

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA



EXECUTIVE ORDER D-46-01
by the
Governor of the State of California

WHEREAS, the siting of state offices in central business districts or "downtowns" can strengthen and revitalize California's cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, the state owns, purchases, builds, and leases property, including office space, worth billions of dollars for educational, correctional, recreational, conservation, transportation, communication, public health and related public functions; and

WHEREAS, the state, having completed a legislatively mandated inventory of all its property pursuant to its asset management function established by Executive Order D-77-89, ought to engage in clear, consistent, coherent, and comprehensible practices, priorities, principles, policies, and programs concerning its holdings; and

WHEREAS, given the significant impact of the state's commercial real estate investment, the state's policy herein shall guide the location of both leased and newly acquired state offices. This policy is designed to support sound growth patterns in California's cities and towns, by using existing state-owned assets, reducing costs to the state and its taxpayers in leases and operating expenses, ensuring accessibility to state services and facilities for both customers and employees, reducing traffic congestion, and improving air quality.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GRAY DAVIS, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby issue this order to become effective immediately:

IT IS ORDERED that as the state's chief real estate manager, the Department of General Services, as well as other entities managing state properties in populated areas shall give priority to the needs of public entities and the populations they serve consistent with the cost-effective use of state revenues.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the ownership of facilities shall be preferred where the need is continuing and long-term.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that existing resources and facilities shall be used where adequate and appropriate.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that sound and smart growth patterns shall receive maximum support consistent with the foregoing state priorities, including the following considerations:

- a) Preferred siting or leasing in a central city or area of similar character immediately adjacent thereto;
- b) Construction or renovation of state-owned office buildings with site plans and architectural designs of the highest quality;
- c) Sensitivity to building design and scale and environmental concerns;
- d) Proximity to public transit and other needed infrastructure;
- e) Proximity to affordable and available housing;
- f) Pedestrian access to retail and commercial facilities, and exploiting opportunities for mixed use;
- g) Indications of the need for neighborhood economic revitalization;
- h) Opportunities to utilize structures of historic, cultural or architectural significance;
- i) Communication with residents, property owners and businesses regarding local concerns;
- j) Advice and recommendations of local elected officials and their staff with consideration to any incentives offered by local government.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Department of General Services is given responsibility and authority for implementing this order. All other state agencies and departments shall cooperate accordingly.

I FURTHER DIRECT that, as soon as hereafter possible, this order be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given to this order.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this the ninth day of October 2001.

/s/ Gray Davis

Governor of California