

# Board of County Commissioners

## Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: April 7, 2009

Date Submitted: March 20, 2009

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

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Subject: Request Ratification of Board Discussion at the March 3, 2009 Workshop to Discuss Whether to Form Additional Citizen Advisory Committees or Working Groups

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### **Statement of Issue:**

This agenda item requests ratification of Board discussion that took place during the March 3, 2009 Workshop regarding discussion of whether to form additional citizen advisory committees or working groups.

### **Background:**

During the December 1, 2008 Board Meeting; the Board directed staff to schedule a Workshop on March 3, 2009 to discuss whether to form additional citizen advisory committees or working groups, their possible foci, and how to staff them. The County has been served in the past with citizen advisory groups, referring to the Infrastructure Advisory Committee, the Tree and Landscape Ordinance Committee, and the Wetlands Ordinance Committee.

On March 3, 2009 the Board held a Workshop to discuss whether to form additional citizen advisory committees or working groups and to explore the possibility of forming additional groups to address important issues (e.g., energy efficient government, public transit, sustainable economic development).

### **Analysis:**

At the March 3, 2009 Workshop, the Board discussed if there was a need to form additional citizen work groups to address County government. It was determined that some citizen work groups could be used, specifically relating to public transit and energy conservation. Other discussion included defining specific missions and/or goals and focus prior to forming additional work groups.

Staff is requesting ratification of the Board discussion during the March 3, 2009 Workshop. In addition, staff is requesting Board direction whether to form, if any, additional work groups relating to the two topics discussed by the Board regarding public transit and energy conservation.

**Options:**

1. Ratify Board discussion taken at the March 3, 2009 Workshop.
2. Do not ratify Board discussion taken at the March 3, 2009 Workshop
3. Board Direction.

**Recommendation:**

Option #1 & #3