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DATE: February 1, 2008

TO: City Council

FROM: Matthew G. Winegar, AICP, Development Services Director *HW*

SUBJECT: Report of 2040 Population Forecast for Inclusion in the Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG) *Decapolis* Forecast.

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council consider a report on the 2040 population forecast of 250,608 to be included as part of the VCOG *Decapolis* Forecast.

DISCUSSION

Periodically, VCOG prepares population projections for each of Ventura County's ten cities and the county unincorporated areas. During 2007, staff from each city and the county prepared a series of eight population projections contained within the attached document entitled "*The Decapolis 2040 Forecast and Comparative Population Projections*" (Attachment A). Projection No. 3, "General Plans Capacity," is being recommended to VCOG for adoption as the official VCOG 2040 Forecast at an upcoming meeting. The General Plans Capacity projection represents each jurisdiction's current planned capacity plus an allowance for future General Plan updates in the next 33 years. The City Council is being asked to formally adopt Oxnard's 2040 population forecast prior to VCOG's consideration of the entire report in early March, 2008. An adopted VCOG forecast does not represent a target population that the city is agreeing, or mandated, to achieve. As projections inherently increase in error as the time frame is extended into the future, VCOG will undoubtedly prepare new projections that will reflect Oxnard's evolving actual growth trends and policies.

The proposed VCOG 2040 Forecast population for Oxnard is 250,608, about 58,000 higher than our 2007 population of 192,997. The average annual population increase is 1,745, about half the annual average population increase of 3,200 between 2000 and 2007. Under this growth scenario, Oxnard's share of the county's total population would increase from 23.4% to 25.0% by 2020, and then remain at 25% from thereon. More growth is likely to occur in the near future than after 2020 due to the build-out of areas already planned for growth within the current City Urban Restriction Boundary. Future growth may also change due to economic and demographic

events and/or Oxnard's future planning decisions and policies. Table 1, below, lists the percentage of total county population by jurisdiction over 20-year intervals.

Table 1
 Share of County Population: 1980 to 2040

Ventura County	1980	Percent of County Total	2000	Percent of County Total	2020	Percent of County Total	2040	Percent of County Total
Camarillo	37,797	7.1%	57,084	7.6%	76,218	8.1%	79,391	7.9%
Fillmore	9,602	1.8%	13,643	1.8%	19,927	2.1%	23,522	2.3%
Moorpark	7,798	1.5%	31,415	4.2%	44,595	4.8%	45,206	4.5%
Ojai	6,816	1.3%	7,862	1.0%	9,560	1.0%	10,901	1.1%
Oxnard	108,195	20.3%	170,358	22.6%	234,304	25.0%	250,608	25.0%
Port Hueneme	17,803	3.3%	21,845	2.9%	22,981	2.5%	24,788	2.5%
San Buenaventura	73,774	13.9%	100,916	13.4%	121,753	13.0%	137,600	13.7%
Santa Paula	20,658	3.9%	28,598	3.8%	42,182	4.5%	44,650	4.5%
Simi Valley	77,500	14.6%	111,351	14.8%	131,894	14.1%	135,708	13.5%
Thousand Oaks	77,072	14.5%	117,005	15.5%	130,773	14.0%	132,356	13.2%
Unincorporated County	95,185	17.9%	93,120	12.4%	103,029	11.0%	117,704	11.7%
County Total	532,200	100.0%	753,197	100.0%	937,216	100.0%	1,002,433	100.0%

Table 2 shows percentages of total county growth by each jurisdiction for the three 20-year periods, and for the entire 1980 to 2040 period. Oxnard's share of county growth peaks at nearly 35% between 2000 and 2020, then drops to 25% after 2020. Several cities show a similar, but earlier, growth peak (Camarillo, Moorpark, Simi Valley, and Thousand Oaks).

Table 2
 Share of County Population Growth: 1980 to 2040

Ventura County	1980	2000	1980-2000 Percent of County Growth	2020	2000-2020 Percent of County Growth	2040	2020-2040 Percent of County Growth	2000-2040 Percent of County Growth
Camarillo	37,797	57,084	8.7%	76,218	10.4%	79,391	4.9%	8.8%
Fillmore	9,602	13,643	1.8%	19,927	3.4%	23,522	5.5%	3.0%
Moorpark	7,798	31,415	10.7%	44,595	7.2%	45,206	0.9%	8.0%
Ojai	6,816	7,862	0.5%	9,560	0.9%	10,901	2.1%	0.9%
Oxnard	108,195	170,358	28.1%	234,304	34.7%	250,608	25.0%	30.3%
Port Hueneme	17,803	21,845	1.8%	22,981	0.6%	24,788	2.8%	1.5%
San Buenaventura	73,774	100,916	12.3%	121,753	11.3%	137,600	24.3%	13.6%
Santa Paula	20,658	28,598	3.6%	42,182	7.4%	44,650	3.8%	5.1%
Simi Valley	77,500	111,351	15.3%	131,894	11.2%	135,708	5.8%	12.4%
Thousand Oaks	77,072	117,005	18.1%	130,773	7.5%	132,356	2.4%	11.8%
Unincorporated County	95,185	93,120	-0.9%	103,029	5.4%	117,704	22.5%	4.8%
County Total	532,200	753,197		937,216		1,002,433		

Finally, Table 3 lists the growth rates within each jurisdiction for the three 20-year periods and the overall 1980 to 2040 period. Oxnard falls roughly in the middle of the growth ranges for each 20-year period and the 1980-2040 period. Oxnard falls from having the 2nd highest growth

rate between 1980 and 2000 (1: Moorpark) to the 6th highest growth rate between 2020 and 2040 (1: Fillmore, 2: Unincorporated County, 3: Ojai, 4: Ventura, 5: Port Hueneme), and has the 3rd highest growth rate over the 1980 to 2040 period (1: Moorpark, 2: Fillmore).

Table 3
 Growth by Jurisdiction: 1980 to 2040

Ventura County	1980	2000	1980-2000 Percent Growth	2020	2000-2020 Percent Growth	2040	2020-2040 Percent Growth	1980-2040 Percent Growth
Camarillo	37,797	57,084	51.0%	76,218	33.5%	79,391	4.2%	110.0%
Fillmore	9,602	13,643	42.1%	19,927	46.1%	23,522	18.0%	145.0%
Moorpark	7,798	31,415	302.9%	44,595	42.0%	45,206	1.4%	479.7%
Ojai	6,816	7,862	15.3%	9,560	21.6%	10,901	14.0%	59.9%
Oxnard	108,195	170,358	57.5%	234,304	37.5%	250,608	7.0%	131.6%
Port Hueneme	17,803	21,845	22.7%	22,981	5.2%	24,788	7.9%	39.2%
San Buenaventura	73,774	100,916	36.8%	121,753	20.6%	137,600	13.0%	86.5%
Santa Paula	20,658	28,598	38.4%	42,182	47.5%	44,650	5.9%	116.1%
Simi Valley	77,500	111,351	43.7%	131,894	18.4%	135,708	2.9%	75.1%
Thousand Oaks	77,072	117,005	51.8%	130,773	11.8%	132,356	1.2%	71.7%
Unincorporated County	95,185	93,120	-2.2%	103,029	10.6%	117,704	14.2%	23.7%
County Total	532,200	753,197	41.5%	937,216	24.4%	1,002,433	7.0%	88.4%

The proposed Oxnard 2040 forecast is roughly consistent with the June 2006 General Plan Update low-end projection that assumes adding 350 housing units per year (Baseline +350, page 2-20) and projected a 2030 population of 238,996 (approximately 2,000 people per year for 23 years). If that projection is extended another 10 years to 2040 under the same assumption, the 2040 population projection would be 259,400.

The other seven projections in the *Decapolis* report show 2020 and 2040 populations under a variety of scenarios designed to place the VCOG Forecast in context. The adopted VCOG Forecast will be submitted to the SCAG for use in air quality, housing, transportation, and other long-range regional planning efforts.

Planning studies are statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under PRC §21102.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact from adopting a population forecast.

Attachments:

- 1 – *The Decapolis 2040 Forecast and Comparative Population Projections* DRAFT

Note: Attachment No. 1 has been provided to the City Council under separate cover. Copies are available for review at the Circulation Desk in the Library after 6:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the Council meeting and at the City Clerk's Office after 8:00 a.m. on Monday, February 11, 2008.