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**Board Matter**  
**Supervisor John Foust, Housing Committee Chair**  
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**Redesign of the For-Sale Workforce Dwelling Unit Program**

**Mr. Chairman:** As our colleagues will remember, the Workforce Dwelling Unit program was enacted via the Comprehensive Plan in 2007, and since then has successfully delivered well in excess of 1,000 new rental units.

Over time, we discovered that the rental component of the WDU program needed to be reformed to serve lower income levels, as the units serving families earning over 80 percent of the Area Median Income were not as desirable as anticipated in the market. We convened a task force of representatives from industry and the advocacy community, and as a result, last year, we were able to revise the program accordingly.

Similarly, the incomes served by the for-sale WDU program need to be addressed to ensure that the program is maximizing its potential to serve low- and moderate-income families.

**Therefore, Mr. Chairman:** I move that the Board of Supervisors direct the County Executive to establish a task force, under the leadership of the Department of Housing and Community Development in partnership with the Department of Planning and Development, to develop recommendations for the improvement of the WDU program. The task force should include a diverse range of participants from industry, the advocacy community, and the legal community, and should report back on its findings to a Housing Committee meeting in 2023.