## Key panel stomps county mortgage aid scheme

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A controversial county plan to subsidize 2,800 mortgages for prospective Cakland home buyers appears headed for the trash can.
The county board of commissioners' finance committee, after a public hearing Monday night, overhelmingly disapproved a \$100 million mortgage revenue bond scheme.
The vote was 6-0 with one abstention. Voling against the plan were consistent of the control of the

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Committee chairman Paul Kasper (R-Bloomfield Hüls) abstained saying he did not have enough information to

The full board will consider the plan Monday.

The plan, which was proposed to Cakland County Executive Daniel T. Murphy by the investment banking firm L.F. Rottschild, Unterferry, Tow-bin and Pontiac State Bank, would have Oakland County float 190 million in revenue bonds. The proceeds from the sale would then be turned over to Pontiac State Bank and other Oakland lending institutions to finance mortages for about 2,500 county home buyers.

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cent. The commercial rate stands at 11.5 per cent. Even before the public hearing, the tide of opposition had been growing. But finance and public services com-mittee members discovered just how strong that opposition was. Every one of a dozen banking industry represen-tatives and county residents opposed the proposal.

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Some complained that the plan's definition of 'middle income' was not realistic. The program would be aimed at families earning more than \$20,000 annually but not more than \$20,000. Only a small portion of the lendable \$33 million would be earmarked for families cample less that \$20,000.

Oakland officials said government assistance programs were already available for low-income families.

Banking officials urged caution.

Paul Williams, a vice-president of

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