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City Manager Matt Rodriguez

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Jobs, Economic Development, Affordable Housing and Environmental Cleanup Projects at Stake in San Pablo as Redevelopment Agency Faces Shut Down Deadline Today

(San Pablo, CA) Jobs are at stake and numerous economic development projects face a sudden halt as today marks the deadline for the dissolution of redevelopment agencies, California’s vital economic development toll and only ongoing job creator.

Since the Supreme Court decision on Dec. 29 to uphold ABx1 26, the redevelopment elimination bill and strike down ABx1 27, the bill that would have allowed agencies to stay in operation as long as they made payments to the state, the City of San Pablo has been working tirelessly with the League of California Cities and California Redevelopment Association on SB 659 to extend the deadline for agency dissolution to April 15.

Unfortunately, SB 659 did not make it through the legislature despite the efforts of more than 150 labor, public safety, business, housing, community and local government coalition partners who signed on to support the bill. During the process three national bond rating agencies and Stewart Title Insurance Co. communicated that urgent action was needed to avoid possible bond defaults and title problems. Despite the clear warnings, Legislative leaders appear to have chosen inaction, and the poorly drafted provisions of ABx1 26 will be a reality.

“With the dissolution of redevelopment agencies, my community will see a number of new construction jobs eliminated which cannot be normally stimulated in an economic recession,” said Mayor Cecilia Valdez. “With the highest unemployment rate of any Bay Area municipality at 20%, this is devastating to the San Pablo community.”

San Pablo will see a number of capital improvement projects terminated due to redevelopment funding being taken by the State of California. Since 2003, the City of San Pablo has invested over \$24M of redevelopment funding into public infrastructure projects and job creation throughout the community which has greatly contributed to property values, preserving neighborhoods, and maintaining public safety.

“Our General Fund Operating Budget cannot supplant this critically needed revenue on annual basis,” stated Mayor Valdez.

Redevelopment is a vital economic development tool for California communities, is the state’s only ongoing job creator, and hastily closing down agencies without an alternative is devastating.

“The Circle S project site in San Pablo is a 15-acre, major job generation, development project which now is in jeopardy. With a Regulating Plan approved by the Redevelopment Agency in October 2011, several proposed integrated uses were being planned on this redevelopment site, such as: West County Health Center Project (under construction with completion in July 2012), new County Library, Vocational Culinary Institute for Contra Costa College, a potential new Walgreens development, mixed use office and retail uses, and future planning for a new regional medical facility,” stated City Manager Matt Rodriguez. “Now, we are forced to completely dissolve this major economic development opportunity,

and the 1,000 local jobs that were to be created with its eventual development, to the State of California.”

Cities across the state, including the City of San Pablo look forward to working with the League of California Cities and California Redevelopment Association to develop a policy framework that would keep economic and sustainable development a priority for California.

SIGN-UP FOR CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The Youth & Education Services (Y.E.S.) Unit of the San Pablo Police Department is proud to announce its third Citizens Police Academy. There will be ten (10) classes which will meet every Tuesday beginning February 21st, 2012. Classes will be held in the San Pablo Police Department from 6:00 PM to 9:00 p.m.

Police officers will instruct students on various topics including; patrol procedures, crime scene investigation, K-9 handling, CSI, detective unit, and special entry and apprehension techniques. Local residents are encouraged to apply. Priority registration will be given to San Pablo residents. The classes are free and you will be provided instructional materials.

If you are interested in participating, contact Sergeant Gene Alameda at (510) 215-3244 for an application. All applicants will be required to undergo an abbreviated background check.

TO ENROLL
This may differ an application in the lobby of the Police Department. You may also contact Sergeant Gene Alameda at (510) 215-3244. Classes will be held in the San Pablo Police Department.

Submit completed applications to:
San Pablo Police Department
1875 California Avenue
10000 San Pablo Avenue
San Pablo, CA 94603

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Students are invited to experience the Citizen Police Academy. These persons include, but are not limited to:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Administrators	<input type="checkbox"/> Mail Carriers
<input type="checkbox"/> Artists	<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Publishers
<input type="checkbox"/> Business People	<input type="checkbox"/> Nurses
<input type="checkbox"/> Clergy	<input type="checkbox"/> Plumbers
<input type="checkbox"/> College Students	<input type="checkbox"/> Priests
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Leaders	<input type="checkbox"/> Profs.
<input type="checkbox"/> Engineers	<input type="checkbox"/> Publicists
<input type="checkbox"/> Executives	<input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate Agents
<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Experts	<input type="checkbox"/> Retirees
<input type="checkbox"/> Friends	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientists
<input type="checkbox"/> Homeowners	<input type="checkbox"/> Veterans
<input type="checkbox"/> Journalists	<input type="checkbox"/> Writers

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