Mar 04-05	Mar 05-06	YTD 04-05	YTD 05-06
NUMBER OF PROGRAMS	25	25	183	220
NUMBER OF ATTENDEES	1,316	894	7,584	8,504

*PROGRAM COMMITTEE*

	Mar 04-05	Mar 05-06	YTD 04-05	YTD 05-06
NUMBER OF MEETINGS	0	2	0	9
NUMBER OF ATTENDEES	0	18	0	51
NEWS RELEASES	NA	1	NA	5

*LITERACY SERVICES*

	Mar 04-05	Mar 05-06	YTD 04-05	YTD 05-06
Total Tutors	176	178	281	290
Total Students	232	214	319	325
Total Hours	1,132	1,210	11,135	10,172

For more detailed literacy statistics, see Agenda Item 38, pages 2 of 3 and 3 of 3.



To: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director

From: Caroline Gurkweitz, Children's Librarian



Date: for Board Meeting, April 17, 2006

**Subject: March 2006 Activities in the Children's Department**

<b>TYPE OF PROGRAM</b>	<b>NUMER OF PROGRAMS</b>	<b>TOTAL ATTENDANCE</b>
Lap Sit 2 years and under	5	170
Story Time I : 6 years & under	5	196
Story Time II : 6 years & under	5	240
Music Time: under 6 year olds	4	133
Music Time : under 6 year olds	4	102
Class Visit	1	18
Read to the Dogs event	1	35
<b>Total March 2006</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>894</b>
<b>Total March 2005</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1316</b>
<b>Current FY to date</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>8405</b>
<b>Previous FY to date</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>7584</b>



TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director

FROM: Jim Roberts, Public Services Manager/Literacy Coordinator 

DATE: April 17, 2006

**SUBJECT: Placentia Library Literacy Services (PLLS) Activities Report for the month of March.**

**Tutor Training.** There were two tutor training workshops in March and April and eight tutors were trained. The next tutor training workshop is scheduled for May 7.

**Families for Literacy (FFL) Program Status.** We had no FFL programming in February.

**Placentia Rotary Reading Enrichment Program (PRREP).** PRREP started again this school year early October. Thus far, we have recruited more than 80 PRREP tutors from El Dorado High School and Valencia High School, and they are again participating in the program this school year.

**Update on the two new PLLS homework clubs.** The Topaz-Tuffree Homework Club at Topaz Elementary School is averaging around 20 students every Monday-Thursday from 4-6 PM. At the Homeless Intervention Shelter (H.I.S. House), we are averaging six (6) school-age children Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 6:30-8:00 PM.

**English Language and Literacy Intensive (ELLI) Program Update.** In October, we started ELLI again this school year. We have ELLI active at three elementary schools: Ruby Drive, and Topaz, and Tynes, and we presently have six tutors who are working with more than 200 grade school students.

**Federal Work Study (FWS).** Our FWS partnership with Financial Aid at Cal State Fullerton grew stronger during FY 2004-05. In that respect, our FWS allocation for FY 2005-06 is now \$90,000, and we already have twenty-two (22) students approved for this school year. Our FWS partnership is also very strong with Western State College University of Law as we have fifteen (15) who have tutored this school year.

**Literacy statistics.** See Agenda Item 34, Pages 2 of 3, and 3 of 3.



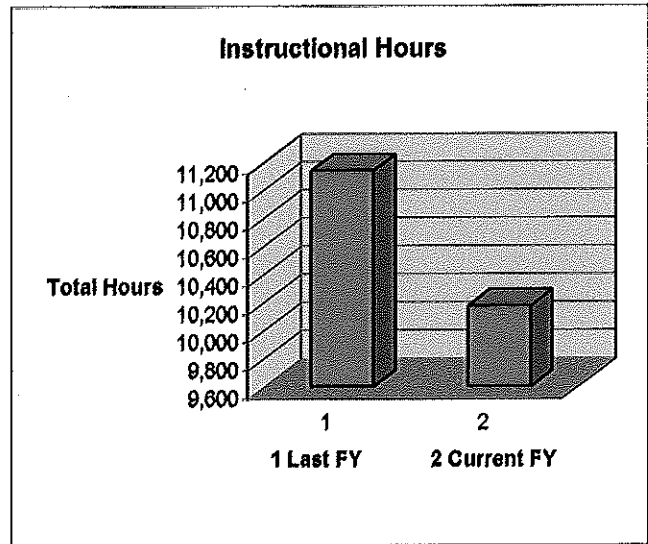
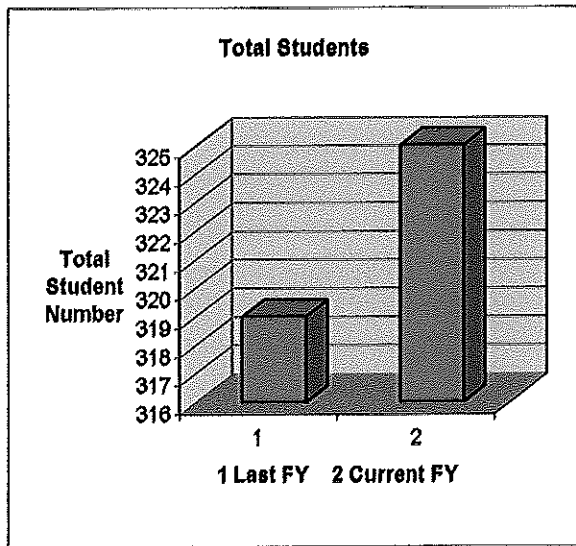
## Placenta Library Literacy Services

Report of Growth and Progress

	Mar 04-05	Mar 05-06	YTD 04-05	YTD 05-06
<b>Tutors</b>				
Adult	103	94	163	151
Teen	73	84	118	139
Hours Instruction	1,060	1,210	11,135	10,172
Other Volunteer Hours	72	120	840	900
Total Hours	1,32	1,330	11,935	11,072
<b>Training Workshops</b>				
Workshops Held	1	2	22	22
Tutors Trained	8	8	174	175
<b>Students</b>				
With Adult Tutors	142	78	143	194
With Teen Tutors	64	142	130	142
In Groups	26	0	28	0
Total Active Students	232	214	311	336
<b>Families for Literacy</b>				
Family Students	6	5	10	6
Family Tutors	6	5	10	6
Hours of Instruction	80	60	480	480
<b>ELLI Program</b>				
K-6th Grade Students	45	201	45	201
Tutors for K-6th Grade	15	6	15	15
Hours of Instruction	450	736	2,754	5,447
<b>Homework Clubs</b>				
On-Site: Students	0	70	0	499
On-Site Tutors	0	16	0	30
Hours of Instruction	0	500	0	1,504
H.I.S. House Students	0	8	0	35
H.I.S. House Tutors	0	6	0	20
Hours of Instruction	0	200	0	1,272
Topaz Students	0	18	0	81
Topaz Tutors	0	6	0	39
Hours of Instruction	0	500	0	3,160
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TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director  
FROM: Mary Strazdas, Librarian *MOS*  
DATE: April 10, 2006  
SUBJECT: Reference and Adult Services report for March, 2006

- There were two Program Committee meetings during the month.
- Special library displays included one for the Placentia Round Table Women's Club (Bicentennial quilt), National Music in our Schools Month, the Placentia Art Association, the Sixteenth Century, and one for Jan Burke, the speaker at the annual Friends' meeting on April 3. We try to display items that are timely and will attract patrons' attention (e.g. the colorful Bicentennial quilt) or can be helpful in exploring issues, such as the bibliographies/webliographies about which we have had positive comments.
- We assisted Administration the evening of the Friends' meeting program before the program and at the reception.
- There was one program during the month. Marlene Hitt, past poet laureate of Sunland-Tujunga, presented a poetry workshop for adults on Saturday, March 25; seven people participated. The relaxed atmosphere of the workshop attracted poetry fans who were able to increase their writing and appreciatory skills with Ms. Hitt. Flyers relating to this event were available at the Reference Desk.
- There was a strong increase in instruction on library equipment this month. Reference and Adult Services are utilizing our reference librarians as well as trained pages and volunteers to show patrons how they may use our online catalog more effectively at the library and how they can access it from their homes. Many patrons are unaware of how they can save their time by using the Internet. An instruction opportunity such as this allows us to encourage internet use of library databases that might otherwise be ignored.



Statistical Comparisons at the Reference Desk  
March FY 2005/2006

	2005	2006	YTD 04-05	YTD 05-06
Phone Reference Questions	211	247	1,747	1,807
Desk Reference Questions	2,045	2,167	14,777	14,923
E-Mail Reference Questions	10	7	47	52
Ready Reference	30	34	317	309
Instruction	48	130	617	781
Computer Use	2,925	3,046	23,566	23,405
Reference Books: In-Library Use	3,587	4,341	24,228	28,253
Patron Database Signups	253	256	1,928	1,871



TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director  
FROM: Gary Bell, Librarian <sup>GAB</sup>  
DATE: April 17, 2006  
SUBJECT: **History Room report for March**

History Room visitors in March: fiscal year 2005-2006 3  
History Room visitors in March: fiscal year 2004-2005 3

The videotaping of the 1938 flood program was completed on March 24<sup>th</sup>. The program is now being edited and is the first in a series of local history programs planned for Placentia's ongoing mission to preserve our community's history for future generations.

Several books were purchased and added to the local history collection.

Third grade curriculum material was presented to Saint Joseph school.

Pictures of the First National Bank of Placentia were provided for a book on Southern California's citrus industry

Information was sought concerning the recreational activities of local youth prior to the founding of the Boy's Club in 1962.

Detailed reports on all aspects of Placentia's history were sought: including the Berkenstock house; a biography of A. S. Bradford; information on Sarah Jane McFadden; and a history of the Fred Tuffree house.

A Biography of Jane Lathrop Stanford was requested from the local history shelves.





To: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director

From: Jim Roberts, Public Services Manager

Date: April 17, 2006

**SUBJECT: Placentia Library Web Site Development Report for the month of March.**

PLLS did not receive the Web statistics in time for this months report. Both March and April will be in the next report.

Pages Visited	Jan 04-05	Jan 05-06	Feb 04-05	Feb 05-06		
Borrowers	202	299	230	256		
Friends	129	147	114	214		
District	162	223	187	217		
Kids	277	263	216	579		
Foundation	106	126	193	162		
History Room	249	297	96	257		
Literacy/CLC Logo	154	206	154	222		
Passports	704	845	376	793		
Poet Laureate	514	705	154	415		
Total Views Most Hits	2,497	2,905	2,497	3,115		

Total Most Hits YTD      16,372      20,504      17,996      23,619



TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director  
FROM: Vernon Napier, Technical Services Manager  
DATE: April 10, 2006




**SUBJECT: Technology Report for March 2006**

- Commenced investigation into several projects, including
  - increasing bandwidth to improve public and staff access to the internet
  - preliminary discussion with OCLC about the digitization of newspapers
  - upgrading of the Library's security cameras
- Continued refining the new website
- Prepared a grant application for the digitizing of historical photographs
- Upgraded the PC in the administration office



TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director

FROM: Laranne Remling, Development Director and Volunteer Coordinator 

DATE: April 17, 2006

**SUBJECT: Publicity materials produced for March 2006**

**Information on the Placentia Library cable channel #24, updated February 2006:**

1. Welcome to Placentia Library, address, website & telephone number
2. Library Board of Trustees
3. Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule
4. Library Hours
5. President's Day Closure
6. Library Departments
7. 2006 Author's Luncheon
8. Friends of Placentia Library Used Bookstore
9. Bookstore Volunteers Needed
10. Special Back Room Book Sale Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, Hours and Dates
11. Amazon.com
12. Adult Poetry Workshop I
13. Library Hours
14. President's Day Closure
15. Shop for the Library
16. Literacy Services Logo
17. Literacy Program Tutors Needed
18. Dr. Charles Frazee – 16<sup>th</sup> Century
19. Placentia Historical Afghan Sale
20. In-N-Out Burger Program
21. Library Hours
22. President's Day Closure
23. Telephone Renewal Instructions
24. Wi Fi Here Now
25. Adopt-A-Chair
26. Apply for your passport at Placentia Library
27. Passport Hours
28. Now Doing Passport Photos
29. Library Hours
30. President's Day Closure
31. On Common Grounds Program
32. Placentia's Newest Local History For Children & Adults
33. Lapsit Storyhours
34. Story Time I
35. Story Time II
36. Music Times, ages 3-4
37. Music Times, ages 5-6
38. Story Time at Home, *Tumblebook Library*
39. Library Hours
40. President's Day Closure
41. [www.placentialibrary.org](http://www.placentialibrary.org), 24/7 Reference, the Library Catalog
42. [www.placentialibrary.org](http://www.placentialibrary.org), Online Resources
43. Placentia History Room Hours
44. Placentia History Room Displays

45. Placentia History Room Collections
46. Placentia History Room Archival Resources
47. 2006 Author's Luncheon
48. Create a Legacy
49. President's Day Closure

**General Newspaper articles published:**

1. 2 Indicted in Placentia Rail Project
2. Ex-City officials indicted
3. Placentia revamp touts blending of areas
4. City to pay off Office Depot debt with state funds
5. Downtown makeover
6. A vision for downtown

**Library Newspaper articles published:**

1. Six million ways to die
2. Film screening (2)
3. Books for sale (2)
4. Library catalog
5. If you like CSI
6. Today (Thursday)
7. Annual Meeting
8. Pelicula
9. What's Next

**Flyers and Notices:**

1. Foundation thank you cards and ID cards are sent out
2. Email request forms
3. Friends membership campaign letters
4. Friends membership thank you letters are sent out with membership cards
5. Second Sunday book sale flyers
6. Foundation Bookplates
7. President's Day Closures
8. Poetry Workshop Flyers
9. On Common Grounds Flyer
10. Annual Meeting Ballots
11. Annual Meeting Volunteer Invitations

Welcome to Placentia Library District



411 East Chapman Avenue  
Placentia, CA 92876-6198  
714-528-1906  
www.placentialibrary.org

Placentia Library  
Board of Trustees

Al Shkoler, President  
Betty Escobosa  
Richard DeVecchio, Ed.D  
Jean Turner  
Gaeten Wood

Placentia Library  
Board of Trustees

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:  
Monday, Feb 21 at 6:30 P.M.  
Monday, Mar 28 at 6:30 P.M.  
Monday, Apr 17 at 6:30 P.M.  
Monday, May 15 at 6:30 P.M.

Placentia Library Hours



Sunday	1:00 - 5:00 P.M.
Monday	9:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.
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for

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Placentia Library  
528-1906

Renewals Ext.# 6  
Adult Services Ext.# 209  
Children Services Ext.# 212  
Literacy Ext.# 213  
Passport Information Ext.# 265  
Volunteer Information Ext.# 201  
www.placentialibrary.org



2006 Authors Luncheon

Saturday, March 4, Alta Vista Country Club


Featuring

D. P. Lyle, MD  
Author & Forensics Specialist  
Tickets on sale Now!

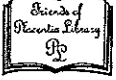



USED BOOKSTORE



Staffed entirely by Volunteers  
Located in the Library lobby

**GREAT BARGAINS!!**



Bookstore Volunteers Always Needed!


Sundays 3:00 - 5:00 P.M.  
Mondays 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.  
Tuesdays 4:00 - 6:00 P.M.  
Saturdays 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.  
Substitutes needed for additional hours

Please call Laranne at 528-1925, Ext. 201 for information

**SPECIAL BACKROOM SALE**  
**BARGAINS! BARGAINS! BARGAINS!**

When: Second Sunday of each month  
1:00 - 4:00 P.M.  
Upcoming Sales: Nov 13, Dec 11, Jan 8 & Feb 12

Where: BACKROOM where Friends sort and price donations - ENTER through delivery entrance from parking lot

What: Everything in stock 

Why: To provide money to support Library needs while providing quality reading materials at low cost


**amazon.com**

Shop at **amazon.com** through Placencia Library's website, [www.placentialibrary.org](http://www.placentialibrary.org), and a percentage of the sale is donated to the Library!

**Adult Poetry Workshop I**

Presented by Marlene Hitt

Saturday, Mar 25<sup>th</sup>  
1-4 P.M.



Placencia Library Meeting Room

**Placencia Library Hours**

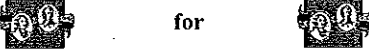
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**Shop for the Library**  
[shopforthelibrary.net](http://shopforthelibrary.net)

**NEW! Shop for the Library**

Now you can shop from more than 700 online merchants and help raise funds for the Placencia Library at the same time.

Whenever you make a purchase through the Shop for the Library website, up to 25% of the sale goes to benefit the Library!



**Placencia Library Literacy Services**


Call Literacy Coordinators Jim Roberts or Toby Silberfarb if you or someone you know needs help in reading or speaking English.

☎ 524- 8408, x215 or x213

**Placencia Library Literacy Services**

- Volunteer tutors needed!
- Attend one 3 hour training workshop
- Training workshops are held at the Library on the first Sunday of the month 1:30 - 4:30 P.M.
- The next scheduled workshops are:  
Feb 5<sup>th</sup> - Mar 5<sup>th</sup> - Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> - May 7<sup>th</sup>

*For more information and to sign up call 524-8408, Ext. 213*



**Dr. Charles Frazee**  
Presents the  
**Sixteenth Century**

- ❖ Monday, Feb 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30 P.M.
- ❖ Placencia Library Meeting Room
- ❖ Program is free
- ❖ Refreshments will be served



**Placentia Historical Afghans**




Green X Cranberry X Blue

On Sale Now at the Circulation Desk - \$63.00

*Proceeds support the Placentia History Room*

**In-N-Out Burger  
Food For Thought  
Reading Program**



**March 4 - April 15, 2006**


Children Must Register at the Library

**Placentia Library Hours**


Sunday	1:00 - 5:00 P.M.
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Renew your books  
by phone  
Using Telecirc

**714-765-1775**  
*24 hours a day / 7 days a week*

Renew books  
 Find out which titles you have checked out  
 Find out which items you have on hold  
 Find out which titles you have on order  
 Find out if you have any fines

"Please enter your library card number, followed by the # sign"



**WE'RE HERE NOW!**

**Bring Your Passport**

**ADOPT-A-CHAIR**

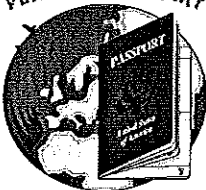
Help replace 44 splintering chairs in the Children's Department!



Call 528-1925, x201 for more information




**PLACENTIA LIBRARY**




Passport Application  
Acceptance Agency

*Passport Services Available at the Library*

**Passport hours at the Library are:**

Sunday	1:00 - 4:30 P.M.
Monday	9:00 A.M. - 8:30 P.M.
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Friday	CLOSED
Saturday	9:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Placentia Library is an official U.S. Department of State  
Passport Acceptance Agency  
For Passport Information:  
call 528-1926 Ext. 263 or visit the Library Website [www.placentialibrary.org](http://www.placentialibrary.org)



**WE DO PASSPORT PHOTOS!**

**2 PHOTOS FOR \$10**

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**"On Common Grounds"  
Viewing & Discussion**



**Monday, April 10, 6:30 P.M.**

*Call 528-1906, x209 for information*

**Placentia's Newest Local History  
For Children & Adults**



Available At The  
Library Circulation Desk

**\$12.93 (including tax)**



*Great Gift Idea  
For Young & Old*

**Lap-sit Story Times**  
*Presented by Lin Baesler*

Ages newborn to 2 years

**Thursday Mornings  
9:05 - 9:25 A.M.**



In the  
Childrens Area

Sponsored by the  
Gordon & Dixie Shaw Endowment

*No pre-registration required - no charge*



**Story Time I**  
for children  
under 6

**Thursday Mornings  
9:45 - 10:15 A.M.**

*Presented by Lin Baesler  
No pre-registration required - no charge*



**Story Time II**  
for children  
under 6

**Thursday Mornings  
10:30 - 11:00 A.M.**

*Presented by Lin Baesler  
No pre-registration required - no charge*


**Music Times  
For Children  
Ages 3 - 4**

**Tuesday Evenings  
6:00 - 6:30 P.M.**


*Featuring Lin Baesler  
No pre-registration required - no charge*

**Music Times  
For Children  
Ages 5 - 6**



**Tuesday Evenings  
6:30 – 7:00 P.M.**

*Featuring Lin Baesler  
No pre-registration required – no charge*



**Story Time at Home**

Use the *Tumblebook Library*  
at  
[www.placentialibrary.org](http://www.placentialibrary.org)

Click on: Just for Kids

Click on the Tumblebooks icon

An on-line collection of animated, talking picture books

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[www.placentialibrary.org](http://www.placentialibrary.org)

**24/7 Reference**

There are times you need help, but can't make it to the library. Live, real-time help from a librarian is available, 24 hours a day. (no library card number needed)

**The Library Catalog**

You can look up what books are available at the Placentia Library, as well as Yorbu Linda Library, and all of the Anaheim Library branches. (no library card number needed)


Additionally, you can reserve books, check on your library account, and renew your books. (library card number needed)

[www.placentialibrary.org](http://www.placentialibrary.org)

**Online Resources**  
(To access, you must have your library card number available)

- LearnATest
- Newspapers
- Facts On File
- NovelList
- General Reference Center/Magazine Index
- Business & Company Resource Center
- Health & Wellness Resource Center

**Placentia History Room**







Staffed & Managed  
by Librarians  
& Volunteers

**Hours**  
Monday & Tuesday &  
Wednesday  
1:00 – 3:00 P.M.  
Other hours by special arrangement

**Placentia History Room**








Displays currently featuring

-  Local school annuals
-  Traveling historical photographs of local schools
-  Books by local authors



**Placentia History Room**

Historical Collections Include


-  Bancroft's historical series
-  Local oral histories
-  California historical fiction
-  Complete collection of Women's Round table Scrapbooks
-  Local circus label collection
-  Spanish made cannonball – possibly from the 1769 Portola Expedition
-  Adobe brick from Ontiveras adobe built in 1832

**Placentia History Room**


Archival Resources Include

<input type="checkbox"/> West Atwood Yacht Club memorabilia	<input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Carpenter photograph collection
<input type="checkbox"/> Assorted Samuel Louis Krasner maps and papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Placentia Courier negative collection
<input type="checkbox"/> Articles on international student visit to Placentia, Italy	<input type="checkbox"/> Historic photograph collection
<input type="checkbox"/> West Placentia Little League	<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper clippings, brochures, newsletters, maps of local historic interest
<input type="checkbox"/> International Kiwanis papers and scrapbook (1955-1974)	

**2006 Authors Luncheon**  
Saturday, March 4, Alja Vista Country Club  
Featuring



**D. P. Lyle, MD**  
Author & Forensics Specialist  
Tickets on sale Now!




**Support Placentia**


**Create A Legacy**

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# Six million ways to die

Author D.P. Lyle helps put the realism in crime fiction and TV with expert forensics advice offered on his Web site.

By SUSHMA SUBRAMANIAN  
PLACENTIA NEWS-TIMES

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When cardiologist D.P. Lyle attends a cocktail party, people often ask him about their health problems.

At writers' conferences, people tend to ask him how to kill someone.

Lyle, after all, is a forensics consultant for writers. It's expertise like his that separates "CSI" from "Scooby Doo." To give writers a resource for medical and forensic information for their stories, Lyle set up a Web site called "The Writers' Medical and Forensics Lab," which receives about a dozen questions a week from writers asking for the best way to sneak poison or a drink or kill someone with a single punch. Many of the writers work for television mystery shows, including "Law & Order," "CSI: Miami," "Diagnosis Murder" and "Monk."

Lyle spoke to a group of about 350 people at the Alta Vista Country Club Saturday about his writing career.

His book, "Murder and Mayhem: A Doctor Answers Medical and Forensic Questions for Mystery Writers" is a compilation of the most interesting questions he has received over the years. His two thrillers "Devil's Playground" and "Double Blind" were released in 2003.

The event raised more than \$7,000 for the Placentia Library. Laranne

Remling, the library's development director, won an auction to have her name used in one of Lyle's upcoming books.

"You might be the president or the hooker or anywhere in between," Lyle said.

**Question:** What got you interested in forensics?

**Answer:** I've always been interested in science and criminal justice. And that's what forensics is: the interface of science and the law. As a physician, I studied many aspects of science in college and medical school.

Chemistry, biology, physics, anatomy, physiology, and toxicology to name a few. And forensic science deals with each of these disciplines. For me, the interest was natural, even inevitable.

**Q:** On your Web site, you invite writers to submit questions about forensics and medicine. What's the most bizarre question you've been asked?

**A:** There have been many. Never underestimate the devious and sick minds of fiction writers. It seems that nothing is off limits or too bizarre to dream up.

**"It's hard to kill someone with a single gunshot."**

D.P. LYLE

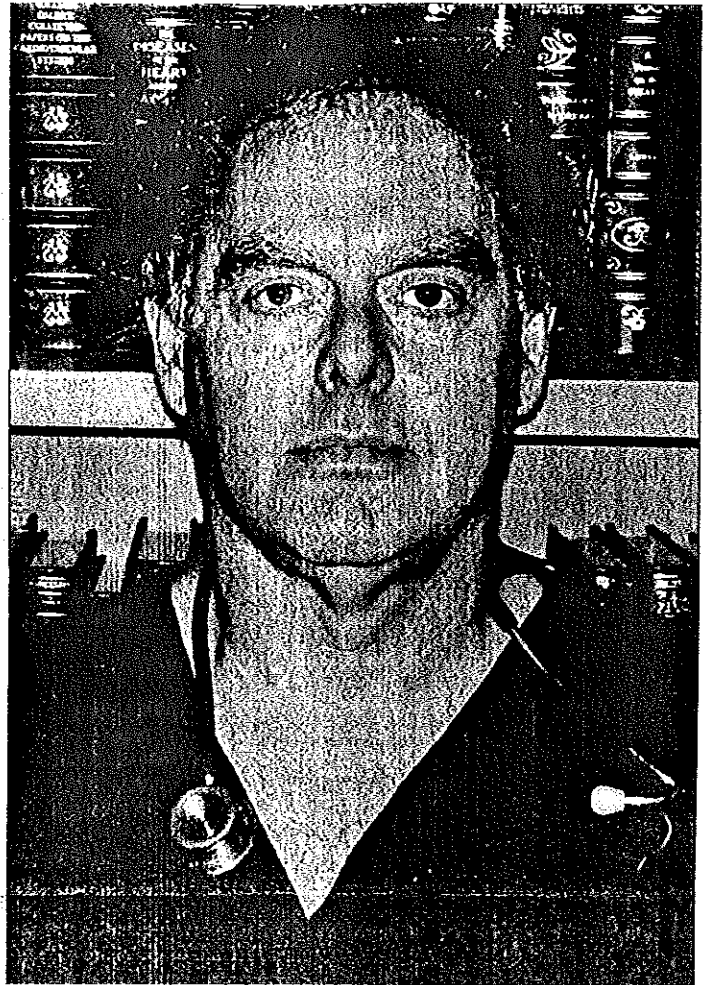
I've had questions about how vampires and werewolves might kill and consume their victims, how one might sabotage a woman's diaphragm to cause discomfort during sex, how to make a zombie, how to kill someone with a ball point pen, or how to make a homicide look like autoerotic asphyxiation. One person wanted to know what a person with neither arms nor legs would weigh.

Writers want to know what bodies look like if buried in the desert, closed into beer barrels, dumped in swamps, frozen in walk-in freezers, or enclosed in chimneys for weeks, months, years, or decades. I've been asked to explain how death arrives in everything from cyanide to insulin to injected air bubbles to flesh-eating bacteria to poisonous octopuses to crucifixions.

Many questions involve the need for an untraceable poison. Problem is that it doesn't exist. If they have good tissue and blood samples and look hard enough, they'll find it. The trick is to disguise the murder to look like something else and keep the toxicologist out of the picture.

**Q:** Have you seen any gross scientific errors in books or on TV mysteries?

**A:** Sure. All the time. Things like a one-punch knock out, a one-shot kill, or a pretty death are commonplace in fiction. Never in the real world. It's hard



COURTESY OF D.P. LYLE

**GORE AUTHORITY:** 'Never underestimate the devious and sick minds of fiction writers,' says forensics expert and author D.P. Lyle.

to knock someone unconscious with a single blow or kill someone with a single gunshot and real death is anything but pretty. But, this is fiction and fiction writers can get away anything as long as it's believable.

Doesn't have to be true, but the reader or viewer must buy into it. Star Wars is a perfect example. Totally violated all the laws of physics, but everyone bought into the story. That's what makes fiction fun.

**Q:** When you watch CSI, do you watch it in a more skeptical way? Do you enjoy watching these shows?

**A:** I rarely watch any of these shows. I like the science parts and the wonderful graphics that CSI uses, but the requisite social entanglements I find tedious. I tend to watch Discovery Channel, A&E, or Court TV.

**Q:** What's been your most clever piece of advice to a mystery writer?

**A:** For one of Lee Goldberg's Diagnosis Murder books, he had a character who wanted to kill his father. The father needed a kidney transplant and the son was going to donate one of his own kidneys to help the father. Lee wondered if

the son could do something or have someone else do something to the kidney that would poison the father. Maybe soak it with some toxin after it was removed from the son's body and before it was placed in the father.

Since operating rooms are small and everyone knows everyone else this would be difficult to set up without someone knowing something was amiss. We settled on having the father severely allergic to penicillin. The son would know this so the night before surgery he would swallow a handful of penicillin tablets, which would cause him no harm but would saturate his tissues with penicillin. When the kidney was placed in the father, he would suffer an allergic reaction and die. Fun stuff.

**Q:** Can you leave us with some mysterious words of wisdom?

**A:** Reading, unlike watching a movie, is an interactive process. As a writer, do not tell your readers everything. Allow them to do their part. Learn the craft, but don't let it get in the way. Writing is both an art and a craft. The art is the storytelling and the craft is the writing. Don't let the writing kill the story.

# PLACENTIA: Officials sought residents' input

## Placentia revamp touts blending of areas

### Plans aim to ease residents' worries of how city would renovate Old Town, industrial south.

By SUSHMA SUBRAMANIAN  
THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

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PLACENTIA • After years of false starts, city leaders and community members heralded a new plan Friday for re-inventing the city's Old Town area with a mix of plazas, bridges, homes and new shops.

The trick, said some, will be in making it a reality.

Design firm Moule & Polyzoides introduced its plan Friday to join Placentia's historic Placita Santa Fe with a new shopping area south of the train tracks that cut through the city.

The developments would transform the city's Old Town, which has suffered graffiti problems, crumbling sidewalks and faded paint, and its aging industrial southside complex.

"I was really concerned when they started that they'd never be able to blend the two districts, and they've done a wonderful job," said Historical Committee member Jeanette Gardner.

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long." The southside shopping center would be anchored by a grocery store and filled out by flower, apparel, hardware and office supply stores, one of the firm's consultants said.

About 130,000 to 140,000 square feet of commercial retail space would be added to the area south of the railroad tracks.

The retail space would help generate about \$34 million in revenue each year, consultants estimated.

"I think it's rare that the community gets to not just see the future of the city, but to participate in it," Mayor Scott Brady said.

Residents have dinged Placentia in the past for not listening to their concerns - including efforts to redevelop the Old Town area in the 1970s, 1980s and in earlier stages of the current program.

Residents praised the plan

### The process

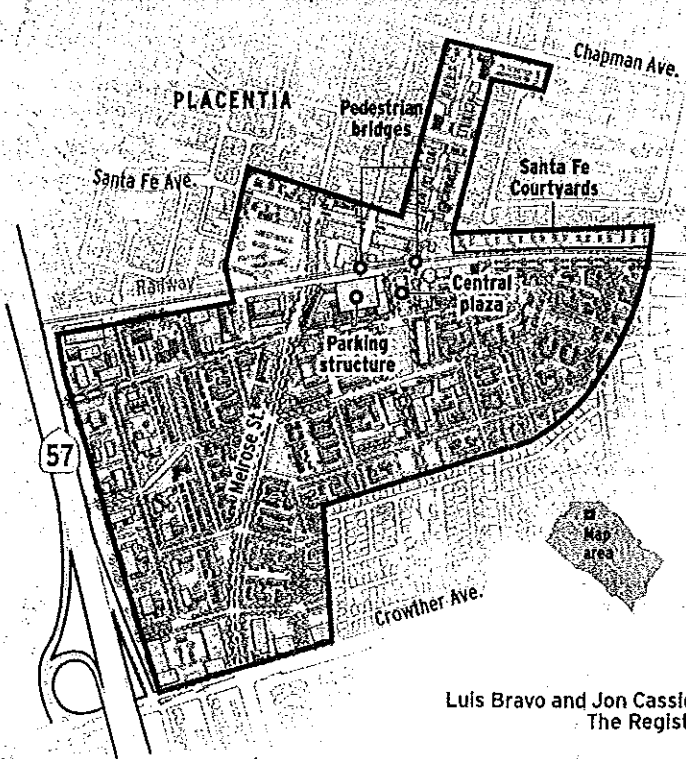
Design firm Moule & Polyzoides drew up the beginnings of its specific plan at a week-long planning session called a charrette, which allowed residents to provide input on engineers and architects' plans before they were finished. About 40 community members attended daily meetings the firm held to update its plans. Eighteen consultants helped to craft the report.

for incorporating ideas left out of past project proposals. Still, some said the proof will be in how the city follows through.

"I think the concept is fascinating. If you could snap your fingers and have it happen, it would be wonderful for the community," Councilman Russ Rice said. "The devil is always in the details."

## Downtown makeover

Design firm Moule & Polyzoides solicited ideas from the community this week to help shape a plan to remake Placentia's Old Town area, including plazas at both sides of the train tracks, more homes and more businesses.



Luis Bravo and Jon Cassidy,  
The Register

The firm's plan, created after a week of gathering community input, includes three plazas, a four-story parking garage and new housing.

The northside would be kept mostly intact as a historical district dominated by Mexican restaurants, but with additional shops - including a public market where residents can buy fresh vegetables, meats and specialty foods.

"We're very grateful that they're focusing on the Old Town area," said Rosalina Davis, interim Placita Santa Fe Merchants Association president. "We've needed this for so

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### What's next

Moule & Polyzoides will take about 60 days to complete the specific plan, followed by a nine-month period for an in-depth environmental report on the project's impact on the community. The City Council has not yet approved the report. Council members expect to take formal vote next year on whether to follow the group's proposal.

# City to pay off Office Depot debt with state funds

## Two of three mortgaged parks will be free and clear once again.

By **SUSHMA SUBRAMANIAN**  
PLACENTIA NEWS-TIMES

332 The arrival of long-awaited funds from the state will allow Placentia to pay off debt acquired in the purchase of an Office Depot property on Placentia Avenue.

The city received the second half of \$11.8 million from the state last Tuesday, four years

ago. The grant money was frozen during the state budget crisis and the financially strapped city was forced to borrow money, issue bonds and dip into own coffers to pay for projects.

Placentia received \$6.3 million Tuesday; \$5.5 million was disbursed to the city in January, though the city didn't announce it until last week.

"It hopefully puts one chapter, an unpleasant chapter, behind us," Mayor Scott Brady said. "It relieves our debt services and puts us more in line with other communities."

The money will help relieve Placentia's debt by about \$6.9 million, bringing it to about \$23 million, not counting a \$15 mil-

lion rail project debt, city spokesman Matt Reynolds said. The city had been warned by auditors that it was at its debt ceiling.

The city would regain a free and clear title to two of three parks being used as collateral for loans.

Koch and Los Vaqueros parks were pledged as collateral when the city issued certificates of participation (a financing mechanism similar to a bond) in order to raise the money to buy an Office Depot property in a right-of-way acquisition for a potential Placentia Avenue underpass.

City officials expect to use the funds to pay off debts incurred during the construction of the Melrose Street underpass and the purchase of the Office Depot property.

They also expect to fund construction of a pedestrian bridge at Bradford Avenue.

The remaining money will be used to build reserves and help pay for the Placentia Avenue underpass, officials said.

The California Transportation Commission had approved the state transportation grant funding, but then froze the money in 2002, when Placentia was in the midst of its rail projects, leaving the city scrambling to meet its construction and other obliga-

tions.

Over the last three years, Placentia spent about \$4 million from its city budget to complete the Melrose Street underpass and issued the \$5.7 million certificate of participation for the Office Depot purchase.

At the time, city staff called and sent letters to the commission urging it to release the money, to no avail.

The city had to use its own money, drain reserves and borrow millions of dollars.

The city did not pay off the Office Depot debt in January, when it received its first installment of the money, because the terms of the certificate require 45 days notice before the city can pay off its debt, Reynolds said.

"We also had to wait for the entire amount to come in, in order to have sufficient funds to repay the bonds," Reynolds said.

With the Placentia underpass project stalled, the city will continue to receive some revenue from the Office Depot site; tenant ABC Billiard and Pool is paying \$11,440 a month.

Council members expect to formally vote on the expenditures at their April 4 meeting, City Administrator Bob Dominguez said.

## 332 Film screening

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"On Common Grounds" is a documentary about a group called On Common Grounds that travels to Mexico to build homes for homeless families. Despite the differences between their faiths and cultural backgrounds, individuals overcome their differences for a common goal.

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### If you like CSI...

<sup>332</sup> Author D.P. Lyle will be at the Alta Vista Country Club at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 4, as the featured speaker at the Friends of the Placentia Library's annual Author's Luncheon.

Lyle has won the Macavity Award and been nominated for the Edgar award for his work, which includes "Murder and Mayhem: A Doctor Answers Medical and Forensic Questions for Mystery Writers" as well as a pair of thrillers.

Lyle is a practicing cardiologist, and has served as a consultant to several popular TV shows, such as "Law & Order," "CSI: Miami," and "Cold Case," as well as less popular TV shows such as "Judging Amy" and "1-800-Missing."

Tickets are \$35, and are on sale at the library.

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# Railway pact to silence train whistles

<sup>332</sup> Placentia will ban the horns for now and hopes safety upgrades will make it a federal Quiet Zone for good.

BY SUSHMA SUBRAMANIAN  
THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

PLACENTIA • BNSF Railway Co. will begin to install improved crossing gates Monday, ending months of delays in Placentia's effort to silence train whistles.

City leaders and rail-company negotiators reached the agreement even though the city has yet to resolve a dispute about an unpaid debt for related rail work.

BNSF says the installation should take about four months, just in time to meet a June 24 deadline set by the Federal Railroad Administration for the city to qualify for a temporary federal Quiet Zone.

Under the temporary whistle ban, the city would monitor the effect of new safety measures on traffic. If the measures increase safety, the city could then obtain federal approval for a permanent ban.

Residents have clamored for the Quiet Zone status since April 2001, when BNSF ceased to honor a voluntary whistle ban at 11 crossings because of liability concerns. Dozens of freight trains pass through the city daily.

"I'm really unhappy that our community has had to listen to train whistles for another year or two years because of a company that we simply can't control," Mayor Scott Brady said.

A series of bureaucratic delays - including city financial shortfalls - have dogged the effort, originally aimed at completion in August 2003.

The latest stems from BNSF's refusal to begin work until Placentia pays money owed for work on the Melrose Street underpass, part of a larger, long-term effort to eliminate crossings altogether.

The underpass diverts auto traffic beneath rail lines.

City officials estimate the debt to be less than \$70. The dispute has effectively halted the project since November.

"We've come to an agreement that the work will resume," said BNSF spokeswoman Lena Kent, who added that the rail company still has not agreed on the final debt.

The delay also led to higher costs.

The city on Tuesday agreed to allot an extra \$490,000 for the project, partly to cover revised estimates by BNSF for its work.

The increases bring Quiet Zone costs to \$9 million, Public Works Director Travis Hopkins said.

That's about \$4 million more than early project estimates in 2001. The rail company also said construction costs for its part of the project could increase further, but did not specify an amount, Hopkins said.

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### TODAY

<sup>332</sup> 'Lapsit' stories for ages 2 and younger are read from 9:05 to 9:25 a.m. at the Placentia Library, 411 E. Chapman Ave. Free. Call (714) 528-1906, Ext. 212.

Story Times I and II for ages 5 and younger are held from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m. and 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the Placentia Library, 411 E. Chapman Ave. Free. Call (714) 528-1906, Ext. 212.

Placentia Presbyterian Church serves dinner at 6 p.m. at the church's Soup Kitchen, 849 N. Bradford Ave. Call (714) 528-1438.

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### ANNUAL MEETING

<sup>332</sup> The Friends of the Library will hold its annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday in City Council chambers. Mystery writer Jan Burke will be the speaker. Dinner will follow in the Library meeting room. For information, call (714) 528-1925, ext. 210.



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### **UPDATE**

#### <sup>337</sup> THEN: JANUARY

The Yorba Linda City Council voted to establish an independent library catalog at the Yorba Linda Public Library to improve computer connectivity and to save money so the library could work on expanding its own collection, said assistant library director Melinda Steep.

#### **NOW:**

Requests for Yorba Linda Public Library materials will be available only from the Yorba Linda website and catalog, and Yorba Linda Public Library materials will no longer be held for pickup in Placentia. The new rules were adopted on March 6.

#### **WHAT'S NEXT:**

Beginning April 12, a Yorba Linda library card will be required to place requests on Yorba Linda materials. Placentia residents who want to borrow Yorba Linda materials will need to obtain a Yorba Linda Library card. Yorba Linda residents who want to borrow the Placentia Library District collections will need to obtain a Placentia library card. The Placentia Library District will continue to share a catalog and database with the Anaheim Public Library.

- Sushma Subramanian

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#### <sup>337</sup> Película

Todos están invitados a ver la película "On Common Grounds", completamente gratis el lunes 10 de abril a las 6:30 p.m. en la Biblioteca de Placentia ubicada en el 401 E. Chapman Ave en **Placentia**.

Antes de la película se hablará de las diferencias entre religiones y sobre cómo mejorar las relaciones entre grupos de diferentes culturas.

Para más informes comuníquese al (714) 528-1906 ext.209

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# Ex-city officials indicted

Conflict of interest cited in rail projects.

THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

The Orange County grand jury announced felony conflict-of-interest indictments Wednesday against former Placentia Public Works Director Chris Becker and former City Administrator Bob D'Amato.

The charges say Becker fi-

nancially benefited from contracts the two created for the city's rail projects agency and that D'Amato covered it up. Lawyers for the two men said city attorneys were consulted about the deals at the time and that they raised no objections.



Chris Becker



Bob D'Amato

**"Elected officials said, 'There's nothing there; you guys are on a witch hunt,' when the responses to our questions clearly showed something was amiss."**

**CRAIG GREEN, 57  
PLACENTIA RESIDENT  
WHOSE WATCHDOG GROUP  
ALLEGED WRONGDOING**



FILE: PAUL RODRIGUEZ, THE REGISTER  
**KEEPING WATCH:** Craig Green, left, and Greg Sowards, right, are members of Citizens for a Better Placentia survey a construction site.

## Citizens for a Better Placentia

The group began examining the city's finances in February 2003 after a council member suggested a study of contract police services as a cost-saving method. City finances tightened as the state went through an economic crisis, freezing grant money pledged for the city's rail project.

Members pore over city documents and state reports. They've made three major accusations of mismanagement: gas-tax hikes, overpayment for land to farmers, and the hiring of Chris Becker & Associates to manage OnTrac.

## RESULTS

The group informed the state that corrections in gas-tax accounting hadn't been made as required. A new audit prompted the city to amend reports in June 2005 that it recorded a \$2.3 million rail project loan that belonged elsewhere. The errors inflated the city's general fund by \$3.5 million. Overpayment: The group's complaints launched a grand jury probe into whether the city showed favoritism in buying former Mayor George Ziegler's land for the rail project. The city spent \$1.3 million about half for property and improvements - for an equipment rental business. Critics said fair market value was closer to \$400,000. A grand jury report in June 2005 found no wrongdoing. Probe: The group contended that Becker should not have helped draw up his own contract as OnTrac executive director. The District Attorney's Office launched a probe in June 2004.

# Watchdogs never gave up



FILE PHOTO: THE REGISTER  
**PROJECT:** Job foreman Joe Mendosa, left, and former rail-project chief Chris Becker discuss the day's progress on the work being done in late 2004 at the Metcrose underpass.

## Residents group's efforts result in indictments over OnTrac's handling.

By SUSHMA SUBRAMANIAN and JOHN McDONALD  
THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

Members of a community watchdog group and public officials long critical of Placentia's rail agency said Wednesday they were not surprised by former rail-project chief Chris Becker's indictment on felony conflict-of-interest charges.

The county grand jury also charged former City Administrator Bob D'Amato with two felony counts related to the million-dollar effort to eliminate 11 rail crossings.

## BECKER

Indictments say Becker benefited financially from his efforts to create OnTrac in 2001 and drawing up his own contract as executive director. D'Amato is accused of helping him in those actions and then covering up the conflict. State law bars public officers from creating contracts that they benefit from. The two are expected to enter pleas at a May 31 arraignment. If convicted, they could receive up to eight months in state prison and three years' probation.

Craig Green, whose community group Citizens for a Better Placentia brought the complaint to the county in June 2004, said the news was vindictive.

"These and a half years we've been asking these questions," said Green. "Now the grand jury and the District Attorney's Office have found the same issues we did."

As recently as last month, Becker did not take the probe seriously. "During the 2004 election, I've got many residential group angry that I had a conflict of interest and that I improperly influenced the 2000 contract," Becker wrote in a Feb. 9 e-mail to Ron Mauter, public-works

management arose during tight fiscal times in 2003 and intensified in 2004 when the city dipped deep into its contingency dollars.

Citizens for a Better Placentia - joined by Underhill - called for Becker's termination and better spending oversight.

They gained the attention of Assemblyman Todd Spitzer, R-Orange, and county Supervisor Chris Norby. The two asked Placentia in March 2004 to audit how the city spent state rail grants.

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Becker was replaced in November 2005. Staff writer Ann Propper contributed to this report.

to protect the public and an obligation to prevent a cover-up," she said.

Councilwoman Connie Underhill, a frequent Becker critic, said she had counted on D'Amato to be the council's watchdog.

"I feel betrayed," she said. "It's hard to believe that we didn't have happened, that we didn't have a whistle-blower within staff who would have said: 'You are not being told all you need to know.'"

City officials learned of Becker's potential conflict in January 2008 through confidential memo from City Attorney Tom Nixon. That memo, obtained by Green's group, was the catalyst for the county probe.

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Community member alleges mismanagement at OnTrac. December: City Administrator Robert D'Amato, left, refers after a meeting. January: A coalition of citizens for a better Placentia desired an investigation into Becker's possible conflict of interest.

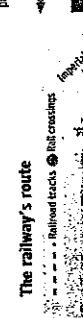
February 2006: Becker's felony conviction. Wednesday: Grand jury announces indictments.

## Placentia's derailed project

The city's effort to eliminate 11 rail crossings that divide the city, creating traffic and safety problems, has been dogged by financial challenges and accusations of mismanagement.

### On Trac: A timeline

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The railway's route

# 2 Indicted in Placentia Rail Project

The former public works chief, who won a lucrative consultancy, and the former city manager are accused of conflicts of interest.

By DAN WEIKEL  
 AND DAVID REYES  
 Times Staff Writers

Two former Placentia officials were indicted Wednesday on felony conflict-of-interest charges stemming from a controversial rail project that pushed the north Orange County city to the edge of bankruptcy.

After an 18-month investigation, the Orange County district attorney's office obtained district jury indictments against former Public Works Director Christopher Becker, 46, of Rancho Santa Margarita and retired City Manager Robert D'Amato, 69, of Placentia.

Becker and D'Amato oversaw the formation and operation of OnTrac, an ambitious project to rebuild the rail corridor through the city's historic Old Town in an effort to spur redevelopment. The plan included lowering five miles of track into a concrete trench.

Meyer, said city officials "gave wholehearted approval" to the contracts in question and that his client secured tens of millions of dollars in government funding to rebuild the rail corridor.

Meyer said prosecutors waited too long to bring the charges, in violation of the statute of limitations, and failed to mention that Becker reimbursed the city for his public works subsidy.

"It is unfair and outrageous to wait five years and receive millions in [funding] before raising such a technical complaint," Meyer said. "The law, the facts and basic fairness are on our side."

Ronald Brower, D'Amato's attorney, said his client was advised of Becker's possible conflict of interest by the city's attorney. But he said the attorney also told D'Amato that if Becker's deal was approved at a public meeting and that if D'Amato received no compensation, "there would be no violation on D'Amato's part."

D'Amato "received no compensation."  
 [See Placentia, Page B5]

Both are accused of violating state conflict-of-interest laws that prohibit public officials from influencing government contracts in which they have a financial stake.

"City officers have a public duty, and one of them is not to turn around and use information gleaned from their service to get a lot of money," said Deputy Dist. Atty. Camille Hill, who is handling the case.

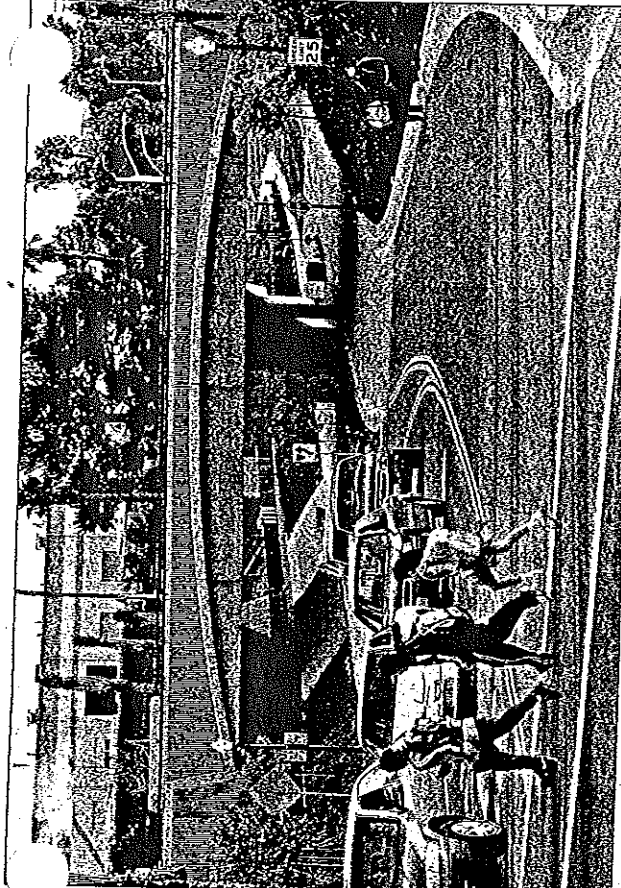
Prosecutors allege that Becker, as the city's public works director, illegally participated in the creation of OnTrac in April 2000 and his hiring by the city that month to manage the project as a private consultant. He also was allowed to stay on as public works director for more than two years.

Becker's original consulting contract guaranteed him \$450,000 a year for 10 years, making him one of the highest paid transportation officials in the nation. His contract was scaled back in 2003 amid controversy over his pay and OnTrac's expenditures. Prosecutors allege that he made more than \$1.3 million from the arrangement, plus city benefits as public works director.

D'Amato, who retired as city manager in December 2003, allegedly participated in the creation of OnTrac and Becker's contract even though he was warned that there were potential conflicts of interest.

D'Amato is accused of failing to investigate the situation despite warnings from the city attorney about potential conflicts within weeks of the creation of OnTrac. Instead, D'Amato allegedly withheld information or misinformed other city officials regarding the potential conflicts and the legality of the contracts.

Becker's attorney, Paul S.



Photographs by CHRISTINE CORVIER Los Angeles Times  
**STREET IMPROVEMENT:** Shown in January 2005, this stretch of Meixrose Street had just opened as a rail underpass. It was part of a massive project that nearly bankrupted Placentia, a city of 50,000.

## 2 Indictments Stem From Costly Placentia Rail Work

[Placentia, from Page B1]  
 pensioner, or any award of any kind," Brower said.

Hill, the prosecutor, said D'Amato knew that Becker intended to commit a crime and aided him. "There's no need to prove any compensation or award was given to D'Amato," she said.

The investigation began after Citizens for a Better Placentia, a grass-roots organization, filed a complaint with the district attorney in mid-2004. The county grand jury heard testimony from 30 witnesses in February and March this year.

"This is about holding individuals accountable who have apparently failed in their duties and loyalties to the citizens and city of Placentia — those they have sworn to serve," said Craig Green, a member of Citizens for a Better Placentia.

OnTrac was envisioned as one of the largest public works projects in Orange County, an enormous undertaking for a town of 50,000 with a \$25-million annual budget.

Planners had hoped to reviv-



**INDICTED:** White public works chief, Christopher Becker became the project's manager as a private consultant.

improve the movement of freight to and from the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. Since the late 1990s, the project's estimated cost nearly doubled to \$656 million.

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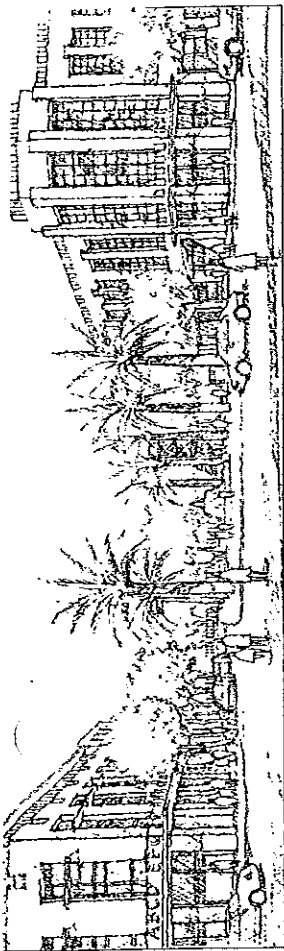
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# Downtown makeover

Design firm Moule & Polyzoides gathered community ideas last week to help shape a plan to remake Placentia's Old Town area, including plazas at both sides of the train tracks; more homes and more businesses. See page 4 for more.





# A vision for downtown

After a week of intensive discussions, a design team puts out its vision of what Old Town Placentia could become.

BY RUSHA SUBRAMANIAN  
PLACENTIA, NOVEMBER 1989

After years of false starts, city leaders and community groups have finally agreed on a plan for Old Town Placentia. The city's Old Town area with a mix of plazas, bridges, homes and new shops.

The trick, said some, will be in making it a reality. Design firm Moule & Polyzoides introduced its plan Friday to join Placentia's historic Placencia Santa Fe with a new shopping area south of the train tracks that cut through the city.

The developments would transform the city's Old Town, which has railroad tracks, parking lots, faded paint and low-rise industrial buildings into a complex.

"I was really concerned when they started that they'd never be able to bleed the two districts, and they've done a wonderful job," said Historical Committee member Jeanette Gardner.

The firm's plan, created after a week of gathering community input, includes three parking lots, a four-story parking garage and townhomes. The townhomes would be built on a site that was historically dominated by a restaurant, but with

for incorporating ideas left out of past projects. Still, some said the proposal will be in how the city follows through.

"I think the concept is fascinating. If you could map your fingers and have it happen, it would be wonderful for the community," Councilman Russ Rice said.

## ASPECTS

**Historic**  
The Church, the former City Hall and the site of the exchange are some of the historical structures that run down Bradford and Santa Fe avenues that will be maintained in the plan.

Most of the new development would occur south of the railroad tracks in order to keep revenue each year, consultants estimated.

"I think it's rare that the community gets to see just one of the future of the city, but to participate in it," Mayor Scott Priddy said.

Placentia has been dingy in the past, for not so much to residential. Some of the city's history during efforts to redevelop the same area in the 1970s and 1980s.

Residents wanted the plan

ing structure. Landscaping A network of small parks would be interspersed among the residences south of the tracks, most of which wouldn't have yard space.

**Finance:**  
The bulk of the financing would come from developers. Through property taxes paid to the Redevelopment Agency for increased property values created by the investments and the redevelopment.

Other options outlined by the group's financial specialists include a municipal bond that would be repaid through redevelopment revenues, bonds, assessment, ad valorem, city property taxes and fees for services such as parking, access and community facilities districts.

**Reason**  
Able to from the neighborhood shopping complex south of the tracks and the restaurants along Santa Fe Avenue, the best place for new retail in the city would be along major thoroughfares such as the Riverside (91) and Orange (57) freeways and Orange/Chaparral.

Atlanta said.

## WHAT'S NEXT

Moule & Polyzoides will take 60 days to complete the plan, followed by nine months for an environmental impact report. The City Council would then vote on the final proposal next year.

voice on the final proposal next year.

## Voices

"I think it's a very ambitious project. I'm very impressed with the effort and the logistics it took to put this off."

CHRIS SCHAEFER

"I love it. They've done a really good job of proscribing our downtown. That's been a big concern."

JEANETTE GARDNER

"I think it's fabulous. It's something we've been waiting for years - a vision."

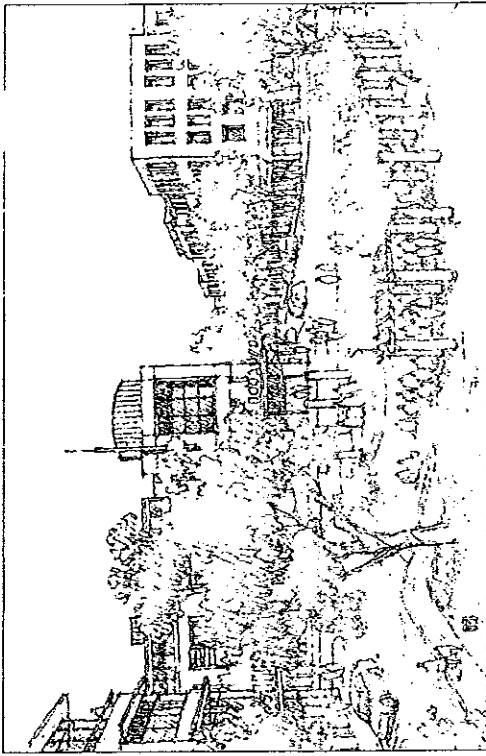
JIM GAFFNEY

"I think it's great as long as we take a fiscally stable, sound approach."

CRAIG GREEN

"They've taken a professional approach to blending the city's past with the future. It helps to bring in someone who looks at this neutrally and has the big picture in mind. They see our potential. They don't just see our problems."

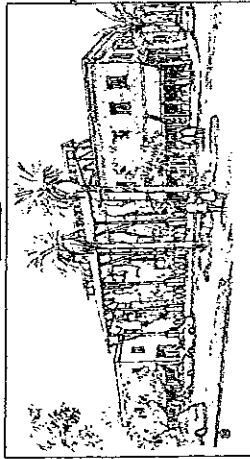
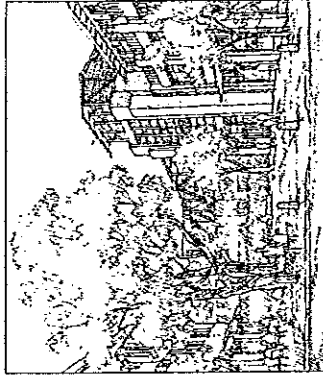
JOHN BUSHMAN



RENDERINGS COURTESY OF MOULE AND POLYZOIDES

## THE FUTURE:

A vision of things to come in the design of the plans for downtown Placentia come to fruition.

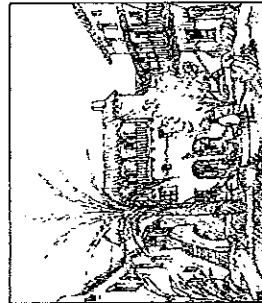
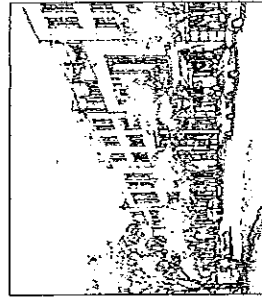


## The Charette

The French word "charette" means "cart" and is often used to describe the final, intense work effort expended by an architect and his staff to meet a project deadline. This use of the term is said to originate from the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris during the 19th century, where professors routinely invited students to collect ideas from drawings while students frantically scribbled on their sheets.

Design firm Moule & Polyzoides drew up the beginnings of its specific plan at a week-long planning session called a charette, which allowed residents to provide input on engineers and architects' plans before they were finished.

About 40 community members attended daily meetings. Some 18 consultants, involved in various elements of the downtown design - including building, traffic, acoustic design, retail, landscape, building, historical preservation and finance - helped to craft the report.



COURTESY OF MOULE AND POLYZOIDES  
Rendering of the central plaza south of the train tracks.



SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
FEBRUARY 23, 2006  
MINUTES

- I. Call to Order: 8:30 A.M.
- Members Attending: Esther Guzman  
Katie Matas  
Wendy Goodson
- Members Absent: Caroline Gurkweitz

III. Old Business

1. The fire extinguishers were checked by Katie Matas on March 30, 2006.
2. The broken Koala Seat in the public women's restroom was removed. A new one was ordered but has not arrived.
3. "Electrical Safety" and "Protecting Your Eyes" handouts were distributed at the March 1, 2006 staff meeting, and "Hazard Recognition and Control" handouts were distributed at the March 15, 2006 staff meeting.
4. A bulky item discard pick-up was completed.

IV. New Business

1. The furnace room was cleaned on March 26, 2006.
2. The City Maintenance department was called to repair the tiles in the lobby.
3. The locks on the Children's department restrooms were repaired.

The next meeting will be April 20, 2006 at 10:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie Matas





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**PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**TO:** Library Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director *EDM*  
**SUBJECT:** Legislative Issues and a Review of the Status of the State Budget and State Library Budget  
**DATE:** April 17, 2006

**BACKGROUND**

The Legislative information is included with Agenda item 26.

In response to the California Special Districts Association request dated March 31, 2006, a letter of opposition for Senate Bill 1317 was sent to Senator Bob Margett with copies to members of the Senate Local Government Committee. A copy of the letter is Attachment A.

The District's internet access has been unavailable since Wednesday morning, April 20 so information that has arrived since that time will be presented at the Library Board meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Action to be determined by the Library Board of Trustees.





## PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT

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April 3, 2006

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Honorable Bob Margett  
Member, California State Senate 29<sup>th</sup> District  
State Capitol, Room 3082  
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: SENATE BILL 1317 - OPPOSE

Dear Senator Margett:

On behalf of Placentia Library District, I am writing to register our opposition to Senate Bill 1317 by Senator Tom Torlakson, relating to the reallocation of property tax revenues from new utility facilities.

Under the current unitary method applicable to specified utility facilities, all entities of local government receive an allocation of property tax revenues in accordance with a statutory formula. As written, Senate Bill 1317 would modify the current formula by allocating the majority of property tax revenues from new facilities to the city or county that sites the new facility. While the bill would allocate some of the property tax revenues resulting from new facilities to the fire and water providers that would service the new facility - which might be districts - it does so at the expense of all other special districts that provide vital services to the area's residents and businesses.


Senator Margett, this issue is especially critical to Placentia Library District because the independent special library districts are totally dependent on their property tax allocation and, unlike city or county libraries, have access to no other tax sources. Any transfer of the property tax allocation or its growth from an independent special library district directly impacts its budget and thus its capacity for public service by providing lifelong educational opportunities for all Californians.

Placentia Library District understands the need for additional electrical generating capacity, but we strongly disagree with the manner in which Senate Bill 1317 proposes to meet that goal. If cities and counties choose not to site new generation facilities, then rather than modifying a fair property tax allocation system, perhaps the Legislature should evaluate the reasons why cities and counties choose not to site new facilities. Is it

because they get too little property tax, or for other reasons? Following such an analysis, the Legislature would be in a much better position to determine if incentives, such as more property tax revenues, are necessary to assist cities and counties in their decision-making process relating to siting new generation facilities.

We appreciate the opportunity to advise you of our opposition to Assembly Bill 737 and we respectfully urge your nay vote.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth D. Minter  
Library Director

CC: Honorable Tom Torlakson, Room 4032 (Fax: 916/445-2527)  
California Special Districts Association (Fax: 916/442-7889)

Senator Christine Kehoe, Chair (San Diego)  
Room 3086  
Fax: 916/327-2188

Senator Dave Cox, Vice Chair (Eastern side of northern California, west to Sacramento)  
Room 2068  
Fax: 916/324-2680

Senator Ackerman (Northern California's central counties, from the Oregon border down to Sacramento)  
Room 305  
Fax: 916/445-9754

Senator Mike Machado (Northern Central Valley, from Yolo County down to Manteca)  
Room 5066  
Fax: 916/323-2304

Senator Tom Torlakson (Contra Costa County)  
Room 4032  
Fax: 916/445-2527

TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director  
FROM: Vernon Napier, Technical Services Manager  
DATE: April 10, 2006



**SUBJECT: Website update**

At the Board meeting scheduled for April 17, 2006, I will demonstrate the updated website, showing the alterations and additions suggested to me since the last meeting. I am working towards going live with the website in early May.




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**PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**TO:** Library Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director   
**SUBJECT:** Strategic Planning Update  
**DATE:** April 17, 2006

**BACKGROUND**

This item was deferred from the March 28, 2006 Library Board Meeting. A presentation will be made by the Library Director. There are no materials for this item.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Action to be determined by the Library Board of Trustees.





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**PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**TO:** Library Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director *EDM*  
**SUBJECT:** Redevelopment Pass Through Funds and Developer Fees  
**DATE:** April 17, 2006

**BACKGROUND**

At its regular meeting on March 28, 2006 the Library Board requested a presentation on Redevelopment pass through funds and developer fees. Both of these items had been discussed at the annual seminar for the California Association of Library Trustees and Commissioners (CALTAC).

Redevelopment Agencies

The California Redevelopment Agency provides the following definitions of redevelopment:

- ☞ Redevelopment is a process created through State of California legislation to assist city and county governments in eliminating blight from a designated area, and to achieve desired development, reconstruction, and rehabilitation including residential, commercial, industrial, and retail land uses.
- ☞ "Redevelopment" can be defined as: "The planning, development, replanning, redesign, clearance, reconstruction, or rehabilitation, or any combination of these, of all or part of a survey area, and the provision of those residential, commercial, industrial, public, or other structures or spaces as may be appropriate or necessary in the interest of the general welfare, including recreational and other facilities incidental or appurtenant to them..." (California Health & Safety code 33020(a)).
- ☞ A redevelopment agency must first establish a redevelopment area before it can undertake any of the activities allowed under California Law. Establishing a redevelopment area is a highly public process. A proposed project area must be blighted, and the existence of that blight must be definitively demonstrated.
- ☞ Redevelopment activities are funded through a pioneering concept approved by the voters of the State of California known as "Tax Increment Financing," or TIF for short. When a redevelopment area is formed, the property tax values on the tax roll at the time of formation become a property tax "base" for redevelopment funding purposes. Through the efforts of a redevelopment agency to improve economic, environmental, social, and structural conditions in the area, property values presumably will increase. As these values increase, a portion of the value in excess of the "base year" becomes the incremental assessed value, or tax increment

revenue, and is used by a redevelopment agency to fund its activities. In this way, a redevelopment agency receives funding for further activities only if it is successful in improving the area's overall economic health and vitality. It is important to note that redevelopment agencies do not possess any power to tax or assess.

- ☞ In addition, agencies are required by law to designate and spend at least 20% of their tax increment funds on low- and moderate-income housing.
- ☞ The State of California sets firm restrictions on what a redevelopment agency can and can't spend TIF funds on, and establishes public reporting requirements and other measures of public accountability.
- ☞ In more general terms, redevelopment is one of the most effective ways to breathe new life into deteriorated areas plagued by physical, environmental or economic conditions which act as a barrier to new investment by private enterprise.
- ☞ Through redevelopment, a project area will receive focused attention and financial investment to reverse deteriorating trends and structures, create jobs, revitalize the business climate, rehabilitate and add to the affordable housing stock, and gain active participation and investment by citizens which may not otherwise occur in areas where the private sector are less inclined to invest without governmental assistance.

The Redevelopment Agency for the City of Placentia consists of the Placentia City Council. It maintains separate minutes but meets at the same time as the regular City Council Meetings. Leigh De Santis is the staff manager for Redevelopment.

When I asked Ms. De Santis about pass through funds for Placentia Library District she explained that it has been a number of years since the Redevelopment Area has been amended, the last time being in 1990, prior to my arrival at Placentia Library District. In the early years of Redevelopment Agencies there were no pass through provisions. For over a decade fees were negotiable between property tax agencies and the Redevelopment Agencies. For example, Placentia Library District would have received a notice in 1990 about the proposed City of Placentia Redevelopment Agencies amendments and could at that time have applied for a pass through. In 1994 AB1290 abolished the authority of local redevelopment agencies to enter into separate agreements with other taxing entities to address the adverse fiscal effects caused to those entities by redevelopment plans. Beginning with AB1290 in 1994 the pass through to other agencies became automatic for any new or amended redevelopment areas.

The Board may want to consider hiring a financial consultant to review the current City of Placentia Redevelopment Agency activities to ensure that the proper pass through, if any, is being allocated. I have identified the names of several firms who are qualified to do this type of work. One of these firms is According to Ms. De Santis these issues are regularly addressed in the work of the Redevelopment Agency and that the amount of the pass through is currently spell out in the California Code.

#### Developer Fees

Developer fees are usually sought by agencies experiencing new growth although they can also be used for individuals taking out licenses for expansions or improvements to their homes.

With the exception of Banning Library District most of the public libraries taking advantage of developer fees are city or county libraries. In these cases they have the statutory authority to collect the fees.

In the case of the school district if anyone wants to take out a license they have to get a release from the school district saying that the appropriate developer fee has been paid. The City does not collect the money.

For independent library districts the issue of developer fees is a gray area. The Districts would need to be dependent on a strong relationship with the agency issuing the permits, in this case the City of Placentia. The City has no statutory requirement to cooperate with any developer fees for an independent special district in the way that it does for a school district because the school districts have a statutory authority.

If an independent library district would want to negotiate developer fees with the City of Placentia there would need to be a formal study (by a financial consultant/engineering firm) to establish the cost per unit or per square foot. Banning Library District (formerly a school district library) is currently working on this with a firm in Newport Beach that also works with Placentia/Yorba Linda Unified School District.

Does the Library Board want to talk with the City of Placentia to find out how amenable it is to the Library creating a developer's fee program? Does it want to address new construction only or all additions/remodels over a specified square footage? This activity would involve seeking legal counsel as well as technical consultants. I received my information from David Taussig & Associates in Newport Beach and it represents water and sanitation districts, one library district (Banning), cities and school districts.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Action to be determined by the Library Board of Trustees




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**PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**TO:** Library Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director   
**SUBJECT:** Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2006-2007  
**DATE:** April 17, 2006

**BACKGROUND**Revenue Assumptions






☞ Neal Gruber, Orange County Auditor's Office of Property Tax Allocation, estimates that the property tax growth rate for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 will be approximately the same as Fiscal Year 2005-2006. The actual last year was 1.15%. I am recommending budgeting for 9.0% over the current year estimate from the Auditor: \$1,432,742.06 plus 9% (\$128,946.79) for \$1,561,688.85. Mr. Gruber estimates that there will be a distinct slowing in property tax growth by the time of the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Budget because of changes in the real estate market.

Mr. Gruber also estimated that there would be a continued slowdown in the rate for unsecured. The actual for last year was -2.23%. I am recommending budgeting for -5% over the current year estimate from the Auditor: \$60,928.84 minus 5% (\$3,046.44) for \$57,882.40.

- ☞ I estimate that local revenue will remain fairly constant. The loss in Passport processing is being offset by photo fees and notary fees.
- ☞ I estimate that the State Library reimbursements will remain fairly constant will no increase in either the Public Library Fund or Literacy grants. The only area at risk is interlibrary loan reimbursements because of the withdrawal of Yorba Library Public Library from the Tri City Library Network and the loss of delivery service to that Library.
- ☞ The net increase in budget will be approximately \$125,900.

Expenditure Possibilities

- ☞ COLA information will be available on Wednesday, April 19. It looks as if it is going to be in the 5% range. A change in minimum wage would affect the Page salary rates. A 5% increase in personnel costs would equal approximately \$50,000.
- ☞ A 10% increase in medical benefits would equal approximately \$12,915.

-  The addition of 1.0 FTE Library Assistant would equal approximately \$47,900. This position, actually probably two half time positions (making two current half time positions full time) will allow for activities related to the Strategic Plan – expanding the relationship with area schools, establishing a formal home schooling support program with parents and students, expanding Library programming and web site activities and creating programs for retirees.
-  Adding to the Library Materials Budget at 10% would equal approximately \$10,000.
-  Absorbing increases in supplies and services would equal approximately \$5,000.
-  Staff is looking at some savings in telecommunications costs that will be used to offset other fee increases in supplies and services.
-  Literacy Services has applied for grants to expand the homework club programs.

Placentia Library District  
Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Budget Priorities  
April 17, 2006

Category	Revenue Changes	Expenditure Changes	Balance
			\$0
Secured property tax	\$128,947		\$128,947
Unsecured property tax	(\$3,046.44)		\$125,900
Salary COLA		\$50,000	\$75,900
Medical Benefits		\$12,915	\$62,985
1.0 FTE Library Assistant		\$47,900	\$15,085
Library Materials Increase		\$10,000	\$5,085
Supplies & Services Increase		\$5,000	\$85

**RECOMMENDATION**

Action to be determined by the Library Board of Trustees

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**PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**TO:** Library Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director *E.D.M.*  
**SUBJECT:** Review of Placentia Library District Medical Benefits Program for Staff  
**DATE:** April 17, 2006

**BACKGROUND:**

Placentia Library District's medical insurance policy with Blue Cross of California is up for renewal. The District's Medical Insurance Broker, Stormy Waldeck, will be at the Library Board meeting to review the options for renewal, including a change to the new Special District Risk Management Authority coverage.

A copy of the Blue Cross renewal information is Attachment A.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Determine the provider and plan level for the medical insurance coverage for Library Staff for the next year.
2. Authorize the Library Director to sign all contract documents related to the provision of medical insurance coverage.

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*Thank you* for choosing health care coverage from industry leaders, Blue Cross of California and BC Life & Health Insurance Company. It's been our privilege to help you provide your employees with valuable health and financial protection.

We take seriously our job of constantly monitoring trends that contribute to the rising cost of coverage and raise premiums only after all other solutions are exhausted. At this time, we find that we must:

- Raise medical rates due to rising costs, plan utilization and other trends;
- Modify some medical plan benefits but not deductibles, copays/coinsurance or out-of-pocket maximums

*Dental coverage has also been updated, eliminating waiting periods on our Silver, Gold, Gold Preferred, Platinum, Platinum Preferred and Dental Net plans. Dental Net has additional changes as well.*

At the top of the next page, you will find all changes listed. They are effective on **May 1, 2006**. You have a special open window from May 1 to July 1, 2006 to make plan changes. This booklet will provide you with options to consider in keeping with your budget or other priorities. On the last pages, there are instructions and simple forms you may use when requesting a plan change.

Please contact your Blue Cross agent or call (800) 627-8797 if you have any questions. We appreciate your business and we are ready to help make this process easier for you.

Sincerely,



Steve Synott, General Manager  
Small Group Services

Changes effective on May 1, 2006 for:

PLACENTIA LIBRARY

Your open window is from May 1, 2006  
to July 1, 2006.

Your Blue Cross Agent is:  
WILLIAM A WALDECK  
949-724-0844



*This package has been  
prepared especially  
for you*



## YOUR GROUP IS RECEIVING THE FOLLOWING CHANGES

(SEE THE "WHAT'S CHANGING?" SECTION OF THIS BOOKLET FOR COMPLETE DETAILS)

### Medical Plan Rate Increase

#### Medical Plan Changes

**GOOD NEWS - No Reductions on Key Benefits**  
(Deductibles, Co-Pays/Co-Insurance or Out-of-Pocket Maximums)

#### YOUR GROUP MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR SPECIAL SAVINGS

By adding \$25,000 or more of Life Insurance and any insured Dental Plan, you could qualify for up to a 6% savings on both your Life and Dental premiums.

Ask your agent for details.

### *What's in this booklet to help you:*

Information about health care costs and price control ..... **See next page for discussion**

Specific details about your coverage changes ..... **"What's Changing?" Section**

Included are census reports showing how these changes will impact your current group coverage; price sheets; upgrade and downgrade suggestions in case you want to request changes during your open window, and other information.

### *Easy next steps:*

**If you want to maintain your current coverage, modified as shown above, simply keep paying your monthly premium at the new rate. That's it!**

**If you want to make changes during your open window, see the "What Are My Options?" Section for information about:**

- Options available to change medical plans
- Options for dental, vision and life coverage

### *Also enclosed in your package:*

For each member: personalized packets including a letter, plan changes summary, informational flyers, important updates to keep with their plan documents ..... **"Please Distribute" Cover Sheet**

For Group Administrator: New Amendments and Endorsements and important information about Medicare Part D ..... **Stand-alone Enclosures**



## *Health care costs and premium prices ... how does this affect my business?*

Health care premiums are directly related to shifts in medical technology and socioeconomic trends that drive the cost of health care.

According to a recent study by PricewaterhouseCoopers for The American Association of Health Plans (AAHP), medical premiums have risen in recent years for a handful of reasons:

- Spending on prescription drugs and new medical technologies
- Physician and network expenses (including hospital consolidations)
- Costs of litigation and risk management

No matter what the experts determine, rising costs and their impact on premium prices are a concern for all of us.

*"We approach a rate increase with the utmost discipline. Before we raise rates, we make sure we are doing as much as we can to control costs, and we use our resources as one of the largest providers of health care benefits in the nation to help solve the dilemma of rising health care costs."*

Steve Synott, General Manager, Small Group

### **What is Blue Cross doing to help control costs?**

Our experience within the health benefit industry allows us to anticipate changes in the cost of care and provide the leadership to implement solutions where possible.

- In areas where we see cost trends rising, we develop plan designs that incorporate choices that can lessen the impact of those changes and give consumers more control over health care spending decisions.
- Our network of physicians and hospitals is one of the largest in the state and the nation. This ensures that you receive special, negotiated rates when you present your Blue Cross membership card to your in-network doctor.
- By thoroughly monitoring formularies of medications and by adding less expensive drug alternatives when possible, we maintain quality care.

And, to give you as much stability as possible, we do our best to limit the frequency of rate changes.

*"We work diligently to balance the need to offset rising health care costs with the desire to maintain a product portfolio that provides a great deal of value and financial protection to our current and future members."*

Mary Floyd, Vice President, Agency Sales



## What's Changing and What's Not?

### ***What's Not Changing?***

*Good News! There are no significant medical benefit changes affecting your copayments/coinsurance, deductibles or out-of-pocket maximums.*

### ***What's Changing?***

In this section, you will find details about the changes, including benefit reductions, in your group's coverage. Look in the next few pages for:

- Census report(s) showing what is changing based on your current coverage selections
- Census report legend
- Rate sheet(s)
- Upgrade and Downgrade suggestions for you to consider in case your needs have changed
- Other plan information

You may also be receiving a Risk Adjustment Factor (RAF) change. To help understand what this means, please note that small group premiums are based on cost trends in geographic areas and other factors that determine the standard rate for each medical plan. A RAF is then established for your group based on your group's health history and other factors that may help us predict your future costs. Your group's final medical rates are determined by multiplying the standard rate times your RAF.

As you review this section, please remember that Blue Cross gives you **many** options if your needs have changed during the past year. Look in the "*What are My Options?*" section for ways to control costs and other possibilities you might want to consider. Look on the last two pages for simple instructions and forms that make requesting changes easy.

***If you have any questions, please contact your Blue Cross agent or call us at (800) 627-8797.***

**What's Changing?**





CENSUS SHEET LEGEND

Medical Contract Code Listing:

CONTRACT CODE	PLAN NAME
5030	Premier PPO \$20 Copay Plan
5031	PPO \$30 Copay Plan
5032	PPO \$40 Copay Plan
5033	Basic PPO Plan
5034/5036/5038/5202	HMO 100% Plan
PD40/PD41	Classic HMO Plan
8977/8980	Saver HMO Plan
PD56	Power Select HMO
8978/8979	High Deductible EPO Plan
8982	Premier PPO \$10 Copay Plan
NM01	Saver HMO Plan
PE24	Advantage PPO \$25 Copay Plan
PD40/PD41	Classic HMO Plan
P942	PPO Power Health Fund \$750
P943	PPO Power Health Fund \$500
T159	PPO \$35 Copay GenRx
V469	PPO 2400 HSA Compatible
V471	PPO 3500 HSA Compatible

Dental Contract Code Listing:

CONTRACT CODE	PLAN NAME
2461	Standard PPO Dental
5198	High Option Fee-For-Service Dental
5199	High Option PPO Dental
5201	Standard Option Fee-For-Service Dental Plan
QI4R/QI4S	Dental Net Plan
SMG0	Basic Option PPO Dental Plan
SMG1	Basic Fee-For-Service Dental Plan
ZE70	Blue Cross Dental SelectHMO Plan
G890	Voluntary PPO Dental Plan
G891	Dental Saver SelectHMO Plan
G892	Voluntary PPO Dental Plus Plan
P971	Platinum Preferred 2000 2-24
P970	Platinum Preferred 2000 25+
P975	Platinum 2000 2-24
P974	Platinum 2000 25+
P979	Gold Preferred 1500 2-24
P978	Gold Preferred 1500 25+
P983	Gold 1500 2-24
P982	Gold 1500 25+
P987	Silver 1000 2-24
P986	Silver 1000 25+

Age Listing:

Age Code	Description
A	Under 30
B	30-39
C	40-49
D	50-54
E	55-59
F	60-64
G	65 and over, Blue Cross primary
H	65 and over, Medicare Primary

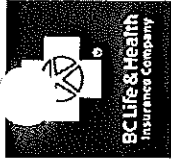
Type Listing:

Type Code	Description
A	Single Male Subscriber
B	Single Female Subscriber
C	Male Subscriber with Spouse/Domestic Partner
D	Female Subscriber with Spouse/Domestic Partner
E	Male or Female Subscriber with Dependent Child(ren)
F	Male Subscriber with Family
G	Female Subscriber with Family
L	(Dental only) Male or Female Subscriber with 2 or more Children





**SMALL GROUP MEDICAL CENSUS**  
5/1/2006



**BROKER:** WILLIAM A WALDECK

**GROUP NAME:** PLACENTIA LIBRARY

**WORK LOCATION:** 3907

**GROUP #:** 323019

**CURRENT MEDICAL RAF:** 1.10

**NEW MEDICAL RAF:** 1.10

Age	Type Area	Subscriber Name	Contract Code	Medical Product Name	Current Rates		Medical Rates		Total New Rate
					Emp.	Dep(s)	Emp.	Dep(s)	
60-64	A	Gary H. Bell	5038	HMO 100%	690.00		794.00		794.00
0-29	B	Nadia B. Dallstream	5038	HMO 100%	229.00		264.00		264.00
0-29	D	Yesenia Gomez	5038	HMO 100%	229.00	376.00	264.00	431.00	695.00
30-39	D	Wendy G. Goodson	5038	HMO 100%	293.00	429.00	337.00	493.00	830.00
55-59	B	Caroline E. Gurkweitz	5038	HMO 100%	510.00		586.00		586.00
40-49	E	Katherine L. Matas	5038	HMO 100%	323.00	285.00	371.00	327.00	698.00
60-64	D	Elizabeth D. Minter	5038	HMO 100%	690.00	577.00	794.00	662.00	1456.00
60-64	C	Vernon J. Napier	5038	HMO 100%	690.00	577.00	794.00	662.00	1456.00
30-39	A	Manuel Perez	5038	HMO 100%	293.00		337.00		337.00
40-49	B	Beatrice V. Quintanar	5038	HMO 100%	323.00		371.00		371.00
30-39	D	Laranne M. Reming	5038	HMO 100%	293.00	429.00	337.00	493.00	830.00
60-64	F	James A. Roberts	5038	HMO 100%	690.00	781.00	794.00	897.00	1691.00
40-49	B	Julie L. Shook	5038	HMO 100%	323.00		371.00		371.00
55-59	B	Toby R. Silberfarb	5038	HMO 100%	510.00		586.00		586.00
60-64	B	Mary C. Strazdas	5038	HMO 100%	690.00		794.00		794.00
40-49	B	Estella A. Wnek	5038	HMO 100%	323.00		371.00		371.00
<b>Total for Group</b>					<b>\$7,099.00</b>	<b>\$3,454.00</b>	<b>\$8,165.00</b>	<b>\$3,965.00</b>	<b>\$12,130.00</b>

PLEASE NOTE: Census based on enrollment on 2/18/2006. Age, area, and enrollment changes after this date may not be reflected on this report.

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# Need a lower cost option?

Blue Cross offers many different plans and financing options to help employers balance cost and coverage demands. For example, here is how your monthly cost could change by selecting a less expensive plan. **Please ask your agent or visit our website at [www.bluecrossca.com](http://www.bluecrossca.com) for other options available to you.**

Group Name: PLACENTIA LIBRARY      Agent Name: WILLIAM A WALDECK  
 Group Number: 323019      Work Location: 3907  
 Rate Adjustment Factor: 1.10      Rates Effective: 5/1/2006

Age	Type	Area	Subscriber Name	Less Expensive Option #1			Less Expensive Medical Plan			Less Expensive Option #2			Less Expensive Medical Plan Rate #2		
				Plan Description	Employee	Dependent(s)	Total	Plan-Description	Employee	Dependent(s)	Total	Plan-Description	Employee	Dependent(s)	Total
60-64	A	04	Gary H. Bell	Classic HMO	689.00		689.00	Saver HMO	655.00			655.00			
0-29	B	04	Nadia B. Dallstream	Classic HMO	229.00		229.00	Saver HMO	222.00			222.00			
0-29	D	04	Yesenia Gomez	Classic HMO	229.00	373.00	602.00	Saver HMO	222.00	350.00		572.00			
30-39	D	04	Wendy G. Goodson	Classic HMO	293.00	426.00	719.00	Saver HMO	277.00	403.00		680.00			
55-59	B	04	Caroline E. Gurkweitz	Classic HMO	509.00		509.00	Saver HMO	489.00			489.00			
40-49	E	04	Katherine L. Matas	Classic HMO	323.00	282.00	605.00	Saver HMO	308.00	269.00		577.00			
60-64	D	04	Elizabeth D. Minter	Classic HMO	689.00	574.00	1263.00	Saver HMO	655.00	545.00		1200.00			
60-64	C	04	Vernon J. Napier	Classic HMO	689.00	574.00	1263.00	Saver HMO	655.00	545.00		1200.00			
30-39	A	04	Manuel Perez	Classic HMO	293.00		293.00	Saver HMO	277.00			277.00			
40-49	B	04	Beatrice V. Quintanar	Classic HMO	323.00		323.00	Saver HMO	308.00			308.00			
30-39	D	04	Laranne M. Remling	Classic HMO	293.00	426.00	719.00	Saver HMO	277.00	403.00		680.00			
60-64	F	04	James A. Roberts	Classic HMO	689.00	777.00	1466.00	Saver HMO	655.00	740.00		1395.00			
40-49	B	04	Julie L. Shook	Classic HMO	323.00		323.00	Saver HMO	308.00			308.00			
55-59	B	04	Toby R. Silberfarb	Classic HMO	509.00		509.00	Saver HMO	489.00			489.00			
60-64	B	04	Mary C. Strazdas	Classic HMO	689.00		689.00	Saver HMO	655.00			655.00			
40-49	B	04	Estella A. Wnek	Classic HMO	323.00		323.00	Saver HMO	308.00			308.00			
<b>Total for Group</b>					\$7,092.00	\$3,432.00	\$10,524.00		\$6,760.00	\$3,255.00		\$10,015.00			

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This sample census is based on enrollment on 2/18/2006; age, area and enrollment changes after that date may not be reflected in this example. Availability of plan option above may be subject to medical underwriting. Blue Cross of California (BCC) and BC Life & Health Insurance Company (BCL&H) are independent licensees of the Blue Cross Association (BCA).

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Rates effective 05/01/2006 Rates subject to change without notice.

Group Number: 323019 Contract Code: 5038 Aggregate (RAF)\* = 1.10

Plan Name: HMO 100%

Rating Group	Age Range	Rating Area									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Employee	Under 30	410.00	356.00	331.00	264.00	243.00	281.00	312.00	290.00	248.00	
	30-39	512.00	453.00	413.00	337.00	306.00	358.00	398.00	374.00	311.00	
	40-49	556.00	490.00	451.00	371.00	336.00	396.00	432.00	408.00	342.00	
	50-54	704.00	619.00	564.00	468.00	416.00	498.00	543.00	515.00	422.00	
	55-59	892.00	783.00	718.00	586.00	528.00	625.00	688.00	646.00	537.00	
	60-64	1188.00	1032.00	950.00	794.00	710.00	832.00	906.00	863.00	722.00	
	65+ Primary	1522.00	1270.00	1284.00	1079.00	921.00	1067.00	1116.00	1104.00	936.00	
	65+ Secondary	1046.00	871.00	875.00	797.00	688.00	790.00	765.00	819.00	699.00	
	Employee and Spouse	Under 30	1075.00	908.00	853.00	695.00	619.00	733.00	797.00	760.00	631.00
		30-39	1272.00	1076.00	1016.00	830.00	740.00	873.00	946.00	908.00	752.00
40-49		1395.00	1159.00	1106.00	909.00	815.00	959.00	1018.00	994.00	830.00	
50-54		1435.00	1219.00	1137.00	939.00	840.00	992.00	1068.00	1027.00	855.00	
55-59		2041.00	1722.00	1621.00	1322.00	1183.00	1395.00	1510.00	1447.00	1206.00	
60-64		2200.00	1830.00	1752.00	1456.00	1300.00	1532.00	1601.00	1588.00	1324.00	
65+ Primary		3152.00	2581.00	2626.00	2200.00	1866.00	2162.00	2262.00	2245.00	1901.00	
65+ Secondary		2522.00	2057.00	2095.00	1895.00	1624.00	1866.00	1802.00	1937.00	1654.00	
Employee and Child(ten)		Under 30	960.00	831.00	764.00	620.00	562.00	666.00	733.00	688.00	570.00
		30-39	1051.00	928.00	858.00	701.00	623.00	738.00	819.00	765.00	635.00
	40-49	1049.00	917.00	850.00	698.00	623.00	734.00	804.00	760.00	635.00	
	50-54	1045.00	911.00	842.00	689.00	617.00	733.00	801.00	754.00	625.00	
	55-59	1236.00	1076.00	985.00	803.00	723.00	854.00	946.00	886.00	734.00	
	60-64	1515.00	1327.00	1222.00	1015.00	911.00	1070.00	1168.00	1111.00	926.00	
	65+ Primary	1873.00	1558.00	1581.00	1327.00	1130.00	1312.00	1369.00	1356.00	1152.00	
	65+ Secondary	1223.00	1018.00	1030.00	937.00	805.00	929.00	897.00	962.00	818.00	
	Family	Under 30	1358.00	1182.00	1085.00	893.00	803.00	939.00	1041.00	975.00	817.00
		30-39	1585.00	1388.00	1279.00	1042.00	933.00	1101.00	1218.00	1142.00	948.00
40-49		1683.00	1474.00	1355.00	1116.00	996.00	1185.00	1293.00	1228.00	1013.00	
50-54		1901.00	1652.00	1533.00	1261.00	1125.00	1328.00	1452.00	1376.00	1144.00	
55-59		2138.00	1842.00	1705.00	1392.00	1247.00	1471.00	1619.00	1525.00	1266.00	
60-64		2530.00	2211.00	2040.00	1691.00	1518.00	1783.00	1938.00	1848.00	1544.00	
65+ Primary		3571.00	2967.00	3019.00	2528.00	2156.00	2497.00	2609.00	2587.00	2193.00	
65+ Secondary		2768.00	2306.00	2345.00	2121.00	1823.00	2085.00	2022.00	2162.00	1857.00	

65 + PRIMARY - BLUE CROSS IS PRIMARY TO MEDICARE  
65 + SECONDARY - BLUE CROSS IS SECONDARY TO MEDICARE

\*Rates rounded to whole dollars





**Summary of Employee Elect Medical Plan Changes Effective 5/1/06**

Plan Change	Before:	Checkmark below (✓) indicates that change applies to this plan:  <b>Effective 5/1/06:</b> *New limitation or condition of coverage  Must be medically necessary and performed at Center of Expertise (COE). *  Added travel expense benefit for out-of-CA insureds if they live 50 miles or more from a COE.  Under "Authorized Referrals" definition, removed statement that authorized referrals are not available for bariatric COE services.  Treatment must be received within one year following accidental injury or within one year following your original effective date, whichever date is later. Treatment excludes orthodontia.  Individuals who lose Healthy Families coverage in the middle of a benefit year because they have exceeded age or income limits, can qualify as late enrollees by requesting enrollment within 30 days of losing coverage.	Basic PPO 5033, X363	Saver PPO NM01, X362	PPO \$35 Copay GenRx T159, X355, Y369, BA65	PPO \$40 Copay 5032, X359	PPO \$30 Copay 5031, X358, BA64	Advantage PPO \$25 Copay PE24, X364	Premier PPO \$20 Copay 5030, BA63, X357	Premier PPO \$10 Copay 8982, X356	PPO 3500 HSA-Compatible V471, Y368	PPO 2400 HSA-Compatible V469, Y367, BA66	Power HealthFund 500 P943, Y365	Power HealthFund 750 P942, Y366	Power Select HMO PD56, Y364, Y370	Saver HMO 8977, 8980, X361, X367	Classic HMO PD40, PD41, X365, X368	HMO 100% 5034, 5036, 5038, 5202, X360, X366		
<b>Bariatric Surgery</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	Must be medically necessary		✓										✓	✓						
<b>Bariatric Centers of Expertise (COE)</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	Bariatric surgery covered if medically necessary only at Centers of Expertise (COE).		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Dental Injury</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	Treatment must be received within one year following the injury		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Healthy Families Late Enrollees</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	Not applicable		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

(1) Plan changes filed by BC Life & Health Insurance Company (BCL&H) and Blue Cross of California (BCC) with the California Department of Insurance and Department of Managed Health Care; BCL&H plan changes pending approval.

Blue Cross of California (BCC) and BC Life & Health Insurance Company (BCL&H) are independent licensees of the Blue Cross Association (BCA). The Blue Cross name and symbol are registered service marks of the BCA. The following Medical plans are offered by BCC: PPO \$40/\$30 Copay, Premier PPO \$20/\$10 Copay, HMO 100%, Classic HMO, Saver HMO and Power Select HMO. The following Medical plans are offered by BCL&H: Basic PPO, Saver PPO, PPO \$35 Copay GenRx, Advantage PPO \$25 Copay, Power HealthFund 750/500 and PPO 3500/2400 (HSA Compatible) plans.



**Summary of Employee Elect Medical Plan Changes Effective 5/1/06 Continued**

Plan Change	Before:	Effective 5/1/06:	Medical Necessity <sup>(1)</sup>	Optometrist <sup>(1)</sup>	Preservice Review <sup>(1)</sup>	Pay Non-Participating Providers and Non-Contracting Hospitals <sup>(1)</sup>
	Defined	Existing definition expanded.				
	Not applicable	Medicare Part D reference added to "What is Not Covered", Non-Duplication of Medicare and Pharmacy sections.				
	Considered "other eligible providers"	Optometrist network has been created so Member can choose a Participating Provider.				
	Required for certain procedures including MRI, CAT and PET scans	Required for certain procedures including CT, MRI, MRS, PET and NC scans.*				
	Plan usually pays claim directly to Non-Participating Provider and Non-Contracting Hospital	In some cases, payment may be made directly to the subscriber/certificate-holder and the subscriber/certificate-holder is responsible for paying the provider. Applies to some Non-Participating Providers and Non-Contracting Hospitals.*				
			Basic PPO 5033, X363			
			Saver PPO NM01, X362			
			PPO \$35 Copay GenRx T159, X355, Y369, BA65			
			PPO \$40 Copay 5032, X359			
			PPO \$30 Copay 5031, X358, BA64			
			Advantage PPO \$25 Copay PE24, X364			
			Premier PPO \$20 Copay 5030, BA63, X357			
			Premier PPO \$10 Copay 8982, X356			
			PPO 3500 HSA-Compatible V471, Y368			
			PPO 2400 HSA-Compatible V469, Y367, BA66			
			Power HealthFund 500 P943, Y365			
			Power HealthFund 750 P942, Y366			
			Power Select HMO PD56, Y364, Y370			
			Saver HMO 8977, 8980, X361, X367			
			Classic HMO PD40, PD41, X365, X368			
			HMO 100% 5034, 5036, 5038, 5202, X360, X366			

Checkmark below (✓) indicates that change applies to this plan:

**Effective 5/1/06:**

\*New limitation or condition of coverage

(1) Plan changes filed by BC Life & Health Insurance Company (BCL&H) and Blue Cross of California (BCC) with the California Department of Insurance and Department of Managed Health Care; BCL&H plan changes pending approval.



Summary of Employee Elect Medical Plan Changes Effective 5/1/06 Continued

Plan Change	Before:	Checkmark below (✓) indicates that change applies to this plan:	Effective 5/1/06: *New limitation or condition of coverage	Administrative MedCall Change (2)	Program offered	Program no longer offered.*	Basic PPO 5033, X363	Saver PPO NM01, X362	PPO \$35 Copay GenRx T159, X355, Y369, BA65	PPO \$40 Copay 5032, X359	PPO \$30 Copay 5031, X358, BA64	Advantage PPO \$25 Copay PE24, X364	Premier PPO \$20 Copay 5030, BA63, X357	Premier PPO \$10 Copay 8982, X356	PPO 3500 HSA-Compatible V471, Y368	PPO 2400 HSA-Compatible V469, Y367, BA66	Power HealthFund 500 P943, Y365	Power HealthFund 750 P942, Y366	Power Select HMO PD56, Y364, Y370	Saver HMO 8977, 8980, X361, X367	Classic HMO PD40, PD41, X365, X368	HMO 100% 5034, 5036, 5038, 5202, X360, X366	
		Checkmark below (✓) indicates that change applies to this plan:	Effective 5/1/06: *New limitation or condition of coverage	Administrative MedCall Change (2)	Program offered	Program no longer offered.*	Basic PPO 5033, X363	Saver PPO NM01, X362	PPO \$35 Copay GenRx T159, X355, Y369, BA65	PPO \$40 Copay 5032, X359	PPO \$30 Copay 5031, X358, BA64	Advantage PPO \$25 Copay PE24, X364	Premier PPO \$20 Copay 5030, BA63, X357	Premier PPO \$10 Copay 8982, X356	PPO 3500 HSA-Compatible V471, Y368	PPO 2400 HSA-Compatible V469, Y367, BA66	Power HealthFund 500 P943, Y365	Power HealthFund 750 P942, Y366	Power Select HMO PD56, Y364, Y370	Saver HMO 8977, 8980, X361, X367	Classic HMO PD40, PD41, X365, X368	HMO 100% 5034, 5036, 5038, 5202, X360, X366	
PrecisionRx Specialty Solutions (1)	Certain high cost drugs obtainable through retail pharmacies		Certain high cost drugs (injectable, infused, oral or inhaled) are obtainable only through PrecisionRx Specialty Solutions.*				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Deductible	Language not as specific		Applies to the Insured's out-of-pocket coinsurance maximum.				✓																
Deductible	Language not as specific		Must be satisfied after first dollar coverage has been exhausted.																				
Acupuncture	12 visits per year		24 visits per year.																				
Domestic Partner	Certificate not updated on 5/1/05		Added revisions made to other Small Group medical plans on 5/1/05.																				
COBRA/ Cal-COBRA	Certificate not updated on 5/1/05		Added revisions made to other Small Group medical plans on 5/1/05.																				

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(2) Important: new ID cards reflecting this change are not being provided at this time; re-issued ID cards from 5/1/06 forward will not display MedCall information for this plan.



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## What are my options?

**Keep your Current Plan Offering(s).** If you want to continue your current coverage as modified with the new rates, simply keep paying your monthly premiums at the new rate. You're done!

**Make Changes.** If you aren't already taking advantage of these opportunities, you'll find more information in this section to:

- Consider changing your plan options within the EmployeeElect portfolio. Your employees will continue to have access to quality plans with graduated prices and coverage levels. Underwriting may be required.
- Reduce your payroll taxes with a Premium Only Plan (P.O.P.) available through our special arrangement with Ceridian Benefit Services. The \$125 yearly fee could pay for itself many times over in tax savings.
- Get a 10% Workers' Compensation discount from the Employers Compensation Insurance Company (ECIC) with our Integrated MediComp Program if your group qualifies.
- Add Specialty Products – we offer a wide range of dental, vision and life products ... affordable ways to help you round out a valuable benefits package.
- We have other portfolios available that may be more cost-effective if your needs have changed in the past year.

The last two pages of this section provide an easy-to-use form you may use to request changes during your group's open window.

***If you have any questions, please contact your Blue Cross agent  
or call us at (800) 627-8797.***

**What are my options?**





# Option: Choose from 16 medical plans

Here's a high-level comparison of the 16 plans available in the EmployeeElect portfolio. We have everything you're looking for. Talk to your agent for more instructions on how to make changes.

EmployeeElect Portfolio							Relative Price Comparison
16 Plans to choose from:	Annual Deductible	Annual Out-of-Pocket Maximum	Office Visits Deductible waived, unless otherwise noted	Prescription Drugs Deductible waived, unless otherwise noted	Inpatient Hospital Charges	Relative Price Comparison	
Basic PPO **	\$1,250	Deductible plus \$2,000	No coverage	\$10 Generic/\$25 Brand (\$500 annual maximum)	20%	Low	
Saver PPO **	\$500+ separate deductible on some expenses	\$2,000	Limited coverage; ask your agent for details	\$10 Generic/\$25 Brand (\$500 annual maximum)	20%	Low	
PPO \$35 Copay GenRx **	\$500	\$4,000	\$35/first 12; then 45%	Generics only: \$15 (negotiated savings on Brand)	35%	Low	
PPO \$40 Copay *	\$500	\$4,500	\$40/first 12; then 45%	\$15 Generic/\$25 Brand after \$150 Brand deductible	40%	Low	
PPO \$30 Copay *	\$500	\$4,000	\$30/first 12; then 45%	\$15 Generic/\$25 Brand after \$150 Brand deductible	30%	Low	
Advantage PPO \$25 Copay **	\$250	\$3,600	\$25/first 12; then 45% up to \$900; then 10% up to \$3,600	\$15 Generic/\$25 Brand	30% up to \$900 then 10% up to \$3,600	Low	
Premier PPO \$20 Copay *	\$250	\$3,000	\$20/first 12; then 40%	\$15 Generic/\$25 Brand	20%	Low	
Premier PPO \$10 Copay *	\$250	\$2,500	\$10/first 12; then 30%	\$10 Generic/\$20 Brand	10%	Low	
Power HealthFund 500 **	First, plan pays \$500; then \$1,000 deductible	\$5,000	\$40 after first dollar coverage & deductible	\$10 Generic/\$35 Brand after \$350 Brand deductible	40%	Low	
Power HealthFund 750 **	First, plan pays \$750; then \$500 deductible	\$5,000	\$35 after first dollar coverage & deductible	\$10 Generic/\$30 Brand after \$250 Brand deductible	25%	Low	
PPO 2400 (HSA-Compatible) **	\$2,400	\$3,600	\$35 after deductible	\$10 Generic/\$25 Brand after annual deductible	20%	Low	
PPO 3500 (HSA-Compatible) **	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$35 after deductible	\$10 Generic/\$25 Brand after annual deductible	No charge	Low	
Power Select HMO *	\$500	\$2,250	\$25/Primary Physician; \$35/Specialist; Referral	\$15 Generic/\$25 Brand after \$150 Brand deductible	10%	Low	
Saver HMO *	\$1,500	\$2,250	\$20	\$10 Generic/\$25 Brand after \$150 Brand deductible	No charge	Low	
Classic HMO *	None	\$1,750	\$20	\$10 Generic/\$25 Brand after \$150 Brand deductible	\$250 copay per admission	Low	
HMO 100% *	None	\$1,750	\$10	\$10 Generic/\$20 Brand after \$150 Brand deductible	No charge	Low	

Key benefits shown here represent per-member in-network costs, subject to deductible and copayments unless otherwise stated. Request the Summaries of Features, Certificates or Combined Evidence of Coverage & Disclosure forms for more complete information, including family costs and exclusions & limitations. \*\*Offered by Blue Cross of California. \*\*Offered by BC Life & Health Insurance Company.



## **Option: Get more savings ...**

Are you already taking advantage of these special opportunities to **reduce monthly costs and get more for your money?**

### **Control Costs by Changing Your Employer Contribution Amount**

As you know, you are only required to pay part of each employee's monthly premium; and if your employees have dependents, your contributions to dependent premiums are optional. Your employees pay the rest of their monthly premiums through payroll deductions.

You have flexibility to adjust your employer contribution amount if your budget needs have changed in the past year. See the last few pages for more information about requesting changes.

#### Minimum Medical Employer Contributions for Employee Elect:

- Fixed Dollar – at least \$100 (in \$5 increments)
- Percentage – at least 50%
- Percentage and Plan\* – at least 50% (in 5% increments)

#### Minimum Employer Contributions – Other Specialty Products

##### **Dental**

- Fixed Dollar – at least \$15 per employee/month (in \$5 increments)
- Percentage – at least 50% (in 5% increments)

##### **Life**

- At least 25%
- At least 50%

\* Does not apply to the Basic PPO plan

##### **Vision**

### **Get a 10% Workers' Compensation Discount with our Integrated MediComp Program**

Wouldn't it be great to get a 10% discount? With Integrated MediComp combining medical coverage from Blue Cross and with Workers' Compensation insurance from Employers Compensation Insurance Company (ECIC), you get that and more:

- Automatic 10% discount on the Workers' Compensation portion
- Savings on the Medical portion if your group qualifies
- Convenience of a single, consolidated monthly bill
- Access to the Blue Cross network for personal and work-related health care needs to help expedite the return to work

### **Cut Payroll Taxes with a Premium Only Plan (P.O.P.)**

Through our special arrangement with Ceridian Benefits Services, they will help you receive Section 125 Tax Code advantages by setting up a payroll process for you.

- Employee premiums are paid using pre-tax dollars
- Results in reduced payroll taxes for you ... and increased take-home pay for employees
- The cost is only \$125 a year and could pay for itself many times over.

**Ask your agent or call Customer Service at (800) 627-8797 for more information about these options and other ways you may be able to save.**



## **Option: Add value with Vision and Life**

Specialty Products add tremendous value to your company's benefits package. And we make it easy on your budget. Ask your agent for a quote, and see how affordable it can be to give your employees access to high-quality Vision and Life coverage.

### **Take a look at Vision – our newest offering**

Offering vision benefits provides savings as far as the eye can see.

You can choose to offer **Blue View Vision<sup>SM</sup>** or **Blue View Plus** from BC Life & Health Insurance Company to give your employees one of the strongest choices in sight. It is easy to explore these options for a more comprehensive benefits package.

Both plans feature:

- Eye exam every 12 months for a low \$25 copay
- New lenses & frames or contacts every 12 or 24 months
- Extensive provider network that includes LensCrafters<sup>®</sup>, Target Optical, and most Sears Optical and Pearle Vision locations
- Additional savings of 15-40% on non-covered vision products

The advantages are clear. Providing vision benefits will help your company's overall health and wellness.

### **Life Insurance ... affordable protection and peace of mind**

You'll be surprised how affordable it is to offer life insurance from BC Life & Health Insurance Company. Life coverage is an important, inexpensive way to protect your employees' family financial future.

- Composite rates are automatic when 11 or more employees enroll, which means you get a single rate per \$1,000 of coverage for all enrollees, regardless of age and sex
- Basic Term Life coverage is available from \$15,000 to \$250,000
- Also includes Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D) coverage with an Accelerated Death Benefit and child education, seat belt/air bag and repatriation benefits

**Ask your agent or call Customer Service at (800) 627-8797 for more information about these options and other ways you may be able to save.**



# How to request changes

We've streamlined change request processes during your group's open window and provided simple forms for member-level medical plan changes.

## Two easy questions will guide you. (Only one question for All Plans groups!)

**1. Is your group set up for All Plans, Designated (Mix n Match) or Single Plan?**  
 For All Plans Groups (Includes EmployeeElect groups, that are currently enrolled in the All Plans option) One easy step - You automatically have access to all plans, so no employer-level changes are needed. If employees want to move to other available plans, changes can be made by using the form provided to simplify requests or by writing a letter.\*

For Designated and Single Plan Groups Please continue to Question # 2.  
**2. Does the desired change require underwriting?**  
 To determine this, please refer to the Employer Plan Change Guide on this page. Find the plan your group wants to move from in the left column and the plan they want to move to in the top row. "N" in the junction means that underwriting is not required; "Y" means underwriting is required.  
 Note - Underwriting approval is required if a group wants to increase the number of plans currently offered.

**If change does not require underwriting**  
 Employer-level changes can be requested by simply writing a letter.\*  
**Designated Plan Groups**  
 Employee-level changes can be made to currently available plans or to new plans by using the form provided to simplify requests or by writing a letter.\*

**Single Plan Groups**  
 Employee-Level change requests are only needed to note HMO Primary Care Physician selections, if applicable.  
**If change requires underwriting**  
 Employer-level changes can be requested by submitting a letter\* listing the desired change, new Employer Application, and current DE-6.

**Designated Plan Groups**  
 Employee-level changes can be made to currently available plans or to approved new plans by using the form provided to simplify requests or by writing a letter.\*  
**Single Plan Groups**  
 Employee-Level change requests are only needed to note HMO Primary Care Physician selections, if applicable.

\*All letters must be on company letterhead, signed by an owner/officer. Letters requesting employee-level changes can be combined with the group-level change letter and should include the following information: employee names, ID numbers, desired new plan names, and Primary Care Physician numbers for HMO plan selections.

**Medical Plan Employer Contribution Changes:** Write us a letter on company letterhead, signed by an owner/officer, requesting your desired new contribution to employee's monthly premiums (dependent contributions are optional). Underwriting approval may be required.  
**Specialty Product (Dental, Vision, Life) Changes:** To request changes in your current Dental, Vision and/or Life plans and contributions levels, please write us a letter on company letterhead, signed by an owner/officer, stating your desired changes. Underwriting approval may be required for Life plans.  
**Employees who previously declined coverage:** If any employees previously declined coverage and want to enroll during your open window, they must submit a complete Employee Application.

**Ask your agent or call Customer Service at (800) 627-8797 if you need any help, or want to explore other changes that may be possible.**

## Employer Plan Change Guide

MOVE FROM: MOVE TO:

	Premier \$10 Copay	Premier \$20 Copay	HMO 100%	Classic HMO	Saver HMO	Power Select HMO*	Advantage \$25 Copay	\$30 Copay	\$35 Copay GenRx	\$40 Copay	Power HealthFund 750	Power HealthFund 500	High Deductible EPO	PPO 2400 (HSA-Comp)	PPO 3500 (HSA-Comp)	Saver PPO	Basic PPO
Premier \$10 Copay	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Premier \$20 Copay	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HMO 100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Classic HMO	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Saver HMO	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Power Select HMO*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Advantage \$25 Copay	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
\$30 Copay	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
\$35 Copay GenRx	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
\$40 Copay	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Power HealthFund 750	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Power HealthFund 500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
High Deductible EPO	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
PPO 2400 (HSA-Comp)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
PPO 3500 (HSA-Comp)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Saver PPO	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Basic PPO	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

\* offered by Blue Cross of California. \*\* offered by BC Life & Health Insurance Company  
 Notes: The Power Select HMO cannot be offered alongside any other HMO products; moving to a less expensive plan may mean having lesser coverage; high-deductible health plans are HSA-Compatible; underwriting is always required to add plans; (If Designated Plans groups want to increase the number of plans currently offered).

**Mail or FAX all requests and forms to:**

Blue Cross of California  
 P.O. Box 9042 - Oxnard, CA 93031-9042  
 FAX: (805) 480-7024

Requests must be received during your group's open window period.  
 The effective date of requested changes depends on receipt of all completed forms and will be the first of the month following approval.





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# Medical Plan Change Requests – “All Plans” Groups

If you offer “All Plans,” members can freely move to a different plan - use this form to request member plan changes.  
**FAX your completed form to 805-480-7024**



**Please tell us who you are and how we can reach you:** Be sure to complete this Certification to authorize these changes:

Blue Cross Group No.	Company Name
Phone	Contact Name
FAX	E-mail

I am an owner or officer of this company, and hereby authorize the following changes to our Blue Cross group medical coverage.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

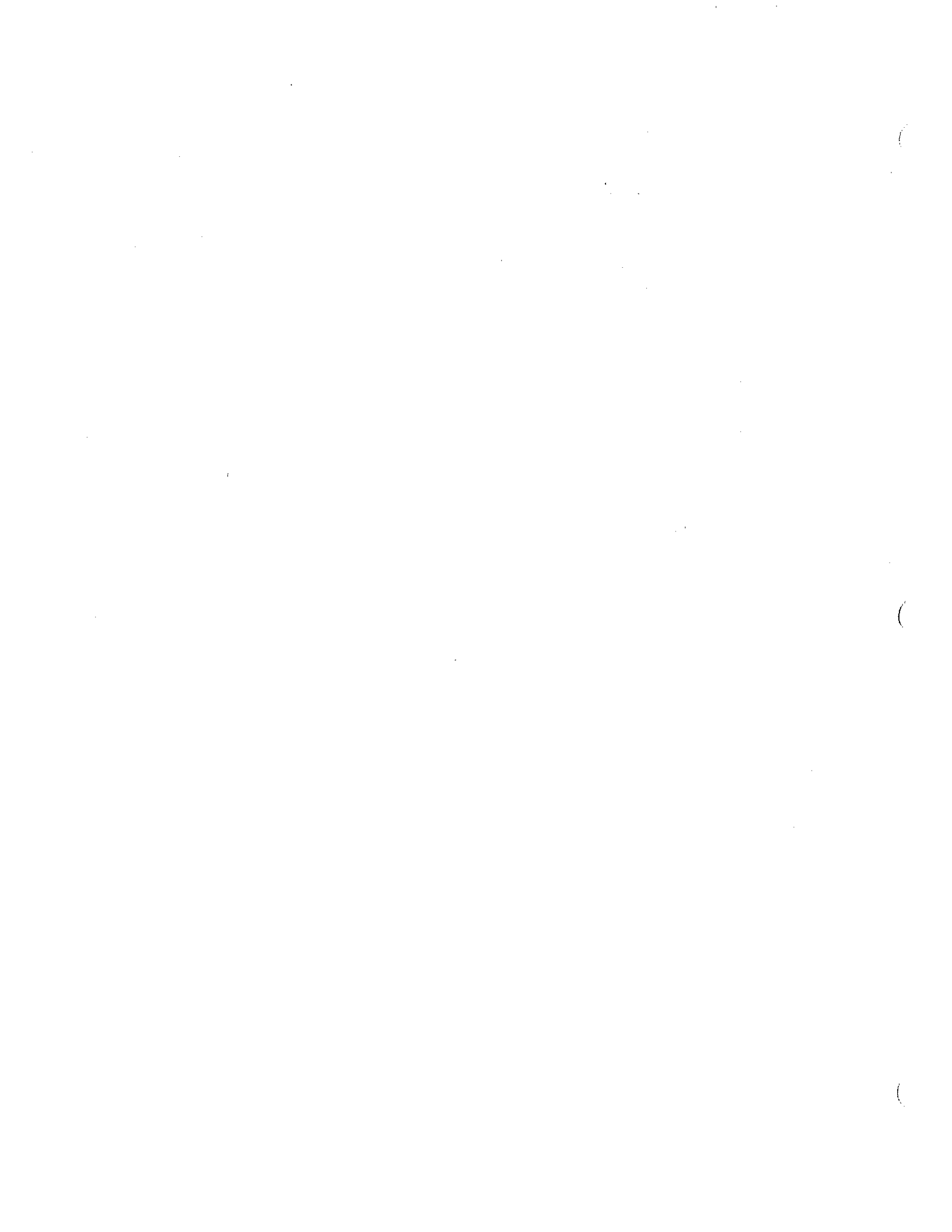
**For each member who wishes to change plans, please provide their name and identification number, and check the plan to which the member wishes to be moved.**

Note that employers may offer either the Power Select HMO plan or the other three HMOs.

1)	Member's Name	Member's Social Security or ID No.	Power Select HMO PD56, Y364, Y370	Saver HMO 8977, 8980, X361, X367	Classic HMO PD40, PD41, X365, X368	HMO 100% 5034, 5036, 5038, 5202, X360, X366
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Please photocopy form if additional rows:

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## Medical Plan Change Requests - "Designated Plans" Groups

If you designate a specific mix of plans to be available for enrollment, use this form to request member plan changes.

FAX your completed form to 805-480-7024



Please tell us who you are and how we can reach you:

Blue Cross Group No.	Company Name
Phone	Contact Name
FAX	E-mail

Be sure to complete this Certification to authorize these changes:

I am an owner or officer of this company, and hereby authorize the following changes to our Blue Cross group medical coverage.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

First, write in the names of the plans available to your group members.

- List only designated plans you currently offer.
- If you want to change your designated plans, you'll need to write us a letter requesting those changes; upon underwriting approval (if needed), you can then use this form to list your new plan mix.

Next, for each member who wishes to change plans, please provide their name and identification number, and check the plan to which the member wishes to be moved.

	Plan 1:	Plan 2:	Plan 3:	Plan 4:	Plan 5:	Plan 6:	Plan 7:	Plan 8:	For HMO plans, please provide 3- or 6-digit Primary Care Physician number here.
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also broadly authorizes the use of funds which may become available in the future but which are not specifically known today.

## 11.2 LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME HOUSING FUND

The CRL requires the Agency to set aside, in a separate low- and moderate-income housing fund, not less than 20 percent of all tax increment receipts that are allocated to the Agency pursuant to Section 33670 of the CRL. The purpose of this fund is to increase, improve, and preserve the community's supply of housing for persons and families of low- and moderate-income as defined in CRL Section 50093 and very low-income households as defined in CRL Section 50105.

## 11.3 TAX INCREMENT PASS-THROUGHS

2004 - statutory

The recent change in the CRL eliminates the fiscal review process, but requires the Agency to pass through statutory amounts to various taxing agencies. The basic statutory formula is a tiered payment where the Agency will receive more money at the beginning of the project and less money toward the end. This statutory agreement is the same for all taxing agencies and is not negotiated.

## 11.4 ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS

The Agency's focus in this redevelopment plan is primarily on business development and retention, the rehabilitation of existing neighborhoods and the provision of public facilities and improvements. Such a program could, therefore, result in some land being reused, resulting in a need for relocation of some owners or tenants. Specific relocatees, if any, are not known at this time, nor have project phasing schedules been prepared. The same situation applies to Agency land acquisition activities, as well as the costs of various rehabilitation activities and financing costs. In each situation there are many unknowns and thus the provision of precise cost estimates is impossible at this time.

The City has estimated public improvement costs with a reasonable degree of accuracy. As the proposed redevelopment plan is implemented, the scope and priority of each improvement may change, resulting in a need to adjust projects and/or their costs at the time of implementation. To provide optimum flexibility while meeting the need to be specific on the planned use of funds, the Project Amendment Area proposes the use of tax increment revenues on a percentage allocation basis within each of the primary categories of the Plan. These percentages will be adjusted periodically as the actual revenue is better known and/or the priority of projects changes—all while adhering to the percentages indicated in Table 16. Estimated project costs assume current dollars for needed public improvements.



**Table 17  
PROJECT AMENDMENT AREA TAX INCREMENT PROJECTION**

Year	Assessed Valuation <sup>(1)</sup>	Gross Tax Increment	Housing Set-Aside	First Tier Pass Throughs	2nd Tier Pass Throughs	3rd Tier Pass Throughs	Total Pass Throughs	Total Available to Agency	Net Available for Non-Housing Programs and Projects
Base <sup>(1)</sup>	752,395								
2005	782,491	301	60	60			60	241	181
2006	813,790	614	123	123			123	491	368
2007	846,342	939	188	188			188	752	564
2008	880,196	1,278	256	256			256	1,022	767
2009	915,404	1,630	326	326			326	1,304	978
2010	11,352,020	105,996	21,199	21,199			21,199	84,797	63,598
2011	11,806,100	110,537	22,107	22,107			22,107	88,430	66,322
2012	12,278,345	115,259	23,052	23,052			23,052	92,208	69,156
2013	12,769,478	120,171	24,034	24,034			24,034	96,137	72,102
2014	13,280,257	125,279	25,056	25,056			25,056	100,223	75,167
2015	13,811,468	130,591	26,118	26,118	892		27,010	103,580	77,462
2016	14,363,926	136,115	27,223	27,223	1,821		29,044	107,072	79,849
2017	14,938,483	141,861	28,372	28,372	2,786		31,158	110,703	82,331
2018	15,536,023	147,836	29,567	29,567	3,790		33,357	114,479	84,912
2019	16,157,464	154,051	30,810	30,810	4,834		35,644	118,407	87,597
2020	16,803,762	160,614	32,103	32,103	5,919		38,022	122,491	90,389
2021	17,475,913	167,235	33,447	33,447	7,049		40,496	126,739	93,292
2022	18,174,949	174,226	34,846	34,846	8,223		43,068	131,157	96,312
2023	18,901,947	181,496	36,299	36,299	9,444		45,744	135,752	99,453
2024	19,658,025	189,056	37,811	37,811	10,715		48,526	140,530	102,719
2025	20,444,346	196,920	39,384	39,384	12,036		51,420	145,500	106,116
2026	21,262,120	205,097	41,019	41,019	13,410		54,429	150,668	109,649
2027	22,112,605	213,602	42,720	42,720	14,838		57,559	156,043	113,323
2028	22,997,109	222,447	44,489	44,489	16,324		60,814	161,633	117,144
2029	23,916,993	231,646	46,329	46,329	17,870		64,199	167,447	121,118
2030	24,873,673	241,213	48,243	48,243	19,477		67,719	173,493	125,251
2031	25,869,620	251,162	50,232	50,232	21,148		71,381	179,781	129,549
2032	26,903,365	261,510	52,302	52,302	22,887		75,189	186,321	134,019
2033	27,979,499	272,271	54,454	54,454	24,695		79,149	193,122	138,668
2034	29,098,679	283,463	56,693	56,693	26,575		83,268	200,195	143,503
2035	30,262,627	295,102	59,020	59,020	28,530	1,304	88,854	206,248	147,227
2036	31,473,132	307,207	61,441	61,441	30,564	2,659	94,665	212,542	151,101
2037	32,732,057	319,797	63,959	63,959	32,679	4,069	100,708	219,089	155,130
2038	34,041,339	332,889	66,578	66,578	34,879	5,536	106,992	225,897	159,319
2039	35,402,993	346,506	69,301	69,301	37,166	7,061	113,528	232,978	163,677
2040	36,819,112	360,667	72,133	72,133	39,545	8,647	120,326	240,342	168,208
2041	38,291,877	375,395	75,079	75,079	42,020	10,296	127,395	248,000	172,921
2042	39,823,552	390,712	78,142	78,142	44,593	12,012	134,747	255,965	177,822
2043	41,416,494	406,641	81,328	81,328	47,269	13,796	142,393	264,248	182,920
2044	43,073,154	423,208	84,642	84,642	50,052	15,651	150,345	272,863	188,221
2045	44,796,080	440,437	88,087	88,087	52,947	17,581	158,615	281,822	193,734
2046	46,587,923	458,355	91,671	91,671	55,957	19,588	167,216	291,139	199,468
2047	48,451,440	476,990	95,398	95,398	59,088	21,675	176,161	300,830	205,432
2048	50,389,498	496,371	99,274	99,274	62,344	23,846	185,463	310,908	211,633
2049	52,405,078	516,527	103,305	103,305	65,730	26,103	195,138	321,389	218,083
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,082,969,749</b>	<b>\$10,491,120</b>	<b>\$2,098,224</b>	<b>\$2,098,224</b>	<b>\$928,093</b>	<b>\$189,825</b>	<b>\$3,216,141</b>	<b>\$7,274,978</b>	<b>\$5,176,754</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Secured & Unsecured Values only less exemptions.





remained relatively constant since 1996-97. No increase in the unitary utility revenue has been included in the tax increment revenue projections.

## **Tax Increment Revenue Sharing Agreements**

### **Taxing Entity Payments**

Prior to 1994, Section 33401 of the Health and Safety Code allowed redevelopment agencies to pay to any other entity collecting property taxes within the redevelopment project area a portion of tax increment revenues to alleviate any financial burden related to the redevelopment project. The Agency entered into several agreements in connection with the Original and Amendment Areas. These entities are identified below and a summary of the terms of each of the agreements is also provided.

#### **ORIGINAL AREA AND AMENDMENT AREA**

##### ***County of Orange and Orange County Flood Control District***

On December 4, 1990, the Agency entered into a pass through agreement with both the County of Orange ("County") and the Orange County Flood Control District ("District") for both the Original Area and the Amendment Area, collectively. According to County Auditor-Controller records, the County has three funds that are affected taxing entities; the Orange County General Fund, the District and the Orange County Department of Harbors, Beaches and Parks ("HBP"). The terms of the agreement dictate that 65% of the County share and 30% of the HBP share of Distributable Tax Increment (i.e., that portion of tax increment above the first \$1,500,000 received by the Agency in any single fiscal year, inclusive of deposits to the Agency's low and moderate income housing fund) shall be paid to the County annually. In addition, the agreement establishes that the District shall receive 100% of the District's share of Distributable Tax Increment annually.

Additionally, this agreement states that these payments shall be junior and subordinate to the Agency's bonded indebtedness. However, the Agency must set-aside sufficient funds in sizing any future bonded indebtedness to satisfy the obligations pursuant to this agreement. If the Agency is unable to pay the full amount due to the County and the District, the Agency may incur a deficit and defer these payments for a maximum of three years, at which time the Agency must pay the County and the District the sum of the deferred payment together with interest at a rate equal to the average coupon rate of the bonds to which the deferred amount payable to the County and the District is subordinate. The Agreement also states that the



County or the District may request that the Agency include an amount to be secured by the percentage of tax increment payable to the County and the District in the sizing of the bond issue. Such requests shall be subject to the Agency's full discretion to determine the amount of the bond issue, maturity, interest rates and all other material terms. In the event bonds are issued, the Agency shall pay to the County and the District, upon receipt of that portion of the proceeds (less costs of issuance, reserve funds and all other mounts allocable to that portion of the bond issuance secured by the percentage of tax increment payable to the County and the District), the Agency's payment to the County and the District as set forth in the agreement.

### ***Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District***

The agreement between the Agency and the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District ("PYLUSD"), dated December 7, 1993, provides for the Agency to deposit into a District's Capital Facilities Fund 6.25% of the first \$1,000,000 of Tax Increment and 10% of Tax Increment in excess of \$1,000,000. Tax Increment is defined as gross tax increment less: 20% low and moderate income housing set aside, County property tax administration fee, ERAF payments and any other State mandated payments. Additionally, the Agency must also pay to the PYLUSD the portion of ad valorem property taxes attributable to the increase in tax rate for bonded indebtedness established for the PYLUSD; because the revenue projections included in this Report do not include any override rate revenue, no deduction has been made for this payment. The Agency was also required to deposit \$200,000 in an account for refurbishment of Valencia High School that is assumed to have been paid.

The required payments are subordinate to bonded indebtedness or any other existing obligation entered into by the Agency prior to the date of the agreement. If the Agency is unable to make the full required payment in any fiscal year, the unpaid portion may be deferred, but must be repayed the following fiscal year from available Tax Increment, as it is defined in the agreement.

### **AMENDMENT AREA ONLY**

### ***North Orange County Community College District***

The agreement between the Agency and the North Orange County Community College District ("NOCCCD"), dated December 18, 1990, provides for the NOCCCD to receive 40% of its share of the annual tax increment from the Amendment Area. Payment to NOCCCD is subordinate to the Agency's bonded indebtedness; however, the Agency



must size new bond issuances in such a way that sufficient funds are projected to be available to satisfy its obligations to the NOCCCD pursuant to the agreement. If the Agency is unable to pay the pass through in any fiscal year, the amount is required to be paid to the NOCCCD the following fiscal year.

### ***Orange County Vector Control District***

The Agency entered into a tax increment sharing agreement with the Orange County Vector Control District ("OCVCD") on July 3, 1990. This agreement provides for the Agency to pay to the District 100% of the District's share of tax increment for the Amendment Area. This agreement contains the same language as the NOCCCD agreement with regard to subordination and deferral.

### ***Orange County Water District***

Pursuant to the pass through agreement between the Agency and the Orange County Water District ("OCWD") dated December 5, 1990, the Agency is required to pay to the OCWD 50% of its share of tax increment for the Amendment Area. This agreement contains the same language as the NOCCCD and OCVCD agreements with regard to subordination and deferral, but establishes a maximum 3-year deferral period.

### ***Orange County Superintendent of Schools***

The Agency entered into a tax increment sharing agreement with the Orange County Superintendent of Schools ("OCSOS") on March 19, 1991. This agreement provides for the Agency to pay to the OCSOS 40% of the District's share of tax increment for the Amendment Area. This agreement contains the same language as the NOCCCD and OCVCD agreements with regard to subordination and deferral.

### ***Developer Agreement Payments***

~~The Agency has entered into an agreement pertaining to development of the Office Depot that requires payment of a portion of tax increment generated by this development. Because this payment will cease in 2002-03 and it has no bearing on the amount of increment to be deposited into the low and moderate income housing fund, the revenue projections do not make provision for these payments.~~

