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GOVERNOR

June 1, 2009

Secretary Kurt S. Browning
Secretary of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 S. Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Secretary Browning:

By the authority vested in me as the Governor of Florida, and under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby transmit Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 360 with my signature, enacted during the 41st Session of the Legislature of Florida, convened under the Constitution of 1968, during the Regular Session of 2009 and entitled:

An act relating to growth management...

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 360 – The Community Renewal Act – was taken up as a means to stimulate Florida's economy and create jobs for our people. The Community Renewal Act does the following:

1. The bill incentivizes entrepreneurs to undertake economic development projects in designated urban areas.
2. The bill directs a study of a mobility fee system to replace proportionate share payments paid by developers for transportation impacts.
3. The bill also allows economic development projects to stay "in the pipeline" by extending the validity of development permits for two years.
4. The bill makes changes to our affordable housing programs to ensure affordable homes are available for those in need, including young adults leaving the state foster care system.
5. Finally, the bill encourages green building and storm resistant construction.

I encourage the Legislature to adopt a mobility fee system as a replacement to transportation concurrency during the next regular legislative session. We must remain committed to meeting our state's transportation needs by investing in multi-modal options such as roads, transit and rail systems. I also want to thank the Department of Community Affairs' Secretary, Tom Pelham, for his leadership on behalf of the people of Florida.

Sincerely,

Charlie Crist

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