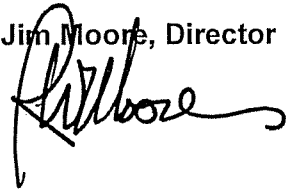


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**MEMORANDUM**  
**FROM**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**  
**OF**  
**LEE COUNTY**

**DATE:** June 18, 2009

**TO:** Mary Gibbs, Director  
Community Development

**FROM:** Jim Moore, Director  


**RE:** Lee Plan Economic Element

The Economic Development Office has been reviewing the current Economic Element of the Lee Plan in an attempt to identify changes that might be warranted in light of the current economic situation within Lee County. As you know, the Economic Element was first adopted by the County in 1996, and has undergone very little significant revisions in recent years. Obviously, the economic climate in which we currently operate is markedly different than that which existed in the 1990s and early 2000s. Given these unprecedented times, it is the feeling of the EDO that certain revisions might be helpful and necessary in order to facilitate and expedite local economic recovery.

Towards that end, the EDO, in consultation with the Horizon Council Executive Committee, would like to submit proposed changes to this Element for consideration by the County Commission during the current round of plan amendments. We have been advised that the current round of plan amendments is presently undergoing review by the Local Planning Agency and that the scheduled date for a transmittal hearing before the County Commission is September 23. Accordingly, we understand that time is of the essence in the preparation and submittal of any amendments we may propose so that they may be timely reviewed by your department and the LPA.

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise you of our intent to propose amendments to the Economic Element and to request your assistance by reserving an opportunity for review by the LPA in July or August, with consideration by the Board on September 23. We will endeavor to get our proposed changes to you no later than July 10 so that your staff can conduct the proper review of the amendments in accordance with your standard procedure.

**Cc:** Lee County Commissioners  
Karen Hawes, Acting County Manager  
Paul O'Connor, Director, Planning Division

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