

## **COUNTY BREACHES BROWN ACT AND ATTEMPTS TO HOLD UNOFFICIAL APPEALS BOARD FIRST MEETING**

July 23, 2008 - At 4:30PM the Board of Supervisors, due to public discovery and outcry, allowed the holding of the FIRST Building Board of Appeals Commission meeting but failed. The **BBAC has not been legally disclosed to property owners for approximately 6.5 years** and now under pressure, is being publicly made available and will be under public scrutiny to be completely separate and free of the County Planning Dept. and Supervisors influence and control. **The Housing Appeal Board and Local Appeal Boards**, (the BBAC), are non-disclosed to the general public by the County. The County, in our opinion, did not give proper notice to the public and may have violated the Brown Act; so the BBAC July 23rd meeting was an "unofficial meeting" unable to pass any motions. The County inappropriately represented by **David Lee**, Assistant Planning Director, stated that they had posted a meeting notice on the outside of the building but we could not find such posting. With today's large population and electronically connected lifestyles it seems posting a notice on the County building would be considered insufficient notice. **Those interested in filling the available seats on the BBAC Board, please apply before August 19, 2008!** No past or present government employees should be allowed to sit on the BABC, in order to maintain separation of power to protect the public, in our opinion. **The existence and access to the BBAC has been hidden from thousands of citizens who thereby did not receive proper due process for their permit applications and red tags.** These thousands should be notified and their situations reviewed by independent appeals board of citizens, for proper due process and to

undue any unlawful acts from the Planning Department and Supervisor alleged collusion and over reach, and Code Compliance. **Note that since 1956 the appeal boards have been required.** The County Supervisors at a meeting as far back as 1999, were requested to establish the appeal boards by government watchdog, Harold Griffith. The State again required them by 1.1.2002, since so many counties were ignoring the law. See the **Ellen Pirie signed annual report for the BBAC** from 2002, demonstrating awareness of the requirement, yet not disclosing to citizens.