

REGULAR AGENDA

Scheduled and Regular Departmental items – 9:00 AM or thereafter

10. Hold a public hearing to approve a proposed resolution to implement the Mills Act Program, confirm the proposal is exempt from requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, and take related actions

Name: Becky Steinbruner

Comment - 05/19/2025 05:05 PM: (For)

Please pass this long-overdue incentive to help preserve historic and cultural resouces in Santa Cruz County.

Name: Becky Steinbruner

Comment - 05/20/2025 08:16 AM: (For)

Dear Supervisors,

Why is the County only allowing a maximum of 20 properties, and only for those whose appraised values are less than \$3M for residential and \$5M commercial? Shouldn't all historic property owners be encouraged to preserve the cultural resources of the County?

Also, it is unclear how the property tax discounts would be determined because there is no formula provided to verify that sometimes a "Prop,. 13" valuation might be better. Citations to Govt. code 439.2 is not clear information and there is no justifiable support of the Assessor's estimate of \$65,520 reduction in tax revenues for the County due to the Mills Act claims.

Would this apply to historic buildings within City boundaries or only unincorporated areas? Most of the structures listed in the National Historic Registry for the county are in Santa Cruz City limits.

I am really glad to see your Board finally taking this long-overdue action to provide incentives to historic preservation, and feel all 58 properties should be eligible.

Sincerely,

Becky Steinbruner