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# Inland Group gets green light for Investor Visa Program

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VICTORVILLE • The council approved a one-year exclusive deal with Inland Group, allowing the company to solicit 50 foreign citizens willing to loan \$500,000 each to Victorville [in exchange for an American visa](#).

The deal passed on a 4-1 vote during a special meeting Tuesday afternoon, with Councilwoman JoAnn Almond casting the only “no.”

Almond raised a number of concerns, including the staff recommendation that only two council members serve on a board to oversee the investment program, the fact that former City Manager Jon Robert’s name appears on the program application and the idea of the city paying for Inland employees to travel abroad seeking investors.

Councilman Ryan McEachron asked that staff push to have potential investors come to visit Victorville “on their own dime” and take a look at what they’re investing in, rather than city or Inland officials traveling half-way around the world to pitch the idea as they did in China last year. Mayor Rudy Cabriales backed this request.