



Response to Questions on the FY 2010 Advertised Budget Plan

Request By: Supervisor Herrity

Question: What would be the impact of reducing the number of Community Revitalization and Reinvestment Advisory Group (CRRAG) meetings in half?

Response: The CRRAG was established by the Board to advise the staff and the Board on matters related to community revitalization and reinvestment. The members are appointed by the Board and serve on a volunteer basis. During 2008, the CRRAG met 8 times. Meetings are held in the Government Center and are typically two hours in duration. The CRRAG has provided assistance and feedback on such issues as: the Principles for Public Investment in Support of Commercial Redevelopment and its companion Process for the Evaluation of Request for Public Investment in Support of Commercial Redevelopment; the Mosaic Community Development Authority; and the Park Authority's proposed urban park Standards.

If this suggestion were implemented, the number of meetings per year would be reduced to four, a number that would still leave the CRRAG as a useful and viable entity. There would, however, be no direct monetary savings as the only CRRAG-related cost incurred is the amount of staff time used to prepare for these meetings and to respond to issues that arise from them.