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# **El Dorado County Office Economic Development**

**January 29, 2008**

# **Welcome**

## **YOUR REQUEST**

- Identify Barriers to Economic Development
- Provide Recommended Actions
- Unanimous recommendation from EDAC



# **Barriers to Economic Development**

- **First Step in an Ongoing Process**
- **All Priorities for Economic Growth**
- **Approve and Implement**
- **Continue Process Improvement**



# Recommendation #1

- **Barrier:**  
**Cost in time and money to obtain project approval.**
- **Recommended Action:**  
**Establish timeline and framework for the permit processing for employment generating projects. (3+ employees and 5,000 sq. ft )**

## **Recommendation #2**

- **Barrier:**  
**There is no one point of contact for a project.**
- **Recommended Action:**  
**Create a "Permit Caseworker" .**

## **Recommendation #3**

- **Barrier:**  
**The entitlement process can be excessive and slow.**
- **Recommended Action:**  
**Direct staff to establish an entitlement facilitation program.**



## **Recommendation #4**

- **Barrier:**  
**Business or applicants have issues and seek assistance afterwards.**
- **Recommended Action:**  
**Work with businesses earlier in the process – before issues.**



## **Recommendation #5**

- **Barrier:**  
**Lack of communication between business and County.**
- **Recommended Action:**  
**Economic Development will establish line between business and County.**





## **Recommendation #6**

- **Barrier:**  
**Current decision making and approval process is slow.**
- **Recommended Action:**  
**Delegate approval and design review to Zoning Administrator or Director.**

## **Recommendation #7**

- **Barrier:**  
**Projects that could benefit are not taking advantage of pre-application process.**
- **Recommended Action:**  
**Offer pre-application process.**

## **Recommendation #8**

- **Barrier:**  
**No process for continual improvement.**
- **Recommended Action:**  
**Establish process improvement group, meeting with CAO's office.**

## **Recommendation #9**

- **Barrier:**  
**Zoning has not been brought into consistency with General Plan.**
- **Recommended Action:**  
**Bring zoning consistent with General Plan.**

## **Recommendation #10**

- **Barrier:**  
**There are no performance standards to allow for Ministerial project approval.**
- **Recommended Action:**  
**Establish performance standards in the Zoning Ordinance.**



## **Recommendation #11**

- **Barrier:**  
**Streamlining the process exists in the Planned Development ordinance.**
- **Recommended Action:**  
**Delegate authority to allow for approval, by staff, where appropriate.**

## **Recommendation #12**

- **Barrier:**  
**Businesses and development community are often unaware of services available in the County.**
- **Recommended Action:**  
**EDAC will ensure coordination between businesses and programs offered for businesses in the County .**



## **Recommendation #13**

- **Barrier:**  
**There is no coordinated rapid response program.**
- **Recommended Action:**  
**Establish a formal "Red Team" program that brings together local, state, and Federal resources, with the Board member in whose district the response is needed, and the CAO.**



## **Recommendation #14**

- **Barrier:**  
**There is no centralized tracking system for businesses expanding or locating in the County.**
- **Recommended Action:**  
**Develop and implement a centralized tracking system with County service providers.**

# Questions?



**Thank you**



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