

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
2005-2010 CONSOLIDATED PLAN**

APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

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FOR CERTAIN HUD-FUNDED PROGRAMS**

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INTRODUCTION

All grantees of funding provided by the U.S. Department of HUD under the "Consolidated Plan" for Community Planning entitlement funds must develop and follow a written Citizen Participation Plan describing the City's policies and procedures for including citizen participation in the development of the Consolidated Plan (this includes the annual Action Plan, annual Performance Report, and substantial amendments). This Citizen Participation Plan (Plan) is intended to ensure full participation by residents of the City of Long Beach (City) in the development and implementation of Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and related U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)-assisted programs.

The Citizen Participation Plan, adopted by the City Council on August 29, 1995, has been updated and is included as an element of the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan.

This Plan addresses the need to provide sufficient information to the public regarding HUD-assisted programs to allow the opportunity for meaningful citizen participation in the development and implementation of the various programs and activities funded by HUD. It encourages participation among the primary program beneficiaries who are persons of low- and moderate-income and residents of slums and blighted areas. It guides recipients through the entire Consolidated Plan process, including project development and review, compilation of the annual Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan, and project implementation. The Plan encourages citizens to propose projects as well as assess performance. The City proposes to use the following methods to encourage citizen participation:

A. APPLICABILITY

Each year the City of Long Beach receives from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development the following entitlement grants on behalf of its citizens and residents:

- Community Development Block Grant Program;
- Emergency Shelter Grants Program;
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program; and,
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program (as such HOPWA grants are made available through a consortium of Los Angeles County municipalities).
- Any new or successor program(s), if any, developed by HUD to consolidate, expand or otherwise alter the above named programs and which HUD determines shall be governed by the Citizen Participation Plan regulations at 24 CFR Part 91, as amended.

B. PROCESS

The City of Long Beach Consolidated Plan Program Year (PY) begins each October 1st and ends on the following September 30th. In order to receive HUD entitlement grants, the City's Consolidated Plan and annual Action Plans are submitted to HUD on or about August 1st. The current Consolidated Plan was adopted by the City Council on August 1, 2000 and will be effective from October 1, 2000 through September 30, 2005. In future years, the City may exercise its option to submit to HUD a Consolidated Plan of less than five (5) years duration. An annual Action Plan budget and program description for HUD-funded activities is adopted for each Program Year. The process for developing the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan is initiated during the months preceding the City Council adoption, usually commencing in February.

C. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION (CDAC)

1. Membership and Purpose

The City of Long Beach Community Development Advisory Commission (CDAC) consists of fifteen (15) community residents appointed by the Mayor and City Council (see Attachment A) to carry out citizen participation activities for HUD entitlement grant programs. CDAC meets the third Wednesday of every month and conducts business according to its Bylaws. CDAC Committee meetings are held on an as needed basis.

2. Public Hearings

- A. Approximately six (6) months prior to the beginning of a new Program Year, CDAC appoints a committee to review and develop programs and a budget for the Action Plan. The same schedule is developed when a new Consolidated Plan is required. The committee then presents a Proposed Action Plan and/or Proposed Consolidated Plan to the entire CDAC and to the citizens of Long Beach for review. After reviewing the Plan and obtaining citizen comments, CDAC sets a date, time, and location for a Public Hearing (usually in May or June) on the Proposed Action Plan or Consolidated Plan. Following the Spring Public Hearing, and after taking into account the views of its Members and the citizen comments, CDAC forwards the Proposed Action Plan or Consolidated Plan to the Mayor and City Council for review and adoption.
- B. During the first six (6) months of the City's Program Year, CDAC shall conduct a Fall Public Hearing for the purpose of: addressing community development priority obtaining additional citizens views on program performance and development; and, formulating or responding to proposals and inquires regarding the City's Action Plan or Consolidated Plan.

3. Other Public Hearings

During the Public Hearings, or other formally convened Public Hearings, consideration may or may not be given to substantially amending the Consolidated Plan, Action Plan, and/or this Citizen Participation Plan, or any successor documents, plans, or strategies determined to be governed by HUD regulations 24 CFR Part 91. All such Public Hearings shall be conducted according to Section D(3) and D(6) of this Plan.

4. Public Participation at Meetings and Public Hearings

All meetings and Public Hearings convened by the City Council or CDAC, with regard to the Consolidated Plan, Action Plan, or Citizen Participation Plan, shall be conducted according to the California Ralph M. Brown Act, as amended, and other related statutes, thereby providing citizens with adequate public notices and an opportunity to attend and participate in CDAC meetings and Public Hearings.

D. CITIZEN PARTICIPAION THROUGH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY

Information about programs and services funded as a result of the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan is regularly communicated to neighborhood residents through the City's Neighborhood Resource Center, the Neighborhood Improvement Strategy and the City of Long Beach Website, www.longbeach.gov. Residents are encouraged to provide ideas and input on the effectiveness of the programs and to participate in all Public Hearings.

1. Neighborhood Resource Center

The Neighborhood Resource Center is designed to provide services and support to neighborhood associations and community groups. Through workshops and seminars on neighborhood issues citizens provide staff with input and evaluation of federally funded programs. The Neighborhood Resource Center also uses these events, along with its quarterly publication of NeighborNews, to encourage citizen participation at Commission meetings and Public Hearings.

2. Neighborhood Improvement Strategy

Ten neighborhoods experiencing severe social, physical and economic distress have been designated Neighborhood Improvement Strategy (NIS) areas by the City Council. The funding for services is principally derived from the Consolidated Plan/Action Plan programs. It is, therefore, critical that citizens in the ten NIS areas actively participate in the formulation of programs and services funded to improve their neighborhoods.

In each NIS area citizens are surveyed to identify neighborhood issues and a Neighborhood Action Plan is developed. Surveys and subsequent information about the Action Plan is printed in English, Spanish and Khmer (Cambodian). Regular meetings are held to receive ideas and input on the progress of the Action Plans. This citizen participation is a crucial link to the development of the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan. NIS residents are encouraged to also participate in the Consolidated Plan/Action Plan Public Hearings.

E. GENERAL CITIZEN PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

1. General Policies

This Plan sets out the basic mandates for compliance under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and under 24 CFR Part 91. The parameters will continue to be a determination by the Mayor and City Council of the appropriate uses of CDBG, and other HUD entitlement grants, based upon the City's needs. The City will also follow this Plan in order to comply with citizen participation statutory and regulatory requirements.

2. Public Access to Information and Records

All citizens will be given reasonable access to information and records concerning the current and preceding five (5) years of the HUD entitlement grant programs listed in Section A. APPLICABILITY of this Plan, the Consolidated Plan, Action Plans, this Citizen Participation Plan, and any substantial amendments to the documents. Such information and records will be available at the City Hall office of the City's Community Development Department, Monday through Friday (except for legal holidays) from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or otherwise during the Department's normal business hours. Copies of program documents shall be made available for review upon request. Documents generally prepared for public dissemination, such as the Proposed and Final copies of the Consolidated Plan, annual Action Plan, and the annual HUD-required Performance Report (CAPER), will be available for citizen review at all branches of the Long Beach Public Library. Although the City reserves the right to charge a fee for duplicating records and documents, reasonable requests shall be honored at no cost to the public. Reasonableness shall be determined by a combination of: number of copies requested; size (pages and/or dimensions) of the documents; length of staff time needed to compile the data; and, the direct costs to the City to duplicate the document(s) and record(s). Copies may be obtained in person, by mail or by telephone request. Program records maintained on file, or requiring research or compilation, shall be provided within a reasonable time period upon receipt of a written request which specifically states the information desired and the correct name and contact address or telephone number of the person making the request. All books and records relating to HUD-funded programs shall be maintained for a minimum of five (5) years after the completion of a Program Year. This paragraph is not intended to supersede the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act of 1966, as amended, which covers the City's activities under HUD grant programs.

3. Disabled Access

The City shall ensure that architectural barriers do not preclude the attendance of disabled persons at meetings and hearings convened under this Plan. The City shall also ensure that the Consolidated Plan, Action Plan, Citizen Participation Plan, and Performance Report (CAPER), including substantial amendments to these documents, shall be available in an alternative format accessible to persons with disabilities.

4. Technical Assistance

Groups representative of low- and moderate-income persons desiring to develop project proposals may contact the City's Community Development Department for technical assistance. This technical assistance shall not include the provision of funds to the aforesaid groups.

5. Complaints

The City's Community Development Department shall respond in writing to each citizen complaint regarding this plan, the Consolidated Plan, Action Plan, Performance Reports (CAPER), and substantial amendments to these Plans, and Report for the programs listed in Section A. APPLICABILITY of this Plan. The complaint must be submitted in writing, be specific in subject matter, and include facts to support the basis of any complaint. Upon receipt of a written complaint, the Community Development Department shall respond to the complainant within fifteen (15) working days and maintain on file a copy of all related correspondence. If due to unusual circumstances, the Community Development Department finds that it is unable to meet the aforesaid time limit, the time limit may be extended by written notice to the complainant. The written notice to the complainant shall state the reason for the extension and the date on which a response is expected to be generated which may be based on the nature and complexity of the complaint

6. Adequate Notice, Time, Location, and Translation

All Public Hearings and meetings covered by this Plan shall be convened at times and places convenient to the public, such as City Hall or other public meeting room facilities, which are served by public transportation and fully accessible to the disabled. Not less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to convening any Public Hearing under this Plan, the City shall publish a notice to the public indicating the date, time, and location. The notice shall also disclose information that will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the issues to be discussed at the Public Hearing. The notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation serving the affected citizens of Long Beach. The notice may also include information on how the public may provide comments, in lieu of attendance, on the issues to be discussed in the Public Hearing, and such comments shall be submitted for the record of the applicable Public Hearing. If the City determines that a significant number of non-English speaking residents can be reasonably expected to participate in a Public Hearing, the City shall have a translator(s) present to facilitate participation by such non-English speaking persons. Notices of all regular meetings shall be posted at City Hall and other public locations and shall be mailed to any residents who request it.

F. PERFORMANCE REPORTS AND ACTION PLAN

The City shall provide notice to the public regarding an opportunity to review and comment on HUD-required Performance Reports (CAPER) prepared by the City for the programs listed in Section A. APPLICABILITY of this Plan. Such notices shall be published on or before the beginning of the fifteen (15) calendar days period set aside for citizen comments on a draft of the Performance Reports (CAPER) and before such Performance Reports (CAPER) are submitted to HUD. All acceptable comments from the public shall be in the form of a written communication to the City's Community Development Department during the period and in the manner described in the aforementioned notice. Copies of the aforesaid draft Performance Reports (CAPER) will be available upon citizen request from the City's Community Development Department during the fifteen (15) calendar day citizen comment period. A summary of all citizen comments received during the aforesaid fifteen (15) calendar day period shall be attached to the Performance Report (CAPER) submitted to HUD.

G. CONSOLIDATED PLAN

1. Required Pre-Adoption Information

The City shall ensure that before the Mayor and City Council adopts the Consolidated and Action Plans, it will make available (see Section G.2 below) to citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties information that includes the following:

- Amount of HUD assistance the City expects to receive (including grant funds and program income);
- The range of activities that will be undertaken (including the estimated amount of funds that will benefit low- and moderate-income persons);
- City's plans to minimize displacement, even if no displacement is anticipated, of persons and to assist persons that will be displaced (including the types and levels of assistance the City will make available or require others to make available to persons displaced);

Such information shall usually be made available in the notice regarding the Public Hearing for the Proposed Consolidated Plan, except that information concerning displacement may be made available during the aforesaid Public Hearing.

2. Notice and Publication

The City shall publish a summary of the contents and purpose of proposed Consolidated Plans and Action Plans in a newspaper of general circulation no later than the first day of a thirty (30) calendar day public comment period. This publication shall provide: notice to citizens, public agencies, and interested parties of the availability of copies of the Proposed Consolidated and Action Plans in all branches of the Long Beach Public Library; the date, time, and location of the Public Hearing(s) scheduled on the Proposed Plans; and the final date for which written citizen comments will be received by the City on the Proposed Plans. The City shall also provide a reasonable number (not less than 10 nor more than 25) of copies of the Proposal Plans to citizens and citizen/community groups upon request at no charge. Additional copies (in excess of the 25 copies provided at no charge) of the Proposal Plans may be requested and charged to the requestor at the City's cost.

3. Public Hearings on Proposed Consolidated and Action Plans

At least one (1) Public Hearing shall be held by CDAC during the development of the Consolidated Plan but before the Proposed Consolidated Plan is published for citizen comment. The aforesaid Public Hearing may or may not occur as part of the Public Hearing described in Section C. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION, of this Plan. One additional Public Hearing (which may or may not occur as part of the Public Hearing above) will be held at the beginning or ending of the above mentioned thirty (30) calendar days public comment period, but in sufficient time for citizen comments to assist in the development of the Consolidated and Action Plans.

CDAC may invite other City commissions, boards, committees, etc. to participate in the conducting of the aforesaid Public Hearing(s); however, CDAC shall have the lead responsibility for conducting and ending the Public Hearing(s). All written citizen comments received during the above mentioned thirty (30) calendar days public comment period, or during the Public Hearing(s), and all citizen oral comments received during the Public Hearing(s), shall be considered by CDAC and the City in preparing the Final Consolidated and Action Plans. A summary of the aforementioned written and oral citizen comments, as well as a summary of any citizen comments not accepted for inclusion in the Final Consolidated Plan, shall be attached to the Final Consolidated and Action Plans submitted to HUD.

H. SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS

1. Criteria

The City shall use the following criteria for defining substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan, Action Plan, and/or activities funded with the HUD entitlement grants listed in Section A. APPLICABILITY of this Plan:

- Changes in funding allocation priorities and/or the method of distributing funds;
- Additions or deletions in activity funds exceeding fifty percent (50%) of budgeted dollars.
- Additions to, or deletions of, program activities; and,
- Changes to the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity, except when such modified activities continue to substantially benefit low- and moderate-income persons within

targeted neighborhoods, and implementation of the original purpose and scope of the activity is improved.

2. Notices and Public Hearing

The City shall use the notices, publication, and Public Hearing process described in Section G(1) and G(2) of this Plan, to ensure that citizens have an opportunity to comment on proposed substantial amendments prior to adoption. A Public Hearing will be held when any of the criteria listed in Section H. Substantial Amendments have been met.

J. AUTHORITY OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Nothing in this Plan shall preclude the Mayor and City Council from convening, in lieu of CDAC, meetings or the above-described necessary Public Hearings during the Program Year. However, the Mayor and City Council must follow the above-described procedures for conducting Public Hearings. The Mayor and City Council shall have the sole authority to adopt, approve, amend, or disapprove the City's Consolidated and Action Plans and this Citizen Participation Plan as well as any substantial changes to the budgets, activities and programs funded in whole or in part with the HUD entitlement grant funds listed in Section A. APPLICABILITY, of this Plan. The Mayor and City Council shall receive recommendations from CDAC concerning the Proposed Consolidated and Action Plans, and substantial amendments to these Plans, prior to taking any action. Citizens may obtain from the Office of the City Clerk a copy of the agenda prior to the City Council meeting where such action shall occur. Citizens and interested parties may make comments at appropriate times during the meeting prior to the City Council taking any action. Having obtained and considered citizens' views and comments, the Mayor and City Council shall then take an action to adopt, approve, amend, or disapprove the aforesaid Plans, substantial amendments, programs, activities, and budgets. When the City Council shall take an action to adopt or approve, it shall also authorize the City Manager to submit these actions and their related materials to HUD and to execute documents with HUD to obtain funds and/or to implement these actions. Nothing in this Citizen Participation Plan shall curtail the authority of the City to expand upon the text herein if in the City's sole judgment its primary responsibility and authority to properly manage and conduct HUD-funded programs and activities is hindered by the text herein.

ATTACHMENT A

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION (CDAC)

The following is an excerpt from the Revised CDAC Bylaws, which were adopted as Resolution CDAC No. 7-87.

ARTICLE I - THE COMMISSION

Section 1. Name of Commission. The name of the Commission shall be the Community Development Advisory Commission.

Section 2. Commission Membership. The Commission, as set forth by the Long Beach City Council, shall consist of two members from each of the categories listed below, and one member at large:

1. Housing: which may include, but not be limited to, representatives from the League of Women Voters, Architectural Institute of America, Apartment House Association, and consumer groups.
2. Redevelopment: which may include, but not be limited to, representatives from real estate and project area committees.
3. Rehabilitation: which may include, but not be limited to, representatives of banks, savings and loan institutions, and construction.
4. Social Services: which may include, but not be limited to, representatives from the religious community or other organizations that might normally assist in neighborhood facility center operations.
5. Business and Industry: which may include, but not be limited to, representatives from business, industry, and economic development.
6. Minorities: which would include representatives of ethnic groups.
7. Low-income: which may include, but not be limited to, representatives from organizations serving low-income people, the elderly, or individuals representing low-income or elderly people within the city.

APPENDIX 2

PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS

JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION
LONG BEACH HOUSING DEVELOPMENT COMPANY
HOMELESS SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
LONG BEACH BOARD OF HEALTH
CITY HALL-CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
333 WEST OCEAN BOULEVARD**

February 16, 2005
6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Thomas opened the meeting for public comment stating that comments should be no longer than three minutes. Chair Thomas stated that comments could also be submitted in writing. The next Public Hearing will be held on June 16, 2005, in the City Council Chambers, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard at 6:00 p.m.

Recording Secretary Elisa Todd read into the record written comments that have been received for the Public Hearing.

JIM MAHR (Alamitos Beach Association)

Jim stated that before the Neighborhood Resource Center (NRC) was established our City was plagued by a pervading attitude of “them vs. us” – translated, the government vs. the people. NRC has been a key factor in bridging that formidable chasm. Thanks to the NRC Long Beach is now home to a multitude of active neighborhood associations, vibrant community groups, crime prevention neighborhood watches and enthusiastic citizen participation. These groups have helped to reduce the downward spiral that neighborhoods were experiencing in the not so distant past. The continued support and funding of the Neighborhood Resource Center is not a luxury; it is a necessity to ensure the basic health of our fair city by the sea.

DIANA JONES (Florida Street Neighborhood Watch)

The City of Long Beach annually receives money from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to help improve our neighborhoods. One of the most valuable assets that HUD funds support is the Neighborhood Resource Center. The services NRC provides have benefited the community immeasurably. The connection they create between City Hall and the general public is priceless. Because of the encouragement and assistance of Margaret Madden and her NRC team, I formed a local neighborhood watch and was able to clean up and greatly improve my surrounding area. Coordinating with a number of other city entities such as Community Policing and Code Enforcement, NRC enabled me to resolve many of the difficulties facing local residents. I was able to rid my vicinity of loathsome drug dealers, gang activity, various nuisance problems, rundown properties, zoning and code violations and a profusion of graffiti. NRC staff enabled me to obtain a grant for about 100 trees and organize a very successful tree planting. The numerous workshops that NRC provides, i.e., Safe Streets Now, Grant Writing, Tenants Rights and Responsibilities furnished me with the knowledge needed to accomplish these feats. I feel fortunate to access the many tools that the Center provides to assist neighborhood leaders in these and many other constructive endeavors. The volunteer time they promote results in substantial savings to taxpayers – it's priceless. The importance of the Neighborhood Resource Center cannot be emphasized enough and its continued existence in funding.

HARVEY COCHRAN (HANA)

Harvey stated that he is with HANA, a Hellman Avenue Neighborhood Association. I just wanted to brief you on what the CDBG funds have done for our organization. The funds have provided assistance to put garbage cans along Orange Avenue between 7th Street and 4th Street. It has helped us rent dumpsters to clean the neighborhood up; a lot of trash is found in alleyways, so we go through alleyways and collect the trash there that people just leave there, which could result into a fire hazard. We also clean alleys from debris and shrub. We've also used the funds to plant trees along Toledo Way and help restore Toledo Way, which is an historical district. We were able to get signs approved through CDBG funds to put up new street signs in our neighborhood so the funding has done a great deal of good. Also, the funding provided training for the Neighborhood Leadership 2003 Program for me to be able to work with the various neighborhoods on improvement projects.

CHRISTINE DeLABRE (Interval House)

Christine stated that she is here as a representative for the Interval House, which was founded 25 years ago and provides help for victims of domestic violence. One of the shelters is located in Long Beach. Domestic Violence is a primary health concern and should be a priority on the list of needs. Domestic violence victims have special needs beyond the tragedy of homelessness such as needs for additional medical, legal, social services, emotional services support, and also help for their children.

ELVIA HUERTADO (Interval House)

Twenty-three years ago I called the police in a life threatening situation. Without the support I received from Interval House I would not be here today. I believe Interval House saved my life. I would like for you to fund Interval House and help other domestic victims realize their dream as I did.

LEDIYA HYCHING (Interval House)

Lediya stated that Long Beach has the largest Cambodian population outside of Cambodia. At the Interval House, I dedicate myself to helping domestic violence victims in the Cambodia community. Please prioritize the services to domestic violence victims and their children in your Plan.

JANINE LIMAS (Interval House)

Janine stated that she is a formerly battered woman, and if she had not been able to find help when she was in a domestic violence situation, she would not be here today helping other victims. My children and I found housing in 1991 when our lives were in danger. I'm here today to implore you to list domestic violence services as a priority in your Plan. I promise you it will save lives.

LORENA PONCE (Interval House)

Lorena stated that she was here to represent the teens and the children that are victims of domestic violence. She stated that she also represented Interval House. Housing for these young victims is in desperate need. Please make support for domestic violence a priority in your Plan. A relatively small amount of this money in support helps domestic violence victims transition from their crisis. This is a great investment for our city, and we know this firsthand.

GINA NORMAN (Interval House)

Gina stated that she was here to ask that domestic violence be rated as a top priority in the Plan. I'm speaking on behalf of Creating a Safe Environment, which is a program that is a partnership with Interval House. Our work focuses on critical needs for services for the African American community of Long Beach. Creating a safe environment is a prevention and direct intervention model of domestic violence services. The project was created to address the increasing prevalence of domestic violence within the African American communities in Long Beach. Domestic violence has a rippling effect on communities. It takes a village to raise a child, but if the village is sick, it is going to raise sick children. A healthy village is more likely bred and raise healthy children. Our effort has brought African American victims and their children into the domestic violence service of Interval House. The work of domestic violence is a life or death priority.

WENDE NICHOLS-JULIEN (NCCJ)

Wende stated she was representing NCCJ – the National Conference for Community and Justice, a nonprofit human relations organization that has been serving the Long Beach area for over 42 years. The mission of NCCJ is to fight biased bigotry and racism in the United States. We do so through education, advocacy, and conflict resolution. NCCJ is a recipient of the Social Services grant that Corrine discussed earlier, which has allowed us to create a critical link between the services offered to our youth and the services offered to the community. That link has taken place in full effort through this funding in North Long Beach, particularly in the Jordan High School area as a result of the violent conflict that broke down along racial lines a little over a year ago. That violence and fright in that community turned into a hopeful situation through the efforts of NCCJ, the North Long Beach Police Division, and principals at Jordan High School, the Councilmember from the North Long Beach district, and a variety of community leaders. I look forward to doing this for other communities around Long Beach.

DAVID HENSELER (WESCA)

David stated that he was the vice president of the West East Side Community Association (WESCA). David stated that the money given to the Neighborhood Resource Center is multiplied. Through the NRC WESCA is able to provide a number of activities: a skateboard safety fair in the spring, a Halloween Carnival is held at Orizaba Park, at least two tree plantings a year, host 11 community forums a year and hold neighborhood cleanups the 4th Saturday of each month. The funding for the NRC provides a “huge bang for your buck.”

DENNIS MONFETT (WSNA)

Dennis stated that he is the vice president of the Washington Neighborhood School Association. This neighborhood is a very blight area. The public services such as the police, neighborhood services with Magna Gonzalez and code enforcement and other services are vital to our neighborhood. If these services are cut, it would cause a very vital problem in the neighborhood.

KAREN RESIDE (Boys & Girls Club of Long Beach))

Karen stated that she was representing the Boys & Girls Club of Long Beach and was here to speak on behalf of the 3500 children that are served yearly who do not vote but become strong and active citizens in the community. Boys and Girls programs are after school from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. which are the most dangerous hours for youth. These are the times when youth are most likely to be targets for gang activity or mischief that starts them down the road of crime. This funding goes directly toward steering youth off the “straight and narrow.” I’m asking that you consider youth needs strongly . Even though they do not vote, they are a vital part of the community and need to have their needs considered in this process. It is so easy for them to become disillusioned, particularly when they feel adults do not pay attention to them. A lot of times all it takes to turn the life around is a little attention.

DON RODRIGUEZ (Boys & Girls Club of Long Beach)

Don stated that he was representing the Boys & Girls Club which has expanded into nine different sites in Long Beach. Don stated that he would like to be able to expand the sites and extend the hours. The hours are currently from noon – 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Don would like to see the hours extended to 7:00 or 8:00 p.m. during the week and all day on Saturday at all sites in order to service more kids.

HADASSA JACKSON (WESCA/NLP)

Hadassa stated that she was a homeowner in Long Beach and had graduated from Neighborhood Leadership Long Beach in 2002. The NRC has helped me so much to get to know everyone and to get around Long Beach. The NLP program helped me to communicate with the community by keeping my area safe from drugs, prostitution, graffiti, and keeping it clean. I’m also a member of WESCA and I help with their events.

VICTOR HUGO GROJALES (NLP-2004)

Victor stated that he was there to represent his neighborhood which is serviced by the Willmore Police Center (WPC). I started helping cleaning the streets in the community and then became a leader with neighborhood programs. Here is a quick overview of the programs that are done within the city. There are 11 neighborhood cleanups a year. There are workshops helping people under the influence of alcohol, prevention of sexual violence, educational classes for traffic, meetings with girl scouts, programs with mothers, meetings with neighborhoods leaders, and a Raising a Reader program.

MAX POLLOCK (Save Section 8 Coalition)

Max stated that he was representing the Save Section 8 Coalition. Max thanked everyone for the Section 8 program stating without this program he and many others would be homeless.

RON MORGAN (Wells House Hospice)

Ron stated that he was representing the Wells House Hospice Program. The mission of Wells House Hospice is to raise funds to support compassionate palliative treatment, hospice and for end-of-life care for underserved patients and their families and provide training in hospice and end-of-life care to medical, allied health, human service professionals and the community. The client base of Wells House includes the underserved, indigent and homeless population that is approaching end-of-life. Wells House has been a recipient of an ESG grants during 2003-04 from the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services. This is a medical facility licensed by the California Department of Health with a basic philosophy that no one requiring end-of-life care is turned away from Wells House. Ron provided members with a handout regarding the Wells House Hospice Foundation and extended an invitation to visit the program at any time.

CRUZ SOLIZ (Centro CHA)

Cruz represented Centro CHA, which serves a large number of Hispanics in Long Beach. The mission of Centro CHA is to enrich the quality of life of Hispanics. Centro CHA has helped me go back to school and become a mentor. Without this organization I feel that I would be back on the streets. This organization gave me and other youth a place to go after school and promotes higher education and a lot of good things in the community.

REBECCA MAGDELENO RANKINS (So. Wrigley NAG)

Rebecca stated that she is a member of the So. Wrigley Neighborhood Advisory Group and president of Lafayette Elementary School PTA. I'm here as a homeowner and a mom. When my husband and I bought our house seven years ago, there were many problems in So. Wrigley. We started attending NIS meetings which have proven to be a valuable resource and opened the door to many programs which have helped our area greatly –the mural arts program, the home improvement programs, the graffiti removal, the youth and recreational mobile units, code enforcement, support for our area cleanups, our police center and resource center have all played vital roles in improving our neighborhood. While we have come a long way, we have much more to be accomplished. If you toured So. Wrigley, you would find multitudes of children in the streets because there is no park in our area for them. You would find that we have a magnificent school with wonderful teachers, but it has long been outgrown by the neighborhood which is so densely populated. There is no parking which creates daily conflicts with neighbors and serious hazards for children. The school and surrounding area need to be included in the Plan. Economic development and business revitalization are also crucial. The entire city and school district have all been hit hard financially, but those areas with thriving businesses are able to solicit help, donations, and support to offset some of the losses that have been made. Areas like So. Wrigley are not there yet. Without the programs the various funds can provide, we will continue to be at a loss and children will be deprived of many things. I am asking you to remember the children and families of So. Wrigley in your Plan and help us continue our positive growth.

KIMBERLY CRAWFORD (Family Crisis Center)

Kimberly stated that she represented 1736 Family Crisis Center. This agency is similar to Interval House trying to serve domestic violence victims who would otherwise be homeless. What we provide in our Center free of charge is housing, food, clothing, medical needs, case management, therapy, legal services, referrals to outside, education, and life skills. We do all this in 30 days so that they can move on to permanent housing. We have a lot to do with them when they get there, and it is a 24-hour facility. Our biggest concern is their safety and confidentiality and making sure they have a place to be. Without these ESG funds, these clients would be forced to stay at home or with family and friends when they would be found.

JAYLENE WESTFALL (Family Crisis Center)

Jaylene stated that she was representing 1736 Family Crisis Center. Jaylene stated that her focus would be on the Center's transitional program. We provide emergency service for 30 days, but after that time many of our clients are not able to support themselves in their own apartment simply because they have been isolated and not working – lots of times they have spent the last 10 years at home with their children and have no work experience at all. Transitional services are focused on helping them get to a place where they can live and support their children in their own apartment with permanent housing. We work with them to provide case management, budgeting skills, working on their credit – a lot of them have bad credit simply because they've spent years with little control over their own money. Section 8 is really important to many of our clients. Some low-income permanent housing necessary for our women because they have very little access to money. So, it is very important to have low-income subsidized housing.

LUCIO CASTILLO (Future Generations Youth Center)

Lucio stated that he is a senior at Cabrillo High and was here tonight to support CDBG funds in regard to the Future Generations Youth Center. The graphics program offered here helped me go into the career I wanted to go into, to prepare me for that certain field, gave me an opportunity to get work experience and build my portfolio in that field. They gave me experience and the determination to continue on. Some of projects I have participated in were with the State of California/Office of Traffic Safety, Long Beach Unified School District (Jordan, Lakewood, and Poly High School and School for Adults), Community Development Department, Parks and Marine Department, the Health Department, NCCJ, California State University-Dominguez Hills, Long Beach Police Department, Veterans Day and MLK, Jr. parades. As a student, I participated in the ROP program and received 10 credits of high school credit. I feel everyone else should have the opportunity to participate in these programs.

MARIA GIESEY (Long Beach Coalition for the Homeless)

Maria stated that she represented the Long Beach Coalition for the Homeless and is the committee liaison for that group. The Coalition looks at all aspects of homelessness and privately raises money to keep the rainy day shelter open because there are no state or federal funds for having a shelter open on rainy days during the winter time. I want to address to issue of women and children who are on the street. Long Beach is the tale of two cities – there is that part of the city that is very well off and then there is the other side of the city which is filled with desperation and want. I see the women with children as the most difficult part – the women are often people who have never worked; they have little capability and cannot easily cope because they have not had any training. The issue of providing funds for women with children to help get them off the street is very important. We have a very hard time finding any kind of housing for these women – we usually have to put them up in some ghastly motel. Whatever help can be provided, or continue to be provided, for the issue of women with children – there are 795 families from the count of 2003 and we have 2069 children under 18, and not one of those children has any blame for where they are or what has happened to them. And very often their parents don't have any blame for it either. These people need all kinds of services, but the first thing we need to do is get them off the streets.

OSCAR ROBLES (Future Generations Youth Center)

Oscar stated that he is a student at Lakewood High School. I'm speaking on behalf of CDBG Future Generations Youth Center, the graphic program. This program has helped me out in many way; I've learned many new techniques and skills that I will need to know if I wish to become a graphic artist designer. I'm learning skills that are taught in pricey colleges, but I'm learning these skills at no charge. I don't know where else I could find this program in Long Beach and feel very lucky that I found it. I'm giving my teacher advice from the things I've learned rather than him giving me advice. Now that technology is advancing there is more need for graphic designers because we influence advertisement and the way we see life – we influence many things that you see. Luckily, I can say that I'm doing something productive in my life instead of being out there doing something that wouldn't help my future.

JANE KELLEHER

Jane stated that in any city the most basic obligation is to its citizens. We have a lot of hard working citizens in Long Beach who do not make a lot of money. I'm talking particularly about economically disadvantaged neighborhoods – what I call fragile neighborhoods that could go one way or another. The children could go into a gang or they could become productive citizens. The most basic responsibility of our City is to provide a safe home where husbands and wives can come home and be protected from gangs and from the graffiti. I think we need to raise the bar on what is acceptable in our neighborhoods; particularly, the poorer neighborhoods where people don't necessarily vote and are not paid attention to. And God help those people who are working very hard. Please help our neighborhoods.

JOHN MALVEAUX (Central Area Association)

John stated that he is with the Central Area Association. Most of this area is blighted. Those of us who care are unable to change the behavior of those who are not in step. I encourage you to continue to fund the code enforcement and property maintenance, and perhaps we can have a more homogeneous city.

MARY SOTH (Commission on Youth & Children)

Mary stated she represented the Commission on Youth & Children. I am here to speak about the early education of children from 0 – 5. Long-term benefits of quality early care and education are well known; it is a good investment – one dollar spent on providing early quality care and education results in a savings of \$7 in reduced costs of remedial education, welfare, and criminal justice system. There has been a report prepared by the Task Force on early care and education. The Plan was adopted by the City Council in 2003. The Plan is entitled “Preparing Long Beach Children for the Future – a Community Plan for Shaping the Early Care and Education System.” I hope that you will acquaint yourself with the document and listen to the recommendations of this document. It represents the work of about 20 stakeholders in the community and has been well thought through.

CRAIG CRAMER (440 W. 3rd Street, Unit B, Long Beach, CA 90802)

Craig stated that he was here tonight representing the disabled population. Because he lives in the West Gateway Development project, he received his 90-day notice to vacate and has been working with the Disabled Resource Center to find living space which meets the needs of the disabled. Craig asked that the following items from the PowerPoint presentation be addressed: on page 3, *Current Use of CDBG Funds for Residential Rehabilitation* – is there a double digit percentage allocated for people with disabilities. I am hoping you can include the needs of people with disabilities in your plan. On page 3, *Code Enforcement Property Maintenance, & Facility Improvements, Economic Development* -- is there a targeted percentage allocation for people with disabilities, or compliance with ADA requirements. On page 3, under *Administration* -- is there an allocation for disabled housing. On page 4, *Current Use of HOME Funds* - is there an allocated percentage for disabled housing and what is that percentage. On page 5, under *HUD's National Objectives* is there a set-aside for people with disabilities for housing. On page 5, under *Consolidated Plan Data Analysis* -- when you list help low-income and extremely low-income families who are at risk of becoming homeless, is there a percentage or allocation for people with disabilities. On page 6, under *Consolidated Plan Data Analysis* for persons with disabilities -- how do you plan on collecting that data and how will this data be incorporated into your plan. I would also suggest that you utilize the people at Disabled Resource Centers because they do have people willing and able to help you in this endeavor. On page 7, is there a set-aside for disabled for *Guiding Principles for Housing Assistance*. On page 9, what is the *Social Services Grant Program* where you identify services for persons with disabilities and access to affordable housing can you provide at least a double digit figure for persons with special needs.

ANNA TOTTA (Catholic Charities)

Anna stated that she is the regional director for Catholic Charities, which has two large programs here in Long Beach—the Community Services Center which provides basic assistance for people on the edge and the Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence which is a shelter for homeless families, the disabled and senior citizens. Our mission at Catholic Charities is to service the poorest of the poor. Long Beach has the distinction of having the 7th highest poverty rate in the nation. It is a beautiful and loving city, but we have to remember that it is a tale of two cities. Thank you for the CDBG assistance through the NAP program, which helps nonprofits improve their facilities. Catholic Charities needs to spend every dime it has on operations. About 30 percent of the people that come for basic assistance are disabled or seniors—we provide them with food, utilities and transportation, clothing, and temporary shelter. Though the CDBG funding, we will be able to provide them with a handicapped bathroom. About 13,000 persons come through our door every year to get basic assistance. The other item I would like to address is the Continuum of Care for the Homeless that has been designed by the City of Long Beach's Health Department – Susan Price and Corrine Schneider. We work with the Continuum of Care, New Image, the Salvation Army, 1736, the Multi-Service Center. Thank you for the help with the Emergency Grant Shelter. Many homeless people live in motels and pay taxes to the city – the question is: is as much money coming back to homeless services as is paid in taxes by people living in those motels.

SANDRA KROLL (ICO)

Sandra stated that her address was 3529 Vista Street and introduced herself as a member of ICO (Greater Long Beach Interfaith Community Organization). I wanted to talk about two concerns of my particular congregation. The major concerns were for the homeless and for affordable housing. My congregation is thrilled with the impending opening of the year around 59-bed shelter and the programs that will be there. We are also looking forward possibly opening a day center for the homeless and some facilities particularly addressing the needs for families with children. As far as affordable housing is concerned I have become a member of the Housing Trust Fund Coalition and have been working with that group and visiting a number of organizations. Basically, the eastside congregation's concern is that their children and grandchildren cannot afford to buy a home in Long Beach. We need to be sure and not overlook the need for housing for all our citizens.

HENRY SALZER (Hellman/NLP)

Henry stated that he lived at 1915 6th Street and was here to support all the programs that the City of Long Beach provides. As a resident of the Hellman neighborhood, I attend every single Hellman meeting at the Senior Center on 4th Street to be updated on the news of my City and give that information to my family and my neighbors. I have taken advantage of some of the programs offered by the city, e.g., the “Raising a Reader Program” at the 7th Street Community Police. I have helped with neighborhood cleanups. We used the 7th Street Community Police Center facilities in January to have a landlord/neighborhood forum in which we discussed issues of concern. The most important program in which I have been involved is the Neighborhood Leadership Program Class of 2004.

MARIA LOPEZ

Maria stated that she was at the meeting on behalf of the Anaheim Community Police Center. I’m also on the Advisory Board. These Police Centers serve a purpose for the community. People come to the Centers with the problems they are having in their community. I have cleaned up a lot of areas that have really been neglected. The Centers help people come forward who have not done so in the past.

KELLY HAAS (So. Wrigley NAG)

Kelly stated that she was representing So. Wrigley as a resident. Every possible available penny that can go to Neighborhood Services should go to Neighborhood Services. Neighborhood Services provides services needed to improve the quality of life here in Long Beach. I bought a house in So. Wrigley two years ago because it was beautiful. I would probably not still be there if it were not for the NIS meetings and meeting Teresa Gomez. I’ve also gone through the NLP and learned about the many programs available. We’re a neighborhood, if not a city, that could go either way. Without the funding for these programs, we are very likely to go the wrong way.

GEORGE DAHLQUIST (So. Wrigley NAG)

George stated that he was representing the So. Wrigley area and wanted to encourage funding for Neighborhood Services. I just live in the neighborhood and go the cleanups and meetings. When we first moved to Wrigley I watched my neighbor pull a knife on someone. There were a lot of gun shots. We felt helpless in that neighborhood. Then someone left a flyer on the door for an NIS meeting, which we attended. There were a lot of other people in the neighborhood who felt their quality of life was compromised. Through these meetings I think we all just felt a sense of camaraderie. Neighborhood Services has greatly improved our quality of life. I would like to see Neighborhood Services in our neighborhood for more improvement so that we don't fall back into hell.

GREG MATTSON (Alamitos Beach Neighborhood Association)

Greg stated that one of the strategies for the Plan must be people helping themselves. The NRC is a source where people learn to help themselves or how they can be helped. It is a place to turn to. Your job is to organize. I ask that you consider the NRC as a primary tool to organize so that all of these people can get the things that they need.

KAREN LaMANTIA (Earth Neighborhood Wellness Center)

Karen stated that she was from the Earth Neighborhood Wellness Center. I attend many groups and meetings regarding City planning and the environment. I'd like to speak on the issue of the affect of global warming on Long Beach. I'd like to ask that particularly the people planning affordable housing projects find out what the effects of global warming are proposed to be for Long Beach within the next 5-20 years and not develop affordable housing in areas that are affected by rising tides. Housing projects built with City funds subsidized by City tax breaks or land grants or other assistance could be built with solar or renewable energy resources. This will keep the cost of housing and living costs affordable for the residents. It will reduce energy and demand and lower energy costs for all citizens. Let's began to plan to make Long Beach a solar city. If Long Beach can be known as a solar city it will invite a tremendous amount of investment and job creation; it will allow an expansion of the Port. Please focus on this issue as you are developing your Plan.

STEPHEN PECK (US Vets/Villages @ Cabrillo)

Stephen stated that he was the Director of the Villages at Cabrillo in West Long Beach. I am here representing the more than 5800 people who are homeless in Long Beach and the 1200-1500 who are homeless veterans. Cabrillo is a 700-bed facility, and we are still growing. It is embarrassing to say that with 700 beds it is not really sufficient to meet the need in Long Beach – 43 percent of the homeless in Long Beach are chronically homeless, which means they have been homeless from six months to a year or more. We've had veterans who are homeless 10 and 15 years; 42 percent of those have an income, a disability income, which indicates that in spite of their income they are unable to find affordable housing. Our project has spent about \$20M rehabilitating 26 acres which we have developed thus far at our facility. None of those were with HOME funds or CDBG funds. Thirty thousand people in Long Beach are on disability; 24 percent live under the poverty level; all of those people are at risk of becoming homeless. Affordable housing is a major need that will prevent a lot of them from falling through the cracks. We are about to develop another phase of housing, which will be 150-200 units of housing for families. These are the people who are the fastest growing segment of homeless; some are only a paycheck away from being homeless. I am glad that someone mentioned the wonderful work of Susan Price and Corinne Schneider; they are wonderful advocates for the homeless.

DR. JANICE LAINE (SuCasa Domestic Abuse Network)

Janice stated she was the Director of SuCasa Domestic Abuse Network. Janice asked that everyone join her in a vision that all people in the City of Long Beach have the right to live free from abuse or the threat of abuse. We are open 24 hours a day all year round. We operate a 30-day emergency shelter and have a 12-month transitional center for women who want to stay away from their abusers. Our greatest need is that when women finish that transitional program, they need to find low cost housing. I ask that you continue to focus on that need for these victims of domestic abuse.

ARLENE MERCER (Food Finders)

Arlene stated that she is the founder and director of Food Finders and the President of the Long Beach Area Coalition for the Homeless. There are two basic essentials that we are lacking in Long Beach and that is housing and food. Too many of our residents have to choose between fixing their car, eating, or paying the rent. They work hard but are in low-paying jobs. We need affordable housing. Food Finders is providing food. We provide emergency food to family shelters and agencies that serve the homeless. We also provide food to agencies that try to prevent homelessness. There are two kinds of malnourishment: 1) those that go hungry and 2) obese (the food that is good for you costs more). Preventative measures save money. Proper nourishment is the difference between being a hungry child or a learning child and the difference between being a sickly senior or a senior able to provide for themselves.

JUDY ROSS (LB Nonprofit Partnership)

Judy stated that she is the director of the Long Beach Nonprofit Partnership. We provide management assistance to all the nonprofits in the Long Beach area. There are over 125,000 nonprofits in the State of California. There are about 32,000 nonprofits in the County of Los Angeles. In Long Beach there are over 600 nonprofits. The need for nonprofits is greater than ever; however, there has been a 25 percent decrease in funding for nonprofits in the last year. Nonprofits and government agencies need to work together to serve our community. As you develop the Consolidated Plan, here are some ideas you might consider: 1) provide the broadest definition possible for funding categories and services, 2) look for ways to eliminate extensive administrative requirements for grant recipients -- streamline the application process and reporting requirements, and 3) offer special grants to nonprofit organizations to build their capacity so that they can better serve their constituents.

CRYSTAL WEST

Crystal stated that she lives in the Roosevelt Neighborhood Association area, which is also the Linden Historical Society. I've been in Long Beach for about three years now. When I first moved to Long Beach it was a very scary place. Neighborhood Services has made it very livable. This is the most diverse neighborhood I have ever lived in. I know the names of my neighbors because of the Neighborhood Services programs. It is imperative that you fund these programs.

ROSA CORTEZ (Madres Unidas)

Rosa stated that she is the president of Madres Unidas. We have one cleanup a month and one meeting a month. We celebrate Easter with a Safety Fair and celebrate Posadas once a year. Rosa thanked Neighborhood Services staff for all their support.

PAUL HAMPTON III

I'd like to address the housing in Long Beach. I went from Signal Hill all the way down Pine and was always referred to the Multi-Service Center. There is a lot of housing that is not up to par. People cannot even afford to live out here.

HECTOR ANGUIANO

I have lived in Long Beach for almost 20 years. I have been in the housing program almost 5 years. In this program I get my sons to the best locations. The programs help children get into the universities. I am working with the St. Mary Neighborhood Watch thanks to Magna Gonzalez and Marcos Lopez and many members of the City of Long Beach. I like to come to the meetings. I try to help fathers have better communication with their children.

JAN WARD

Jan stated that she is the president of WESCA – the Cherry-Temple area. I've lived in Long Beach all my life. I'm here to say how valuable the Neighborhood Resource Center is to WESCA. We have a lot of children in that area without a lot of programs available to them, so WESCA conducts two events every year. One is the Skateboard Safety Fair and one is the Halloween Carnival. We could not do these events with the Neighborhood Services Bureau.

CAROL BLACKMAN

I'm here to ask for support for the Multi-Service Center. They are always in the red because not enough funding is provided for these services. The motels are sometimes roach motels – we need to consider truly affordable housing for the homeless. There is poor quality roach invested housing; the tenants do not complain because of the fear of being evicted (where would they go). Code enforcement needs to have enough staffing to correct these conditions.

EDITH POLLOCK (LB Coalition for the Homeless)

Edith stated that she is a member of the Long Beach Coalition for the Homeless. These wonderful programs are starving for money to support them. Resources that are available are not addressing the needs of this country. We need to “open our mouths” and make this stop.

BARBARA BERRY (Beyond Shelter)

Barbara stated that she works with Beyond Shelter and also with the Continuum of Care and Multi-Service Center. At Beyond Shelter we help homeless families locate to permanent and affordable housing. Five years ago I was able to house people within a week – I cannot do today; there is just no housing available for the homeless in the City of Long Beach. So, in your decisions, please keep in mind that we do need affordable housing here in the City of Long Beach.

DORA JACILDO

Dora stated that she is the Executive Director of Children Today. We provide child care services to children experiencing homelessness. It is extremely difficult to find quality child care. I recently read a report that said 40 percent of child care is harmful to children. In our program, housing at the Multi-Service Center is providing high quality child care for people who would normally not be able to afford it. We provide the peace of mind that families need in order to move toward self sufficiency. Fifty percent of our funding comes through our collaboration with Continuum of Care – the other fifty percent we have to fund raise. The Multi-Service Center is primarily funded through CDBG which means we do not have to pay rent, for utilities, for security, for parking. Please continue supporting the Multi-Service Center.

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6:00 p.m.

PAUL FORMAN

Good evening – I'm Paul Forman with Forman Associates. The first thing I want to do is to thank you very much for having this meeting and giving the public the opportunity to comment on this Plan. I wanted to address the Nonprofit Assistance Program in a minute with which I spoke to some of you last year in which I thanked you for the funding that you provided specifically in that program, but before I did that in this year's program I wanted to first mention to you the overall program, this is the first time I've had the privilege to see this document that Dennis, Martha, and the staff have been together and I'm very, very impressed with it. I'm also a member of the North Long Beach PAC, and in the PAC I often go up and speak about the lack of Redevelopment's understanding of dealing with really the causes of the elimination of blight. What they do is deal with the effects of blight and it is more of a Band-Aid approach as to what really affects blight. What you are going to hopefully approve tonight, in my opinion, is what really are the causes of blight. I never really looked at it that way before until I started reflecting on it six or seven months ago, and I wanted all of you to think about that, maybe you haven't, but in terms of the interrelationship between Redevelopment and what this Commission is, that's the way I look at it and it's a healthy way to look at it. I'm very impressed with this whole Plan – I do want to take to time to go through it very carefully and show it to some members in the PAC as well because they don't know what is involved in this funding and where the linkage is with that. Having said that, on the Nonprofit Assistance Program that I have encouraged nonprofit organizations to apply to – I'm happy to tell you that from my last visit over a year ago I was able to get more of the nonprofit organizations to apply this year for this year's funding. As was mentioned earlier, not everybody can get the funding, but at least they tried and submitted things and hopefully you got some better applications this year. Some of the agencies that I work with did receive funding, some did not. Other agencies that I just passed it on to actually did get funding, so I think the results of that for this year were very encouraging for those that received the funding; for those that did not, they are going to try again next year. My understanding is that the program will be funded in about the same limits as it was for this past year. The funding in this program goes to these agencies for funding that they can't get anywhere else. The facilities that are improved or there are some ADA requirements that they can't get, to help underprivileged kids and some of the mental health organizations that I work with – they wouldn't be able to get these funds if not for this program. I want to thank you so much for that. We have other programs that besides being able to get the ADA funding are able to do things like kitchen enhancements where they are able to do life study things for the parents and the kids that again they wouldn't be able to get anywhere else. So, thank you very, very much; I really appreciate your time and effort again in helping us with this program.

DORA JACILDO

Good evening. My name is Dora Jacildo and I am the Executive Director of Children Today. We operate a licensed child care facility called The Play House located in the Multi-Service Center. First of all, I want to thank all the families that joined me today and the especially the children that are here from The Play House; I know it is not easy sitting through a long meeting – they have been absolutely wonderful; they are here to support us and join us in thanking you – first for coming out to the Multi-Service Center to visit and supporting the work that we do. We are part of the Continuum of Care collaborative and part of the Multi-Service Advisory Board and the on-site partnership. The work that we do is truly amazing because it is a one-stop; it is 14 agencies located under one roof looking at a comprehensive way to serve families. Our component is the child care piece. While Children Today is an absolutely fabulous nonprofit agency that is very aggressive in fund raising and really believes in our mission, the support that we get by not having to pay admin costs that are covered by the Multi-Service Center is really the only way we can make sure that the funds that we get go directly to providing services for children and families. The Multi-Service Center allows us to be there rent free, and the funds that cover those admin costs come from Community Development Block Grant funds. So, I wanted to thank you again for your support of the Multi-Service Center, of the work that we do as a collaborative, of the Play House, and of any support that comes to ensure that the funding that we are getting right now from CDBG funds. I want to thank you for your support and want to just encourage you to continue supporting the work that we do as a collaborative. Every single agency there benefits from not having to worry about those additional costs that for funders and fund raising purposes sometimes become barriers. Thank you.

CARLOS VILLA MIZAR

Good evening. My name is Carlos Villa Mizar. First of all I would like to thank the Board for the time allotted here as well as the public. As I stated, I became homeless in the City of Long Beach after my very extensive divorce, which basically left me destitute – I got cleaned out in other words. I went to the Multi-Service Center after exhausting what little personal resources I had left, because I really had no where else to turn. I went to the Multi-Service Center seeking assistance in order to get back on my feet. And I begin working with the City of Long Beach's Department Health and Human Services – Case Manager Cathy Alexander – better known as Alex to us – who referred me to the local Emergency Shelter for immediate housing, which I believe is the only one in Long Beach. Since then I have been working on obtaining employment as a result of my willingness to follow a plan that was developed by my city case manager. And I've been given an opportunity to work as an intern at the Multi-Service Center – I'm doing my internship right now – in order to further my skills and gain much of my needed references throughout developing a recent work history. I want to thank from the bottom of my heart the Commission and the City of Long Beach for continuing the funding for the Multi-Service Center because, as you can see, the Multi-Service Center, however you end up there—whether you are homeless or you have a chemical substance abuse or through personnel mistakes that one can make like myself, it's there and that's the important part. That's what I want to emphasize. I really want to thank you for giving me an opportunity to further my skills, get back on my feet. Because it is needed; it's a great resource. It's one of the few resources where they treat you like a human being. They really take their time and effort to help you get back on your feet. However you ended up there is not important, it's that you got there, and they give you an opportunity to open the door. Thank you once again.

CHARMAINE JOHNSON

Hello, my name is Charmaine Johnson. I became homeless because of my drug abuse. I was then entered into a substance abuse program, which referred me to the Multi-Service Center. My children attended The Play House and they showed my kids a lot of love. They didn't do it because they had to; they did it because they wanted to – which is the first place that I've seen in a long time that showed love to a kid. They did it because they wanted to, not just because they were getting paid. I want to thank you for securing the funding of MSC and operating. I want to thank you for the supporting the work of the MSC collaborative. Thank you for making it possible for me to utilize these services in a way that helps me in accomplishing my goals and self sufficiency and stability. Thank you.

KENISHA HUMPHREY

Good evening. My name is Kenisha Humphrey and I am an Employment Services Coordinator with Goodwill Industries of Long Beach and South Bay. Goodwill Industries of Long Beach and South Bay currently occupies a satellite office at the Multi-Service Center. When people think of Goodwill, they associate it with the Goodwill Thrift Store, but it's not just about the Thrift Store. Goodwill has a lot of unique programs within the organization. Goodwill Industries of Long Beach and South Bay has served the southern Los Angeles community for over 75 years by educating, training, and placing people with barriers to employment in order to help them achieve economic, social, and personal independence. The Goodwill People Works program considers the quality of life factors for each person served backed by the belief that all individuals should be empowered to find and keep meaningful employment and inclusion into their community. People Works is a job training, job placement and job retention program for people with minimum work history, low income, disabilities, or other barriers to employment. Since its inception at the Multi-Service Center I have placed approximately 26 homeless or at-risk homeless individuals into permanent employment. Examples of jobs that I have been able to place my clients in have been as a medical assistant, a cashier, sales associate, legal support clerk, and talent scout assistant. The companies who have hired my participants have been Macy's, Big Five Sporting Goods Store, Arroyo Seco Medical Group, Advanced Logistics and a talent agency. The average hourly wage at placement has been \$7.70 with a range from \$6.75 to \$10.00. I, along with my associate Janice Jones, provide services to help Multi-Service Center customers overcome social, economic, and cultural barriers, which includes job search assistance, dressing appropriately for an interviews, writing a professional resume, life skills and other soft skills, supportive service, job retention, and post employment follow-up services. I, Goodwill Industries of Long Beach and South Bay, and the Multi-Service Center staff would like to personally thank all of you for supporting the collaborative. Because of your support we are able to continue to provide services to homeless and at-risk homeless individuals in the City of Long Beach. Thank you.

JOHN EDWARDS

Good evening. My name is John Edwards. I'm case manager supervisor for substance abuse at the Multi-Service Center. First and foremost I'd like to thank you for securing funding at the Multi-Service Center. I'd mostly like to emphasize on how important it is to continue funding there. Basically, my job there is I engage in homeless individuals that come in; I average probably 60 new homeless individuals per month. Of those we engage, at least 30 will enter some kind of rehabilitation program, either residential or outpatient. It's pretty much the beginning of their way of getting back into life. If they can't combat their substance abuse problems, then there's major other issues. Again, thank you for what you've done, I'd really like to emphasize how important it is to continue this and the continuum of care there.

REGINA DICKERSON

Hi. My name is Regina Dickerson. I got homeless because of drug abuse and domestic violence. I was introduced to the Multi-Service Center and they sent me to SAF where I've been for one year. I'm also working with Beyond Shelter to find permanent housing for me and my children. I'm at SAF, but I have one child there, but I need permanent housing to get my other kids here with me, and I'm working with Beyond Shelter to do that. Your funding is very important for people like me. I've been through a lot of stuff in my life – my background, being raised. It's important that they fund programs to help people like me because now I'm employed, and I'm doing the things I need to do to be a productive citizen. And I thank you so much for your help.

LETICIA AVELINO

My name is Leticia Avalino. I've been a resident of Long Beach all my life – 14 months ago I became pregnant; I was homeless, and I had a substance abuse problem. I entered the Substance Abuse Foundation where I have been in treatment now for 14 months. I was able to get the tools to work part-time and I'm a full-time student at Long Beach City College. I'm working with Barbara Berry at the Multi-Service Center with Beyond Shelter to transition out of SAF for permanent housing. I'd like to thank you on behalf of the Multi-Service Center and the Substance Abuse Foundation for making it possible for myself and other single women with children for hope for a better future. I'd like to thank you for helping me with my goal to become self supportive through my own contribution. And thank you for securing the funding for these much needed programs. I can't tell you how comforting it was for me to be able to get the help I needed in my own backyard -- literally.

TORY TAYLOR

Hi. My name is Tory Taylor. I'm a client of the Multi-Service Center here in Long Beach. I became homeless after my release from prison. I didn't know what to do or where to go. The services that I received from the Multi-Service Center include, but are not limited to, are case management. They work out a case plan, but it isn't just somebody giving you direction, it's somebody that has an ear – that can listen – there are tokens for transportation, quality child care, parenting tips and advice, health care services for my son and myself, and an opportunity to volunteer at the Multi-Service Center because since I'm homeless, I'm not financially secure enough to make monetary donations. Thank you for supporting the work of the Multi-Center collaborative, secure funding to keep the Multi-Service Center operating and making it possible for me to utilize these services in a way that's helping me to obtain gainful employment and permanent housing for my children and myself. Thank you.

ROBERT LETEFF

First of all my name is Robert Leteff and I'm a single father who is a resident of Long Beach. I became homeless due to drugs and alcohol and financial problems. This is my oldest daughter Clarrisa; this is my three-year old Cara, and my two-year old Laka. I'm here before you to say thank you for your funding at the Multi-Service Center. When I first came to the Multi-Service Center, I was greeted and taken into helping arms and hands by my case manager, who is a very compassionate lady; her name is Cathy Alexander. She is still my case manager today. The first services that I received at the Multi-Service Center was temporary housing at Catholic Charities. Believe me it was a welcome oasis compared to the hotel that I was staying at. Soon after that, I was able to receive child care from The Play House – Dora, Heather and the staff there are professional, knowledgeable and caring people; they're like my second family. I'm really gratefully for that. Soon after that, from the clinic at the Multi-Service Center, Leslie and April and the entire staff attended to my family's needs – to teach me how to be a better parent and the health care that they deserve. I'm currently staying at the Project Stepping Stone at Villages of Cabrillo where Brenda and Linda, Jim and Maggie have been a tremendous support for me and my family. With their continued attention to me and my goals, I'm coming up on 18 months of sobriety. My kids are happy in school; they are doing really well – I'm trying to get my life back together so I can live as a valued citizen in the City of Long Beach. I just wanted to thank you. I wouldn't have missed this opportunity for anything.

JIM EBERT

Good evening. My name is Jim Ebert. I will be short because I just had dental implants done. I am the program administrator with New Image Emergency Shelter, which is located at the Multi-Service Center. I'm here to thank you for the funding of the Multi-Service Center and to tell you all the good work that is being done in this building with New Image and the collaborative. New Image operates six different programs out of the Multi-Service Center. We provide financial support to families who are in need of both rental and utility assistance. We have an outreach specialist who identifies homeless individuals in the City of Long Beach and educates them on their services provided at the MSC, New Image is the only agency at the Multi-Service Center that offers a youth case manager that addresses the homeless unaccompanied youth ages 11-24. In addition, New Image has an HIV manager that addresses the housing and medical needs to all the homeless HIV clients who enter their doors. During the Christmas season we offer a Winter Wonderland Store that gives families in Long Beach an opportunity to provide gifts to their families. And, lastly, we provide transitional housing for families at the Villages of Cabrillo. Once again I want to thank the Commission for funding the MSC.

MARGIE McKENZIE

Good evening. My name is Margie McKenzie. I'm married with three kids. With me today is my daughter Sarai – she is seven years old. I'm a resident of Long Beach, and I am here today to thank you for funding such a wonderful program at the Multi-Service Center. Our family became homeless after my husband became ill; his job will not pay for his time off and our family experienced financial hardship – a great burden. In truth, I wanted to run away or commit suicide, but thanks to Catholic Charities who referred us to the Multi-Service Center – I had no idea that that one building could provide for all of us. When I first walked in the door I was greeted by a fantastic case manager named Cathy Alexander aka Alex. She immediately provided my family with shelter. While at the shelter I learned a lot; it gave me a different perspective of life, that was our first step. Alex had me enrolled in life skill classes taught by Debbie at Multi-Service Center – she was able to teach me the tools to put back my life and keep my family together. It made me realize where I went wrong. It's like the old saying goes "we all learn from our mistakes" – you're never too old to learn. Next I was introduced to the clinic – there I met a gifted Leslie with her brilliant stuff and April and Cindy – they were able to diagnose my daughter with a critical problem. Ms. Leslie sent her through all kinds of treatments – even to the UCI Medical Center in Orange County. They have saved my daughter's life. Thank you Leslie and the staff. I met another beautiful case manager, Barbara Berry with Beyond Shelter. Barbara introduced us to New Image Emergency Shelter – they accepted us immediately. Linda gave us a key to the house. Me and baby went to the house first. I never forgot the look in her face when she said to me "we are blessed to have a home before Christmas." Thanks to New Image – Ms. Linda and Ms. Brenda. She said mom, New Image means new hope, new life and new beginnings for our family. Thanks to New Image and Barbara Berry who is still working us to get us a permanent home. And thanks to the City of Long Beach for MSC and its services and I'm happy to say that we live in a nice city like Long Beach. My daughter wishes to say something.

SARAI McKENZIE

My name is Sarai McKenzie. I am seven years old. I love going to the Multi-Service Center. Thank you for helping my family. I go to elementary school and received a nice award as the most inspiring student. I love all the MSC staff. Thank you Long Beach for the Multi-Service Center. May God bless all of you.

YASMIN TARVER

Good evening. My name is Yasmin Tarver. I'm the director of Employment Satellite Services for Beyond Shelter. Our main service of the collaborative is to provide permanent housing placement for the clients of the Multi-Service Center. In working throughout Los Angeles County. I just wanted to present the uniqueness of the Multi-Service Center that provides one place for a homeless family or a homeless individual to receive services without receiving the typical defiance or attitudes that they would receive if they would go to a normal place to try to receive services. The Multi-Service Center allows for these individuals to receive services and give them a chance to get back on their feet and more importantly to become a productive member of society, which is the main goal for all of us. All in all, I want to thank you for your support. At any time, any one of us could become homeless, and it's that compassion that we need to use when making these decisions to help people that are needy so that in turn it helps us all. Thank you.

LESLIE LARSEN

Hello, my name is Leslie Larsen and I'm a pediatric nurse practitioner with the Children's Clinic serving children and families in Long Beach. The Children's Clinic is a federally designated community health center; we've been in Long Beach for 65 years. Our mission is to serve underserved, low income, high risk children and families. It has been such a privilege to be one of the agencies on-site partnering at the Long Beach Multi-Service Center. We are able to provide comprehensive health care, screening, referrals, anticipatory guidance, and address significant gaps in health care for children and adults that can happen when a person experiences homelessness. It has been a real privilege to be there, and I think we strive along with the other agencies to provide a home of sorts, we try to be a medical home. And I just want to thank you so much for your support, your funding, and the opportunity to address you tonight. Thank you.

GRALIA BOLANOS

Good evening. I'm one of the parents from Centro CHA. One of my sons is there; I like the program as a parent because they keep the kids out of trouble. They have mentors; they have a lot of activities going on for the kids. He really likes the program; there are a lot of kids the same age and everything.

JULIE LAMPLEY

Hello, my name is Julie Lampley. I became homeless after living in my home for 42 years because of the fact there was no more work—we could not make the payments, so we lost our home. We lived in our car for a while, and then we were told about the Multi-Service Center. We went down there and were greeted by the most wonderful people. They took us in and told us just exactly what we needed. They helped us get everything. They helped us with the child care, with the medical; Beyond Shelter helped us obtain birth certificates for my husband and I both. And that way we were both able to get our social security. They were such a blessing to us – I don't know what we would have done without them. They helped us first get into Catholic Charities, and then they helped us get into some other housing, which right now I can't think of the name. They've help us get into permanent housing. When we finally did get social security coming in, my car had broke down and they drove us to the bank and helped us. They do so many services. And at the time when we were homeless they even supplied the laundry; they supplied free telephone calls. It's a Multi-Service Center, and if you close them you are going to hurt many, many people because they are not going to have them to refer to. So I hope and pray that you'll really give it a lot of consideration. Thank you.

MARIBEL COLORADO

Good evening. My name is Maribel Colorado. I'm a mother of three; my son is 16 years old and he is currently participating in the programs at the Community Hispanic Association Center known as Centro CHA. I'm here as a parent to advocate for the Center. I would like to request that funding for the Center be made an integral component of the 2005-2010 Consolidated Plan. The Center helps our kids to have a safe place they can go to outside of home – a place that makes them feel comfortable because when they go there they find people with the same culture, identity and values. It is very critical to our teen kids. I feel blessed that the Center exists because at least I know that my son is in a safe, constructive environment twice a week when he goes out. The Centro CHA informs and educates our high school children on health issues, such as the risk of using drugs, joining a gang, safe sex, etc. It also encourages and promotes their studies to help them focus on a profession as their goal. It helps the kids and prepares them to go into the working world; however, the after school mentoring program needs financial support. Allocating essential funds to Centro CHA would enable them to provide much more services to our kids. Services that low income families can't afford. Presently the Center is understaffed, and the number of kids receiving assistance is limited. Extra funds will allow the Center to receive more kids. The more kids that benefit from these services, the less there will be on the streets getting in trouble. The Center is trying to do a similar and successful job as the Boys and Girls Club. Centro CHA is targeting the youth at-risk, which in most cases are the Hispanic kids. Here in Long Beach, Hispanics are the majority among minorities. Our children deserve dedicated services that would keep them occupied and focused on their studies away from trouble, danger, or temptations. Our average income level does not allow for music, dance lessons, or summer camps. Thank you very much for your time.

CRUZ SOLIZ

Good evening Chairman Thomas and members of the Community Development Advisory Commission. I'm here representing Centro CHA. I'm a mentor. My name is Cruz Soliz. I am also speaking on behalf of Ms. Quintana. She unfortunately couldn't be here today; she's at her twins graduation. Basically, I'm here advocating for the organization. Centro CHA's mission is to enrich the quality of life to Hispanic/Latino children, their families and the communities through health and public safety education, socioeconomic development, cultural arts, and community service learning leadership and activities. Centro CHA represents a large growing number of local Hispanics throughout the City of Long Beach. We are geographically located in downtown Long Beach where Hispanic children, families and neighborhoods are the most impaired and exposed to poverty and gang violence. Concerned community leaders, youth parents, and elected officials have identified a shortage of Hispanic community based organizations with adequate resources to effectively address the needs to reduce poverty levels, violence, and health barriers in highly populated Hispanic communities throughout the City of Long Beach. CDBG funds would benefit low income Hispanic and Latino youth, their families, and the neighborhoods to develop a one-stop, comprehensive neighborhood Hispanic/Latino community multi-service program that is culturally and linguistically sensitive to the needs of the Hispanic community to effectively reach their goals of becoming self sufficient, healthy, and productive members in their community. We urge your support in this very important matter. Centro CHA not only helps the youth, but also helps other people like myself. I'm a college student and I give back to the community by working with the youth. It also helps me, as a mentor, build leadership skills. Keeps me occupied with my time. Other mentors go there and volunteer time, and we benefit from working with the youth and hearing their problems. We try to give them guidance and encouragement. So, it's not only for the youth, it's total all around. Thank you and have a good evening.

PHILLIP HERNANDEZ

My name is Phillip Hernandez. I've been in Centro CHA for about two years. Before I was in Centro CHA, I was a gang banger and hard headed – didn't know what to do; I was out in the streets. Centro CHA helped me to get away from that. They helped me in a lot of things. Before Centro CHA, I was in camp – when I got out my probation officer introduced me and told me to go to this place. I went there and since I've been there, they encouraged me to leave the gang violence. Since I've been out of that my grades have improved. Hopefully, if you give us this fund it would help our youth; it would help the future youth that would probably come in to Centro CHA. I would like for the Centro CHA youth to please stand up. Thank you.

ROSA CORTEZ

My name is Rosa Cortez – I'm the mother of seven kids. I'm the President of Madres Unidas. Madres Unidas does cleanups and the City provides the bags and the dumpsters. We do one meeting a month. The City provides the speakers to motivate the persons. We do a Safety Fair and they provide the tables. We have many projects in mind and we need your support.

JOSH BUTLER

Good evening Commissioners – my name is Jose Butler. I'm a community educator at Disabled Resources Center and I'm the campaign manager for the Long Beach Housing Trust Fund Coalition. I'm here to talk to you tonight about the need to build rental housing for people in our community who have extremely low incomes. People on fixed incomes, people with physical disabilities and mental disabilities. Currently, they are having a difficult time living in our city's borders. Folks who are on fixed incomes of \$812 are having a challenge finding a place to live, clearly. So we would like address that and point out that the current Housing Action Plan does not meet the needs of these individuals in that income category. I'd strongly encourage you to address those needs. I think that a lot of the folks who have spoke tonight from the Multi-Service Center are ultimately going to need place to live. That's the next step that we're kind of missing here in Long Beach, and I hope that this Plan can help address. I have here some pictures of some affordable housing, special needs housing. Three of these units (buildings) are here in Long Beach. This one rents at \$275 – it is permanent housing for people with disabilities. It has helped improve our neighborhoods – make our neighborhoods look better. We believe this is from the Mental Health Association, and we believe that this has been money well spent in our community, and it is money that we should continue to spend and make sure we meet the needs of everybody in our community. Homeownership opportunities are wonderful, but when you're on \$812 a month, I think we have to question the likelihood of, not only being able to get these individuals into their own home, but then have the income to maintain homeownership. We don't want to send people through the cycle and end up back at the Multi-Service Center. Thank you very much for your time and holding this meeting.

WOODY NICKHOLS

Good evening. My name is Woody Nickhols. I work with the Westside Foundation for Community Relations. We also work with Rosa Cortez with Madres Unidas. Just to reiterate what Rosa said in regards to Madres Unidas and our foundation, the Westside is kind of a unique location because we do have a multitude of different ethnic makeup in our community in large numbers. I mean, we have a large segment of Filipino families, we have a large segment of Hispanics, Blacks, Samoans. We also have a problem in that none of us seem to communicate and get along. Some of the projects, like Rosa mentioned, the cleanup projects, mother's day events, and some future events that we have planned are geared toward improving the community relationships within the Westside, in particular the Westside of Long Beach. Ms. Uranga and Ms. Lowenthal have been very helpful with both of our groups in trying help us keep something going on. We understand there is not going to be a summer youth program this year, so we're going to have a lot of youngsters with idle time on their hands, and that's one of the reasons Rosa and I came to reiterate that your funds are very well needed and we appreciate everything that you have done up to this point – just want to stress that we've got to do a little bit more. That's pretty much it. I appreciate your time. Thank you.

LENA WILSON

Good evening. My name is Lena Wilson, and I'm chronic homeless. I understand I've been out here two years now and that makes me a chronic homeless. Unlike the others, I don't have a drug problem, I've never been battered – everybody out here is a unique and different individual. When I knew I was coming tonight, I thought what is it I want to say. I wrestled with it all day long. At one point I thought I know I'll share my cute fairy tale – about this mother bunny and her child and their homeless experience – the monster called homelessness. I thought maybe if they looked at us like animals, cute little pets, that they could see what was really going on. Listening here now I've changed my mind on that speech. I thought o.k. I'll tell them about the experience of what it is really like being homeless. I'll be able to touch them and they'll be able to see. Finally I decided why don't I just speak from my heart. So, Multi-Service Center has been dealing with me of late; they asked me to come and let you know the need. I've heard all the glowing reports from the other people, but unfortunately that has not been my experience. In fact most of the homeless community considers the Multi-Service Center as unless help. I've heard the help that they have given to other people, and I'm glad to hear it, but that has not been my experience. In fact, a couple of days ago Multi-Service Center said to me "Lena, you're a survivor, get out there and survive." That was their offer of help; there is no shelter; there is no bed for me and my child. In fact, they sent us to Orange County to sleep on the floor. At least Orange County Shelter has a floor for you. So, the survivor that they claim I am, I went out there – my daughter got a chance to spend the night – and I managed to become another survivor, no where to sleep -- weary and tired. Went into a vacant building and managed to get myself raped. Thank you very much – one more survivor. I don't understand this whole thing really. Like I said, I've been here for over two years and I have not gotten situated; I've not gotten helped. I'm disappointed with the City personally. I definitely feel like you could come up a little higher – there's a lot more that could be done. Your resources are way too limited. When you don't fit the mold you fall through the cracks, and there's more people out here than me, who's falling through. Let's remember, we really do have a crisis. We need all hands on board – everything, anything that could help. Thank you.

MARY CZUBA

Good evening. My name is Mary Czuba. I saw this advertised on the City's web site. I've been touched from what I have heard this evening. I actually came because I am interested in finding out if there are any funds available for creating parking. There's just not adequate parking in our area. And I'm wondering what funding is available for creating parking lots, parking structures. One side of the street is marked with vertical parking, but the parallel side of the street in residential areas remains unmarked. Many people do not pull right up to the red curb, and they take up more than one space. I think that one way we could increase the number of parking spaces would be to mark the parallel side of the street with compact car lengths. If not the entire parallel side marked with compact car length, then a majority of spaces marked for compact cars. That would increase parking in our residential areas -- also, I think some of the money that is being brought in from tickets and towing and all the money we pay because there is nowhere to park. You get ticketed in the red zones; you get ticketed in the white zones even though white is for off loading. At night in a residential area a white zone should not be enforced. I would like to have that law changed in Long Beach because I fought the ticket – I did not win. You cannot park in a residential area in a white zone overnight even though nothing is going on at the site. That needs to be changed, and that would increase parking overnight as well. If we could just build some parking structures and maybe create parking spaces on some of the vacant lots. There is a vacant lot at Orange and Appleton. Someone owns the property – I am trying to figure out who it is. That lot on the corner of Orange and Appleton has been vacant for years and years. Let's blacktop it and create some parking spaces. I don't know – there are so many more moving ways to spent money in the City that I heard tonight, but parking is an issue for a lot of people in Long Beach. I think there are things that can be done and I don't think the City is addressing them. Thank you.

ERIN RANK

Good evening. My name is Erin Rank. I'm the President and CEO of Habitat for Humanity/South Bay Long Beach. It's good to see you all here. Habitat for Humanity has built 31 homes with 2 more on the table for this year. We've built them hand in hand with the Long Beach Housing Development Company, and we have the greatest regard for the staff at LBHDC and the Board members. We build new construction and rehabilitate homes for homeownership opportunities for families earning 50 percent of median family income or less. We are the only organization that is able to build homeownership opportunities for these families as we provide our own zero percent interest loans to these families, who are willing to complete our program which includes participating in the construction of their homes in some way. All of the families that we target are living in Long Beach right now. We target families that are living in substandard or overcrowded conditions. We partner with dozens of community based organizations to find our qualified families. We adapt our homes for families that are living with disabilities. We build for many single parents and single grandparents. The HOME funds that you are discussing tonight help us complete our work. We leverage these HUD dollars with four private dollars for every one HUD dollar. We have companies and organizations and faith groups that come out and help to build our homes along side us and provide the funding to do so. So I thank you for your continued support of affordable homeownership. I am here to let you know that we have the capacity and desire to help those homeownership units increase in Long Beach. Thank you.

MACK CALVIN

I am grateful and honored to be a part of tonight's attendance – it's well attended, but I have also attended some of the airport meetings and you can't get in. But this is a very sensitive matter. When I first came in, I knew exactly what I wanted to share. My name is Mack Calvin. I'm the CEO of Joshua One Community Development Corporation. I've been a resident of this City for 44 years. I'm very proud of you all, Beth and her staff, Larry – of the things that you've done in this community over the last period of years since I moved back. I'm a former NBA player with the Lakers, Denver Nuggets and San Antonio Spurs. I grew up in this community – a product of overcrowding and product of, might as well say it, the ghetto – 19th and Atlantic. My passion, my commitment today, is to be a part of this City to make a change to make a difference, and I have been very pleased with the support that I've seen from Beth, the staff, Larry Montgomery, LaVerne Duncan and those folks to make a change. My heart is also saddened for the people who have addressed you today – of their bight. I've been very fortunate and very blessed. You guys have a chance to make a legacy in the short time you are Advisory Commission members, and I'd certainly like to see that happen; you have an enormous amount of work to be done. And not everybody approves of what you are doing in this community. As I said, if someone can effectively make a change and live in the conditions that I lived in when growing up – a family of 10 in a 1-1/2 bedroom, the other 1/2 bedroom was a makeshift room, then I can. And here are many others who have come behind me that have made it through sports. We didn't have housing opportunities, like subsidized housing, during the 60's and the 70's, but we made it through support from coaches and recreation leaders. We didn't have the financial support of the emergency centers. I remember times when I was in high school, my father was an alcoholic, and I remember that at Christmas time we didn't have funding, so we had to go to the Salvation Army to get Christmas clothes and things of that nature. I'm a product of homelessness; I'm a product of not having. So, I've committed myself, for the next period of time—whatever time God has for me, to be a force in this community to build affordable and low rent moderate housing. Before I close, I'd like to make a comment, there are other things I'd like to address in terms of the 75 percent housing stock that is more than 30 years old—we all know that, you all know the numbers. Before I close, I want to make two comments: First, I have a annual basketball camp at Cabrillo High School I funded myself—it's a nonprofit and it is free, and we have a lot of kids from the housing services that you provide funds for. Secondly, I would like to make this comment: A great scholar had a dream two days before he died and God revealed to him "what have you done to make a difference in your life" – and when he realized that dream, he said two things -- what is your legacy and what have you done to be who you are, not someone else, because I called you to be you, not anyone else. So, this City is calling you to be who you are, make decisions that are going to benefit so many people. So, my time is up; I thank you for yours, and I'm very grateful for this Commission.

LAURA SANCHEZ

Hello, it's good to see you again. And I don't think I need to speak for the homeless this evening. They've done a beautiful job speaking for their own needs and their gratitude for the funding of the Multi-Service Center. I want to thank you for all for the housing opportunities that I have learned about in reading the material and for the background information you've given also that gives us an idea of what the great need is in our City for low, very low, and extremely low income housing opportunities. I want to thank you, Community Development, for sidewalk improvements, for planting trees, and for youth programs also. Thanks so much for all of the housing opportunities that you do provide and the information you've given that lets us know we need a lot more. You know my name; I'm here tonight representing California Heights United Methodist Church, the Homeless Coalition, and the Housing Trust Fund Coalition. Please keep working, and write your congressman; we have problems with decreasing funding. Remember, all of these funds that we are talking about tonight come from the Federal Housing and Urban Development Department, which is suggesting that all of this be put in an entirely different department. So, please write your congressman about the need we have for these funds. Thank you.

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REBA CASTANEDA

Hello, my name is Reba Castaneda. I would like to thank you basically for the funding of the Community Development Block Grants and everything that it has done. Last year, I volunteered with the Cultural and Mural Arts Program to paint a mural in a pretty bad neighborhood; it's near an elementary school, and it really has made a lot of difference. This year they asked me to work for the City, and so I'd like to thank you for the opportunity. What it does, it basically gives youth an opportunity to move up and do other things in their community. And I would like to thank you for that. Thanks.

HARRY CRUZ

Hi. I'm also with this mural program – the mural at Orizaba. I live a block away from the mural site and I've gone to the elementary school. The tunnel was always filled with graffiti, which the City just painted over. So when the opportunity to do the mural came, I was just ecstatic that something beautiful was going to be at one side of the tunnel – I'm just pretty happy that there are programs and people, like us, that are willing to go out and just do this. The graffiti has really gone down a lot more noticeably and I just never thought I'd see that day come. I'm pretty happy for that. I'm also, just like Reba here, getting employment and what not. I just wanted to thank all you guys.

KATHY ROMO

Hi, I'm Kathy Romo, I'm the Executive Director at the Substance Abuse Foundation of Long Beach. We're part of the collaborative at the Multi-Service Center. Our case manager John Edwards spoke earlier which is a greatly needed service for the homeless down there. Also, we have a facility that serves approximately 1700 residential and outpatients substance abuse clients a year. With the City's help we have been able to, with the NAP loans, also serve many people with disabilities that would not be able to get our services with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Also we recently got funded with a NAP loan; I believe it was \$32,000 to redo a balcony and some windows to make the building a safer place for our clients. We've also worked very close with them doing neighbor cleanups. They participate; they give you all the shovels, all the brooms, the big trash bins. We provide a lot of the manpower to help keep the City cleaner. These funds are so greatly needed and desperately needed in the City. I just wanted to thank you again for these funds and allowing them to continue.

CHRISTINE DeLABRE

Good evening. It's nice seeing all of you again. My name is Christine DeLabre, and I'm the operations director from Interval House; we provide help for victims of domestic violence in Long Beach. Interval House was founded 25 years and has been serving residents of Long Beach for the past 25 years. We do have another facility, but our headquarters and outreach is in Long Beach and also our traditional housing. Victims of domestic violence are beset by many problems simultaneously altogether. There is an immediate need for housing to get away from a dangerous situation. Very often domestic violence victims do have to run away from the home and become homeless, and do need to find some shelters. Many victims of domestic violence are living at or below poverty. With such a high rate, domestic violence is a primarily health concern and should be a priority in the Social Service Program. Domestic violence victims have special needs beyond the tragedy of homelessness like medical, legal services, life skills. Very often they do not speak English and need to go to ESL classes. Interval House does provide all of those services to the client. The numbers in Long Beach show a very high need for beds – 80 percent. There is more demand for beds than there are beds. Each day there are approximately 6,000 people who are homeless, and 50 percent of them have experienced domestic violence. Domestic violence is a very big issue in Long Beach and we are here with a program to provide services to those people; hopefully keeping them out of the streets and providing them with housing. So, today I want to thank you very much for helping us through this movement. Long Beach has been helping us by providing ESG funding for services and funding for the apartment building we have here in Long Beach. So, I wanted to thank you very, very much for that, but also I wanted to be sure that Long Beach will continue providing funding for our services. I was looking through the Consolidated Plan, and there is not that much stated about domestic violence. It talks about homelessness, drug abuse, HIV, other issues, but not that much about domestic violence. I just wanted to make sure that all of you do not forget this issue. Now, I'm going to pass it on to Jenny Lemus

JENNY LEMUS

As a survivor of domestic violence, if I hadn't been able to find help at Interval House I would not be standing here today. My children and I found housing, counseling and other services in 1991 when our lives were in danger. Today, I stand here as an outreach and education director at Interval House, and I implore you to list domestic violence services as a priority. I promise you it will save lives.

GINA NORMAN

Hi. My name is Gina Norman, and I'm also here on behalf of Interval House Crisis Shelters. I just wanted to thank you for your commitment to making sure domestic violence is a priority here in Long Beach. I actually work on behalf of a partnership between Interval House Crisis Shelters and a faith-based program. Our goal is to make people aware of domestic violence. A lot of people go to their clergy and houses of worship for refuge when they are dealing with domestic violence, so we work with the clergy and we work with the congregation to educate them on domestic violence and the resources available to them. So, we just want to make sure that you keep domestic violence as a priority here in Long Beach – prevention, awareness and intervention. Thank you.

LYDIA LE CHUNG

Good evening. My name is Lydia Le Chung. As you know, the Cambodian community in Long Beach is the largest Cambodian population outside of Cambodia. I dedicate myself to victims of domestic violence in the Cambodian community with my work at Interval House. Please prioritize the services to domestic violence victims and their children in your Plan. Thank you.

ELVIA HUERTADO

Twenty-five years ago I called the police in a life threatening situation. Without question, my family would not be what it is today if it hadn't been for the support we received from Interval House. My name is Elvia Huertado. I am the Latino director at Interval House. I am a homeowner in Long Beach. My daughter is in Long Beach City College at this time. Without the support from Community Development, the Interval House would not be here today. You can really help many families like myself to have our dreams come true. I would really ask you to please consider domestic violence as a priority for your Consolidation Plan.

CHANNA GRACE

Good Evening. My name is Channa Grace and I'm the executive director of Women Organizing Resources, Knowledge, and Services commonly known as WORKS. We're an affordable housing developer. In a climate of shrinking funds, staff has accomplished a difficult job in fairly allocating critically needed resources. I think that most people will acknowledge that financial subsidy is a mandatory component of producing truly affordable housing, but money alone is not enough. Complimentary incentives such as the density incentives, expedited planning development process, and the fee reductions mentioned in the Plan will help to ensure that affordable housing can really be built in Long Beach. Developing affordable rental housing is not for the faint hearted; it is complex, challenging and tedious at the very least. The Plan, if approved, will give developers like myself more tools to accomplish our jobs. I'm working here in Long Beach with the Pastor and the Samoan Congregation located at 7th and Cedar and we're hoping to develop truly affordable housing, affordable to low and very low income, to Samoans and others in the community of Long Beach. So, I hope you will recommend for approval the 2005-2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005-2006 Action Plan. Thank you for your attention and your consideration.

JAMES SHANER

My name is James Shaner; I am the president of Decro Corporation, one of the corporations that has benefited greatly by the use of HOME funds over a number of years. If it were not for the HOME funds we would not have had 13 projects in the City, utilizing the funds for either purchase or rehabilitation. I just urge you to continue this program, working and seeking out more funds for the City for that type of purpose for multi-family housing and affordable housing. Thank you.

ANNA TOTTA

Good evening. My name is Anna Totta. I'm with Catholic Charities at 123 E. 14th Street in the Washington focus area that you have chosen. We served over 20,000 unduplicated people last year with just basic assistance and homeless prevention, like food, clothing, utilities, transportation, case management, message and mail services. I want to thank you for the NAP grant. I particularly want to thank the staff because of how efficient they are. Today they put the final touches on some improvements to our building, and one of the things that they did allowed us to take in about 25 people into the entrance room where they wait for services and a handicapped bathroom because we have so many disabled people. I have to laugh because I have worked with rehab on many programs in many places. Martha said they would be done in three months and I didn't believe her. She's such a tiny woman. They were done in three months. I just have to thank the NAP people. I don't know what they do right. I've got a house next door to me where I live that has been being rehab'd for a year and a half. So, how to get rehab done in three months, ask Martha. So, I want to thank you for that, and I also want to thank you for all the help you give to the Neighborhood Nonprofit Programs that try to make the neighborhood not only better, but a pleasant environment to come into because that adds to the respect that we give people who come to us. I also want to thank the Long Beach Multi-Service Center; I think you heard tonight the interlocking forces that happen there, and that is so crucial to the coordination of homeless services rather than being disjointed. So, it makes a huge difference on how we communicate with one another. I also want to take a minute to introduce two people from my Elizabeth Ann Seton Emergency Shelter because we have also received funding in the past from you there -- and currently get funding. Last year we served 350 people in the Emergency Shelter for families, disabled people and senior citizens. I think we have to think about that, because tonight you got the figures that tonight 1500 persons that are families that are homeless on the street -- that's the unmet need -- we served 350 this year in our Emergency Shelter. I mean the gap is huge. The other thing is what Josh Butler points out to the end result, i.e., which is permanent housing. That's a miraculous problem, but we've got to tackle it. Affordable housing does not mean \$850-1250 a month when you're a disabled person and the most you get is \$800 a month to live on. It just doesn't work that way, so affordable housing has to be like the Section 8 housing -- that's what we've got to look at, or we'll never really serve people. They will be in garages tonight; they'll be on the streets; they'll be in their cars. I'd like to introduce Lamonia Williams, who has four children (and I'm trying to get them home); I didn't know we were going to be here so late because somebody is babysitting at the shelter and probably screaming right now. Lynne Ryles will speak also.

LAMONIA WILLIAMS

Hello. My name is Lamonia Williams. I'm a current resident of Catholic Charities. This is my first time public speaking so please bear with me. Homelessness is not always a direct result of drug abuse; it is not always a direct result of alcoholism. Sometimes it's just a matter of what we think and feel about ourselves. Catholic Charities has given me a way to think and feel about myself that will carry me on after this process. I do have a daughter with a physical disability so at one time things became very overwhelming for me because I'm a single parent, and I just didn't expect to do it all by myself. But Catholic Charities has given me the resources to continue to try. There are no words to express how much I appreciate what you all have done for the community, but there are a lot of people that's coming after me. There's a lot of people who are not as independent and as strong as I am, and they are really, really going to need your help. Once again, there are no words to express how much I personally appreciate it, but the services are great. The services are wonderful; and I ask, in Jesus' name, that you continue to help these people even after me. Thank you very much.

LYNNE RYLES

Good evening. My name is Lynne. I have a 12-year old son, and I'm a full-time student at Long Beach City College. I'm thankful for the services. I'm here today to address my public speaking issues. I'm thankful for the services I've received from the Multi-Service Center, and especially to Ms. Kathy Alexander, who has treated me with dignity and respect. Kim, who works for Catholic Charities, has treated me in more ways than I can ever express. Because of the services of the Multi-Services Center and Catholic Charities, I have been given the opportunity to get back on my feet and a chance to heal on the inside.. The kind and considerate staff at Catholic Charities Shelter has given me something that I thought was gone forever. These types of programs are very beneficial, and it is my prayer that the necessary funding is available so that others can get the assistance they need. Thank you.

HENRY SALZER

Good evening Commissioners. My name is Henry Salzer. I live at 1915 6th Street in the Hellman neighborhood . I'm here tonight to support the Action Plan and the Consolidated Plan. Actually, I'm serving in my neighborhood on the Community Code Enforcement Program to remove blight from our City. I have seen a lot of substandard and illegal construction around my neighborhood. If you cut the programs, some of the code violations won't be able to be repaired as needed, and it will force the City to prosecute low income homeowners. I hope that you approve the existing housing programs to improve the lifestyle of our community. With a very fast growing City, there is also the need to grow. Rather than cutting the budget down, we need to double it to cover all of our housing needs. Thank you.

JAN WARD

My name is Jan Ward. I represent WESCA, which is the West/East Side Community Association. We are bordered by Cherry on the west, Redondo on the east, PCH on the north, and 10th Street on the south – that is the NIS area. As you know we conduct monthly cleanups except for December – we've been doing it year after year. We also have a couple of events that we hold for the children in the community to keep them amused and entertained, educated, and safe. We would not be able to do what we do without the Neighborhood Resource Center – without Marcos Lopez, without the assistance of everyone there at the NRC. They do our outreach for us, they do our newsletters, we flyer our events – we just had our Skateboard Fair and we gave away about 180 safety helmets. We probably fed about 300 people; we have a Halloween Carnival coming up. I was informed that the dumpsters that we fill hold 10 tons of stuff – we fill 3 of those every month, so that's 30 tons of stuff we're pulling out of the alley every month times 11 month – so that is 330 tons of stuff that we're picking up. I applaud the efforts of the volunteers that come out in the community and do that, and the dumpsters are provided for us through Neighborhood Services. We provide the people to come out and do it. As a result of that, we have a wonderful, established partnership with our council representative, they believe in us, the Police Department believes in us. We have our cleanup that we are doing this month on the 25th. Joe Levy will be out there with the Explorers doing outreach in the community. So, it is invaluable what we can do in the community, and like I say we could not do it without the NRC. With that I will turn it over to the next person who wants to speak. Thank you very much.

KAREN RESIDE

Good evening. My name is Karen Reside. I am actually the grant writer for the Boys and Girls Club of Long Beach. I must say I don't envy your positions at all in having to make some really tough choices with the limited resources that are available when there is such great need in the community. I'm here today to represent those that don't vote, don't often have a voice – children in our community from ages 7-18. The Boys and Girls Clubs of Long Beach are actually one of the original care providers in the United States. As a grant writer for the organization, I see the pressure that the tightening of dollars has on the ability to deliver quality programming. We are currently serving over 3500 children in the City of Long Beach, and we serve everyone regardless of the ability to pay – we charge a nominal fee of \$15 for a full year of services. We got a very great commercial from one of the parents at Centro CHA, who wants her organization to be like the Boys and Girls Clubs. We work to develop children into responsible, caring adults so they contribute to the community and give back. We do this by providing arts and culture, education, character and leadership development, educational skill development so that children can be successful in school and graduate, sports fitness and recreation, and health and life skills so that they know how to manage their money and take care of themselves no matter what their personal circumstances are at home. We have many children that go through the foster care system that are independent minors in our teen groups. Our children need your support, and it's not just our organization, but all the organizations in the City that deliver services to our youth. We have a considerable gang problem in our City. Our youth make up over 20 percent of our population, just in our target age group – the 7-18 year olds. We saw some youth here, but not many. They don't vote; they do need your care and consideration when you review the allocation of these funds. Thank you.

DENISE DAHLAUSEN

Good evening. I'm Denise Dahlhausen. I'm the development director for For the Child. First of all, thank you for the NAP grant for this year. Actually, since we're no longer eligible to apply, I feel like without self interest, I can advocate for these funds. In addition to For the Child, I have worked for other organizations in Long Beach trying to develop funds for many services and for facility improvement. Facility improvements are particularly difficult to raise private funding for – putting in ADA restrooms, putting in ramps, putting in handrails, improving kitchens, many times they are not sexy things – they don't appeal to private funders, so this is a really critical pocket of money that you have for nonprofits here, and I hope that you will continue to support it, and if we can get more CDBG money even more fully. Literally, you have kept the roof over our heads at our Cedar house facility – in this very year – we were thrilled with that. It was a 2002 NAP grant that you afforded our agency. In addition to all of the very practical things that these grants do, I heard someone from Catholic Charities mention it, there is a respect and dignity that a well maintained, adequate facility when people come for services provides. And I think that is an intangible, but a very critical thing, in our case, for children to heal. The other thing that I heard here tonight was from the Interval House people on domestic violence in creating a priority for that. I would love to reiterate that. One of the things we have learned at Research and Child Abuse is that children who have witnessed domestic violence exhibit the same traumatic problems as children who are actually abused themselves. So, domestic abuse and child abuse are very much intertwined, and I think it would be very beneficial to everyone that that be a priority. Thank you.

BETH STECKLER

Good evening. Thank you for the opportunity to address you tonight. My name is Beth Steckler – I'm the policy director for a nonprofit developer called Livable Places. We are developing a 58-unit new construction homeownership development on Long Beach Boulevard just north of the PCH Blue Line Station. We whole heartedly support the City's efforts in supporting the entire range of affordable housing. The testimony that we heard tonight from people who are benefiting from the Multi-Service Center – the homeless services, the domestic violence services – are very, very critical. What most struck me in reviewing the document tonight was how overwhelming it must have been to go through it, because the unmet needs are what really scream out at you. I was looking at the chart (Page V-9) the five-year housing needs and priorities and for the highest priority level (small related, 2-4 person rental), we have an unmet need of 7,000 and over a five-year period, we think we'll met 13 percent of that unmet need. This really points to the situation that the drops of money the federal government is sending us are not enough. And we can't stand here and say that housing is more important than gang prevention or homeless services. The community needs all of it and so much more. I would like to commend you on your hard work; you were not given enough money to do what we need to do; and I would like for you to somehow express that to the City Council, to the state legislators, to the federal representatives that this is not enough for us. Our community is in serious need. Ranking 7th in poverty is not where we want to stay. We want to move to another level and we need everybody to help us do that. So, thank you so much for your work and I don't envy your task, but you've done a great job with what you were given. Thank you very much.

ARLENE MERCER

Good evening. I'm Arlene Mercer. I'm the founder and director of Food Finders and also the president of the Long Beach Area Coalition for the Homeless. I want to thank you very much for your support of Food Finders. With your help, we are providing approximately 50,000 meals a day for the people that need it so much. Also, thank you for your support of the Coalition and our Advocacy for Housing for low income people in Long Beach and for allowing us to have our meetings at the MSC. There were so many beautiful testimonies this evening – very meaningful too. I think you will all agree that this money is to make Long Beach more livable for everyone that we can. Everyone with all their problems. It's very important that we continue to serve the poorest of the poor. Those that are teetering on the edge of homelessness, we don't want them to fall into that big pit – it's way too hard to crawl out. Once they're homeless, it takes a deposit and first and last month's rent for them to be able to get back in housing. Cost studies have shown that it is so much more costly to do nothing. I know that you are trying to do all that you can. Just as you must make these very hard decisions with the money that you have from HUD, so many in Long Beach are making hard decisions every day as to whether they can afford to eat dinner tonight, or perhaps pay for some medication that they need, or to pay their rent, or maybe pay for car repair or gas that they need to get them to work – it is a hard decision. So many people have come tonight to thank you for the essentials that you help provide for them, for the housing and for the food and getting them into counseling – they need all these things to flourish and do their best. You noticed perhaps in the Press-Telegram a few days ago that they noted the UCLA study is in and now there are 1.3M people in LA County that are not knowing where their next meal comes from. So hunger is prevalent; it has risen by 11 percent. The last study showed 1M; it is now 1.3M. According to the study 40 percent of low income pregnant women are concerned about getting enough food to carry them through their pregnancy. I just want to thank you very much for your time given tonight and for your time throughout the year being a partner to prevent hunger and homelessness. Thank you.

CLAUDETTE GRUNDY

Good evening. Thank you everyone for your patience. I remember you from last year when we were having the allocation of funds meeting over at MSC. I had blond hair then—long blond hair. I wasn't planning on speaking tonight but I found that my friend that came forth, Ms. Lena Wilson, was a lone voice crying out in the wilderness. My name is Claudette Grundy. I came to the City of Long Beach two years ago in April 2003 to be a network technology student at Brooks College. Prior to that I had been in a serious accident and was on disability, but I tried to educate myself and improve myself and I was having problems with social security and SSI and disability and everything, I couldn't get money – I could only get GR disability, which I'll be paying back when I get my law suit settlement. I couldn't afford my dorm fee, and they kicked me out – that's how I became homeless October 11, 2003. I got a job as a longshore person, but because I am disabled (I still have problems with my back, my neck, my legs, my shoulders) I can't work that longshoreman job. I am currently living in a tent under a bridge. I have no family here – all my family has moved back to Florida. A lot of my friends now are members of the homeless community. The blight of the homeless is horrible. I really believe that all people who sit and make decisions for homeless people ought to live a homeless life for at least a month. I really do believe that. Because you can't really know the experience, just like a man will never know what it is like to have a baby. You can say "oh, honey baby I understand." But you do not know what that pain is and what that sorrow is and what the joy is. You cannot. I really believe that committees ought to have homeless people such as Ms. Lena Wilson, who is an intelligent, wise, caring, compassionate woman, on that committee before decisions are made. Because you cannot effectively make decisions if you have not lived this life – you

cannot. I used to feed the homeless; I used to feed the hungry. There is a totally different situation between being homeless and being hungry. They are two different ballgames – too different monsters. Until recently, you could get a good meal in Long Beach, but the City Council, or whomever, they are stopping all the food – the park feeding, the parks over here on 14th Street. My first night of being homeless, I was terrified – bugs were crawling on me, I was scared people were going to walk up on me, I had to sleep outside in a place where the parking was. But my time is out. I have a lot more I'd like to say. MSC is not what a lot of those people presented. They do good, but there's a lot of problems over there too.

Dear BJ:

Thank you again for attending the January meeting of the Willmore City Heritage Association. Your presentation was great.

I would like to reiterate WCHA's position in regards to CDBG funds for the community. Our neighborhood is an NIS area and CDBG funds are extremely important for the operation of such programs as our Community Police Center, the Neighborhood Resource Center and our Code Enforcement program.

The Drake Park/Willmore City Historic District is an inner-city, downtown area where many of the children are considered "at risk". It is one of the most densely populated neighborhoods in Long Beach with 42.2 persons per acre. 29.7% of the families in the area are considered to be below poverty level and approximately 65% of the households have less than \$25,000 in annual income. Over 60% of the residents of the area are Spanish speaking; most are recent immigrants to the U.S. The Caucasian population is under 20% and the balance split between Black/Afro-American and Asian or Pacific Islanders.

Projects by the organization such as the Community Police Center, code enforcement, neighborhood cleanups and beautification directly affect these residents by creating a safer, cleaner living environment. So many of our residents barely live from paycheck to paycheck and the assistance from these CDBG supported programs make such a positive impact on their lives.

In addition, the Willmore City Historic District contains some of the oldest homes in the City and their preservation is vitally important to the community. CDBG assisted historic preservation is a means to enhance the quality of life of the residents while revitalizing the neighborhood.

Our need for CDBG funds for our community is critical if we are to assist our low and medium income residents to improve their quality of life and to remove blight from their neighborhoods.

We are hopeful that the City will agree that we need to increase the CDBG funding for these neighborhood programs.

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the meeting of the Community Development Advisory Commission on February 16th as this is the same time as the monthly Willmore City Heritage Association's Code Enforcement meeting as well as its monthly general meeting. I would appreciate your relating our organization's feelings in regards to the CDBG funding.

Thank you.

Cheryl Perry, President
Willmore City Heritage Association

February 16, 2005

To: City of Long Beach Community Development
Advisory Commission

RE: City of Long Beach Consolidated Plan for
2005-2010

The City of Long Beach annually receives money from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to help improve our neighborhoods. One of the most valuable assets HUD subsidizes is the Neighborhood Resource Center. The services NRC provide have benefited the community immeasurably. The connection they create between city hall and the general public is priceless.

Because of the encouragement and assistance of Margaret Madden and her NRC team, I formed a local neighborhood watch and was able to clean up and greatly improve my surrounding area. Coordinating with a number of other city entities such as community policing and code enforcement, NRC enabled me to resolve many of the difficulties facing local residents. I was able to rid my vicinity of loathsome drug dealers, gang activity, various nuisance problems, run-down properties, zoning and code violations, and a profusion of graffiti. NRC staff enabled me to obtain a grant for about 100 trees and organize a very successful tree planting.

The numerous workshops NRC provides (ie Safe Streets Now, Grant Writing, Tenants Rights/Responsibilities) furnished me with the knowledge needed to accomplish these feats. I feel fortunate to access the many tools that the Center provides to assist neighborhood leaders in these and many other constructive endeavors. The volunteer time they promote results in substantial savings to taxpayers.

The importance of the Neighborhood Resource Center cannot be emphasized enough; and its continued existence and funding is imperative.

Sincerely,
Diana Jones, Florida Street Neighborhood Watch
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Long Beach, CA 90814
(562) 438-4033

Carrol Goddard
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Long Beach, CA 90813

February 16, 2005

Community Development Advisory Commission
% BJ Wills
Neighborhood Services Bureau

Dear Commissioners:

Due to a previous commitment, I am unable to attend this first hearing for community input regarding the Community Development Block Grant funds. I will instead be attending a Neighborhood Code Enforcement meeting at the Willmore Community Police Center, followed by a Willmore Community Heritage Association neighborhood meeting.

I specifically mention the code enforcement meeting and the Willmore Community Police Center because they are direct results of and show the positive aspects of CDBG funding. Over the years, neighborhood code enforcement has been one of the most effective tools used to improve the Willmore neighborhood and to provide better and safer housing for residents in one of the most densely populated neighborhoods in Long Beach in which at least 70% of the residents are below the poverty level.

The CDBG funding for the WCPC has allowed the community to achieve success in many neighborhood projects. WCPC has been the recipient of several grants including a \$25,000 Community Partners Grant funded through the California Community Foundation which allowed WCPC to expand its fledgling and ultimately very successful English as a Second Language program. The WCPC is currently home to the Mothers' Brigade, a group of resident parents working together to insure the safety of children walking home from school. Among other things, WCPC sponsors a 25 member Girl Scout Troop who most recently organized one of the most successfully Safety Fairs ever held on this side of town. Organized neighborhood clean-ups are held monthly and the Girl Scout Troop is always there ready to pitch in. WCPC has partnered with our local schools and parks on many various projects involving our neighborhood children. WCPC is the central meeting place in our neighborhood, monthly neighborhood meetings are held there as well as other celebrations. WCPC is a resource center for various programs offered to our residents by many different sources. Some of the information that can be obtained by dropping into the WCPC is funding sources for home repairs and improvements, information on how to become a citizen, who can help settle a tenant/landlord dispute, etc. It is also a safe place to report crime without being intimidated.

The use of CDBG funds in our neighborhood has allowed the community to improve the quality of life for all its residents. I would encourage you to continue the funding to these type of neighborhood services and even consider expanding funding for these type activities, if it is at all possible.

Sincerely,

Carrol Goddard
Chair, Willmore Community Police Center

BJ Wills
Community Development Advisory Commission

Dear Mr. Wills,

Emblazoned on a bright blue plaque, hanging in the City Hall lobby, is the motto, “**Working Together to Serve.**” To me, these should not be just empty words.

The Neighborhood Resource Center’s small band of employees embodies that basic premise. They foster a user-friendly atmosphere whereby the good citizens of Long Beach give thousands of hours of their valuable time to help make this City a better place for us all to live.

Although there are many other worthwhile causes, your continued funding for this most valuable asset is essential.

Sincerely,

Diana Lejins
Member Alamitos Beach Association
POB 14446
Long Beach, CA 90803

My name is Mary Weaver. I am the Executive Director of Friends Outside in Los Angeles County. We have assisted children and families in Long Beach who are affected by incarceration since 1990. Our office is located at 1041 Pine Avenue.

We are fortunate to receive funding from the City of Long Beach/Department of Health and Human Services to assist this population. I write to advocate for consideration of them as a service priority in this community by virtue of the size of this population, the circumstances of these children, who are at great risk for becoming juvenile offenders, and their unique needs that remain largely unmet in our community.

5,721 Long Beach residents are incarcerated in county jail or state prison. On average, each prisoner has 2.4 children. It is, therefore, reasonable to assume that a minimum of 8,925 children in Long Beach have incarcerated parents. The vast majority of these children are in the care of their mothers, grandmothers, or other female kinship caregivers, in families with poverty level incomes.

Even though incarceration damages families emotionally, socially, and financially, unlike other human catastrophes it is not viewed by society as a situation that deserves compassion. Their problems are overwhelming. There is a need to address immediate problems that result from incarceration, such as maintaining contact with the inmate, when mutually desired, adjusting to the loss of a wage earner, and coping with an arcane criminal justice process. There is also the need for long-term support to address the deeper issues that contributed to or which were exacerbated by incarceration, such as substance abuse or domestic violence. Many families live in social isolation out of fear that their relationship to a prisoner will be exposed, resulting in the loss of employment, housing, and/or personal relationships. Most underutilize community resources as a result of: lack of knowledge, fear of judgment, mistrust, language barriers, no motivation, and sensitive immigration status. 80% have no transportation. 95% require emergency assistance to meet their basic needs.

These children and their families are virtually unrecognized by society as a special needs population, even though the children are at higher risk than their peers of doing poorly in school and of becoming juvenile delinquents. And, indeed, family members often describe themselves as "islands" with little support. However, research indicates that positive results occur when the needs of these children and families are addressed.

The Long Beach Strategic Plan for 2010 that was adopted by this body in 2000 included a number of ambitious goals for the City. The Plan states "we must create a city where children and youth of diverse backgrounds live in safe and nurturing communities, with access to comprehensive culturally sensitive programs and services that make them healthy, happy and well-educated, preparing them to become successful, responsible, and contributing members of the community." Our hope is that children with incarcerated family members, and their families, will be a part of this vision for the City and that the City Council will remember their needs when you determine the categories of need for the upcoming Social Services Grant and Emergency Shelter Grants Program.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Community Development Advisory Commission

Public Comment Sheet on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan

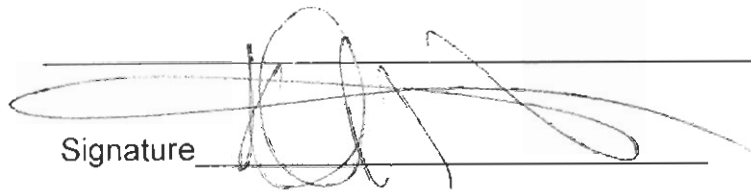
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Please state your opinions and comments on the needs of the citizens that should be included in the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan for the City of Long Beach.

The N.R.C. has fulfilled the needs of many citizens, in many capacities, but there have ~~be~~ been a few areas that have been ignored, or at least not addressed as sufficiently as I would have liked. The main topic I would like to see addressed more often is C.I.D. law, as related to Homeowner Associations. An annual workshop on this issue would be very helpful.

Signature 

Community Development Advisory Commission

Public Comment Sheet on the 2005 - 2010 Consolidated Plan

Name: Auttrille Scott
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Please state your opinions and comments on the needs of the citizens that should be included in the 2005 - 2010 Consolidated Plan for the City of Long Beach.

There is a need for East Hill Street between Long Beach Blvd and Orange ave to be repaved and cross walks marked. There are potholes that keep our cars out of line and since most of the residents living in this area are low income we don't have money to take care of our cars upkeep.

Our children walking to and from school are in danger of being hit by cars going to and from Signal Hill because there are no cross walks on our street at the four way stop signs on East Hill Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Ave, Lemon Ave and East Hills Street need cross walks to keep our children safe while walking to the bus to school on East Hill St and Walnut.

Signature Auttrille Scott

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Community Development Advisory Commission Public Comment Sheet on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan

Name: Valoria Tate

Organization (If Any): Affirm Foundation

Address: 320 Pine Ave. Suite 405

Long Beach CA. 90802

Please state your opinions and comments on the needs of the citizens that should be included in the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan for the City of Long Beach.

I would like to thank the staff and the volunteers at the Neighborhood Resource Center for

Providing support and services to our community. I have personally benefited from the use of

this center. I have learned, with-out your support I could have lost more time and work from

advocating for my clients with-in our Long Beach community.

I am a Commissioner and a Certified Advocate with a disability, I am the Founder of

Affirm Foundation, a community base organization.

With-out support and services from the Neighborhood Resources Center my work would

be more difficult to conduct. Thank you Staff and Volunteers.

Sincerely,

Signature _____



American Family Housing

15161 Jackson Street
Midway City, CA 92655
(714) 897-3221
Fax: (714) 893-6858



June 20, 2005

B. J. Wills
City of Long Beach
Neighborhood Service Bureau
444 W. Ocean Blvd., Suite 1700
Long Beach, Ca. 90802

Dear Mr. Wills,

This letter is my total support for your efforts to provide additional Low income housing units in the City of Long Beach.

The Consolidated Plan for 2005-2010 and the Action plan for 2005-2006 is well thought out and I would be happy to continue working with you in trying to meet the housing need of low income families.

American Family Housing has about 50 low income housing units in the City of Long Beach and we have been working with the City of Long Beach for the past 15 years.

The need for additional low income housing is great and I would be then happy to meet with you to see if there is some way that our agency could provide additional housing units.

Thanks again for reaching out to those in most need.

Sincerely,



Jim Miller
Executive Director

cc: Helen Yamamoto



June 22, 2005

Ms. Beth Stochl, Manager
Housing Services Bureau, City of Long Beach
Department of Community Development
110 Pine Avenue, Suite 1200
Long Beach, CA 90802

Dear Ms. Stochl,

I am writing to express our support of the expenditures proposed in the new Consolidated Plan for 2006-2010, and the Action Plan for 2005-2006. As a non-profit affordable housing provider that works with very low-income tenants (50% of Area Median Income and below) Menorah Housing Foundation (MHF) is acutely aware of the demand for affordable units in the City of Long Beach. Funding for affordable housing is more important than ever, as market rents are experiencing a period of rapid escalation. For low-income renters, the loss of affordable housing results in excessively rent-burdened tenants, leads to overcrowding in available units, and results in a deteriorating housing stock.

MHF was incorporated in 1969 as a non-sectarian, non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation to develop and manage affordable independent-living apartment units for very low-income persons 62 years of age or older. For more than thirty years, Menorah's residents on fixed incomes (averaging \$9,325 annually) have occupied safe, sanitary, accessible housing that they would otherwise be unable to afford in the local housing market.

Almost all of MHF's housing units are subsidized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program. MHF **highly leverages** local funding sources by combining City housing monies with federal dollars. However, MHF can only access HUD Section 202 funds if a source of City funding remains available to cover the total development cost of our buildings. For this reason, we **strongly endorse** the City of Long Beach efforts to provide local funds for affordable housing. With a continued source of City housing funds, MHF looks forward to leveraging local monies with HUD funds to meet a demand for very low-income rental housing. Maximizing the efficient use of local funding benefits both the City of Long Beach and the very low-income tenants MHF hopes to serve.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

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Anne Friedrich
President



Mack Calvin
CEO

June 23, 2005

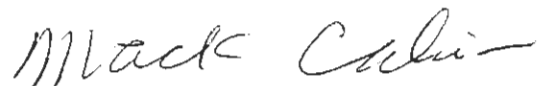
Ms. Elizabeth Stochl, Manager
Housing Services Bureau
Department of Community Development
City of Long Beach
110 Pine Ave., Suite 1200
Long Beach, CA 90802

Dear Beth,

Just a short note to congratulate you and your staff on the tremendous work that you are doing for the City of Long Beach. I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to you for inviting me to the 2005-2010 consolidated plan meeting last week in front of the Community Development Advisory Commission.

In closing, again, congratulations on receiving the Advisory Commission approval and I look forward to working with you and the City of Long Beach on many projects in the near future.

Sincerely,



Mack Calvin
CEO-President
Joshua One Community Development Corporation

June 15, 2005

**Good Evening Sir Chairman and
Members of the Community Development Advisory Commission.**

**My name is Maribel Colorado. I am a mother of 3.
My son is 16 years old and is currently participating in the programs that the
Community Hispanic Association Center A.K.A. Centro CHA offers to the
Hispanic Youth.**

**I am here as a parent to advocate for this center and I would like to request
that funding for the center be made an integral component of the 2005-2010
Consolidated Plan.**

**The center helps our kids to have a safe place they can go to, outside of
home. A place that makes them feel comfortable because when they go there
they find people with the same culture, identity, and values. It is very critical
to our teen kids. I feel blessed that the Centro CHA exists because at least I
know that my son is in a safe constructive environment twice a week when
he goes out.**

**The centro CHA informs and educates our H.S. children on health issues
such as the risks of using drugs, joining a gang, safe sex, etc. It also
encourages and promotes their studies to help them focus on a profession as
their goal. It helps the kids and prepares them to go on the working world.
However, the after school and mentoring programs need financial support.
Allocating essential funds to Centro CHA would enable them to provide
much more services to our kids. These services that low income families
can't afford. Presently the Center is understaffed & the number of kids
receiving assistance is limited.**

**Extra funds will allow the center to receive more kids. The more kids who
benefit from these services the less we'll have on the streets getting in
trouble. The center is trying to do a similar successful job as the Boys &
Girls Club and PAL, CHA center is targeting the youth at risk. Which in
most of the cases are the Hispanic kids.**

**Here in Long Beach, we Hispanics are the majority among minorities. Our
children deserve dedicated services that will keep them occupied and
focused on their studies away from trouble, danger or temptations.**

**Our average income level does not allow for music, dance lessons, or
summer camps as other families do.**

**The Community Hispanic Association is a proven and cost effective Agency
that channels youth's energy into constructive activities. Therefore, I ask this
commission to continue and increase the funding of this worthy & vitally
needed agency. Thank you very much for your time.**

APPENDIX 3

CITY RESPONSE TO COMMENTS



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

333 WEST OCEAN BOULEVARD • LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA 90802

June 24, 2005

Ms. Gralia Bolanos
Long Beach, CA

Dear Ms. Bolanos:

I wish to thank you for your participation and attendance at the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan. The Neighborhood Services Bureau is committed to serving residents of the City Of Long Beach.

The City Of Long Beach is strongly concerned with its' youth. Although faced with a cut of \$1,000,000 in federal funding, the City Of Long Beach is still committed to providing the same services as it has in the past. The City Of Long Beach Neighborhood Services Bureau is dedicated to addressing the needs of the community and will continue to collaborate with organizations such as Centro CHA in improving the quality of life for all residents.

The City of Long Beach, through the Department of Health and Human Services, also administers approximately \$800,000 allocated each year by the City of Long Beach to non-profit human service agencies within the city. A variety of services are provided through this program. These funds are available to assist your efforts to provide services to our community.

The City of Long Beach appreciates and commends your effort to improve the lives the Citizens of Long Beach. We hope to have your continued participation and contributions.

We appreciate your comments.

Sincerely,

B.J. Wills
Development Project Manager



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Mr. Tory Taylor
Long Beach, CA

Dear Mr. Taylor:

I wish to thank you for your participation and attendance at the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan. The Neighborhood Services Bureau is committed to serving residents of the City Of Long Beach.

The City Of Long Beach is very sensitive to the homeless issues facing the City and its' residents. Although faced with a \$1,000,000 shortfall in federal funding, the City Of Long Beach is committed to providing the same services as it has in the past. We are glad to have supported the Multi-Service Center in its' effort of providing resources for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The City Of Long Beach realizes that the comprehensive supportive services delivered by the Multi-Service Center promote family preservation, as well as health and safety.

The City Of Long Beach applauds your efforts and wishes you much continued success in the future. We hope to have your continued participation and contributions.

Sincerely,

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Development Project Manager



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Ms. Regina Dickerson
Long Beach, CA

Dear Ms. Dickerson:

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The City Of Long Beach applauds your efforts and wishes you much continued success in the future. We hope to have your continued participation and contributions.

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Mr. Phillip Hernandez
Long Beach, CA

Dear Mr. Hernandez:

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We appreciate your comments.

Sincerely,

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B.J. Wills
Development Project Manager



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Ms. Maribel Colorado
Long Beach, CA

Dear Ms. Colorado:

I wish to thank you for your participation and attendance at the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan. The Neighborhood Services Bureau is committed to serving residents of the City Of Long Beach.

The City Of Long Beach is sensitive to the needs of the Hispanic community and recognizes the socioeconomic issues they are faced with, especially the youth. Although the City Of Long Beach is faced with cuts of \$1,000,000 in federal funding, we are still committed to providing the same services as in the past. With the support of organizations such as Centro CHA, the City Of Long Beach aims to improve the quality of life for all residents.

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Ms. Leticia Avelino
Long Beach, CA

Dear Ms. Avelino:

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Mr. Cruz Soliz
Long Beach, CA

Dear Mr. Soliz:

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We appreciate your comments.

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Mr. Carlos Villa Mizar
Long Beach, CA

Dear Mr. Mizar:

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The City Of Long Beach applauds your efforts and wishes you much continued success in the future. We hope to have your continued participation and contributions.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Charmaine Johnson
Long Beach, CA

Dear Ms. Johnson:

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The City Of Long Beach applauds your efforts and wishes you much continued success in the future. We hope to have your continued participation and contributions.

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Ms. Dora Jacildo
Long Beach, CA

Dear Ms. Jacildo:

I wish to thank you for your participation and attendance at the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan. The Neighborhood Services Bureau is committed to serving residents of the City Of Long Beach.

The City Of Long Beach is pleased to have helped support your organization and its' causes through the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds. Family is very important and is the foundation for solid communities. It is through your interest and hard work that those very foundations are maintained. Although facing \$1,000,000 in federal budget cuts, the City Of Long Beach is committed to providing the same quality services.

The City Of Long Beach appreciates and commends your effort to improve the lives of the residents of Long Beach. We look forward to your continued participation and contributions.

Sincerely,

B.J. Wills
Development Project Manager



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June 22, 2005

Ms. Anne Friedrich
President
Menorah Foundation
1618 Cotner Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90025

Dear Ms. Friedrich:

I wish to thank you for your participation and attendance at the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

The City of Long Beach appreciates the efforts of organizations such as Menorah Foundation to help provide needed housing services to residents. Your efforts and assistance are valued. I am sure that each the families that you have created units for are very grateful for their new homes. All residents of Long Beach are beneficiaries of your determined work.

Although the level of funding has been reduced, the City of Long Beach remains committed to maintaining the current level of program support and services to the community. Through the usage of Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME) funds programs will continue to deliver services enabling homeless or at risk homeless individuals to find housing.

We appreciate your comments.

Sincerely,

B.J. Wills
Development Project Manager



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Mr. Jim Miller
American Family Housing
15161 Jackson Street
Midway City, California 92655

Dear Mr. Miller:

I wish to thank you for your participation and attendance at the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

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Development Project Manager



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June 22, 2005

Ms. Claudette Grundy
Multi-Service Center
1301 W 12th Street
Long Beach, California 90813

Dear Ms. Grundy:

I wish to thank you for your participation and attendance at the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

I want to applaud your courage to come and speak to the public. It is very difficult to speak openly about your problems. The City of Long Beach appreciates your efforts to inform the public about the services offered at the Multi-Service Center. It is unfortunate that your situation is not as positive as the others who spoke at the public hearing. Every situation is different and the City must try to accommodate each individual's needs.

Although the level of Federal funding has been reduced, the City of Long Beach remains committed to maintaining the current level of program support and services to the community. Through the usage of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, programs and services, such as the Multi Service Center collaborative, will continue to deliver services enabling homeless or at risk homeless individuals to find housing and employment assistance.

We appreciate your comments.

Sincerely,

B.J. Wills
Development Project Manager



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June 22, 2005

Ms. Arlene Mercer
Food Finders
3434 Atlantic Avenue
Long Beach, California 90807

Dear Ms. Mercer:

I wish to thank you for your participation and attendance at the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

The City of Long Beach appreciates the efforts of organizations such as Food Finders to provide food to help provide food to the homeless. Your efforts and assistance are valued. I am sure that each the families that you have assisted are very grateful for the help that you provided to them. All residents of Long Beach are beneficiaries of your determined work.

Although the level of Federal funding has been reduced, the City of Long Beach remains committed to maintaining the current level of program support and services to the community. Through the usage of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, programs and services, such as the Multi Service Center collaborative, will continue to deliver services enabling homeless or at risk homeless individuals to find housing and employment assistance.

The City of Long Beach, through the Department of Health and Human Services, also administers approximately \$800,000 allocated each year by the City of Long Beach to non-profit human service agencies within the city. A variety of services are provided through this program. These funds are available to assist your efforts to provide services to our community.

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June 22, 2005

Ms. Beth Steckler
Livable Places
634 So. Spring Street, Suite 727
Los Angeles, California 90014

Dear Ms. Steckler:

I wish to thank you for your participation and attendance at the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

The City of Long Beach appreciates the efforts of organizations such as Livable Places to help provide needed housing services to residents. Your efforts and assistance are valued. I am sure that each the families that you have created units for are very grateful for their new homes. All residents of Long Beach are beneficiaries of your determined work.

Although the level of funding has been reduced, the City of Long Beach remains committed to maintaining the current level of program support and services to the community. Through the usage of Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME) funds programs will continue to deliver services enabling homeless or at risk homeless individuals to find housing.

We appreciate your comments.

Sincerely,

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B.J. Wills
Development Project Manager



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June 22, 2005

Ms. Denise Dahlausen
For The Child
4001 Long Beach Blvd.
Long Beach, California 90807

Dear Ms. Dahlausen:

I wish to thank you for your participation and attendance at the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

The City of Long Beach appreciates the efforts of organizations such as For The Child to help provide needed services to our youngest residents. Your efforts and assistance are valued. I am sure that each the families that you have assisted are very grateful for the help that you provided to them. All residents of Long Beach are beneficiaries of your determined work.

Although the level of funding has been reduced, the City of Long Beach remains committed to maintaining the current level of program support and services to the community. Through the usage of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding programs such as the Nonprofit Assistance Program (NAP), will continue to deliver services enabling homeless or at risk homeless individuals to find housing.

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June 22, 2005

Ms. Karen Reside
Boys & Girls Club of Long Beach
700 E Del Amo Blvd.
Long Beach, California 90807

Dear Ms. Reside:

I wish to thank you for your participation and attendance at the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

The City of Long Beach appreciates the efforts of organizations such as Boys & Girls Club of Long Beach to help provide needed services to the youth of Long Beach. All residents of Long Beach are beneficiaries of your determined work.

Although the level of Federal funding has been reduced, the City of Long Beach remains committed to maintaining the current level of program support and services to the community. Through the usage of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, programs and services, such as the collaborative partnerships with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, will continue to deliver services provide our youth with positive activities.

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Development Project Manager



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June 22, 2005

Ms. Jan Ward
YosemiteJan@charter.net

Dear Ms. Ward:

I wish to thank you for your participation and attendance at the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

I want to applaud your courage to come and speak to the public. Thank you for caring about your community. It is with the assistance of residents like you that participate in so many of the programs that the City offers, the Community Code Enforcement program, the monthly cleanups and Neighborhood Improvement Strategic (NIS) Areas that we assist the community. The City of Long Beach appreciates your efforts to inform the public about the services offered through the Neighborhood Resource Center and Neighborhood services programs.

Although the level of Federal funding has been reduced, the City of Long Beach remains committed to maintaining the current level of program support and services to the community. Through the usage of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, programs and services, such as the Community Code Enforcement program that result in cleaner and safer neighborhoods within our community.

We appreciate your comments.

Sincerely,

B.J. Wills
Development Project Manager



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June 22, 2005

Mr. Henry Salzer
1915 6th Street
Long Beach, California 90802

Dear Mr. Salzer:

I wish to thank you for your participation and attendance at the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

I want to applaud your courage to come and speak to the public. Thank you for caring about your community. It is with the assistance of residents like you that participate in the Community Code Enforcement program, the monthly cleanups and Neighborhood Improvement Strategic (NIS) Areas that we assist the community. The City of Long Beach appreciates your efforts to inform the public about the services offered through the Neighborhood Resource Center and Neighborhood services programs.

Although the level of Federal funding has been reduced, the City of Long Beach remains committed to maintaining the current level of program support and services to the community. Through the usage of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, programs and services, such as the Community Code Enforcement program that result in cleaner and safer neighborhoods within our community.

We appreciate your comments.

Sincerely,

B.J. Wills
Development Project Manager



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June 22, 2005

Ms. Lynne Ryles
Catholic Charities
123 E 14th Street
Long Beach, California 90813

Dear Ms. Ryles:

I wish to thank you for your participation and attendance at the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

I want to applaud your courage to come and speak to the public. It is very difficult to speak openly about your problems. The City of Long Beach appreciates your efforts to inform the public about the services offered such as Catholic Charities and the Multi-Service Center to help provide needed housing services to residents.

Although the level of funding has been reduced, the City of Long Beach remains committed to maintaining the current level of program support and services to the community. Through the usage of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding programs such as the Nonprofit Assistance Program (NAP), will continue to deliver services enabling homeless or at risk homeless individuals to find housing.

Although the level of Federal funding has been reduced, the City of Long Beach remains committed to maintaining the current level of program support and services to the community. Through the usage of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, programs and services, such as the Multi Service Center collaborative, will continue to deliver services enabling homeless or at risk homeless individuals to find housing and employment assistance.

We appreciate your comments.

Sincerely,

B.J. Wills
Development Project Manager



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June 22, 2005

Ms. Lamonica Williams
Catholic Charities
123 E 14th Street
Long Beach, California 90813

Dear Ms. Williams:

I wish to thank you for your participation and attendance at the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

I want to applaud your courage to come and speak to the public. It is very difficult to speak openly about your problems. The City of Long Beach appreciates your efforts to inform the public about the services offered such as Catholic Charities to help provide needed housing services to residents.

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We appreciate your comments.

Sincerely,

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Development Project Manager



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June 22, 2005

Ms. Anna Totta
Catholic Charities
123 E 14th Street
Long Beach, California 90813

Dear Ms. Totta:

I wish to thank you for your participation and attendance at the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

The City of Long Beach appreciates the efforts of organizations such as Catholic Charities to help provide needed housing services to residents. Your efforts and assistance are valued. I am sure that each the families that you have assisted are very grateful for the help that you provided to them. All residents of Long Beach are beneficiaries of your determined work.

Although the level of funding has been reduced, the City of Long Beach remains committed to maintaining the current level of program support and services to the community. Through the usage of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding programs such as the Nonprofit Assistance Program (NAP), will continue to deliver services enabling homeless or at risk homeless individuals to find housing.

The City of Long Beach, through the Department of Health and Human Services, also administers approximately \$800,000 allocated each year by the City of Long Beach to non-profit human service agencies within the city. A variety of services are provided through this program. These funds are available to assist your efforts to provide services to our community.

The City of Long Beach appreciates and commends your effort to improve the lives the Citizens of Long Beach. We hope to have your continued participation and contributions.

We appreciate your comments.

Sincerely,

B.J. Wills
Development Project Manager



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June 22, 2005

Mr. James Shaner
Decro Corporation
6531 E Paseo Diego
Anaheim, California 92807

Dear Mr. Shaner:

I wish to thank you for your participation and attendance at the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

The City of Long Beach appreciates the efforts of organizations such as Decro Corporation to help provide needed housing services to residents. Your efforts and assistance are valued. I am sure that each the families that you have created units for are very grateful for their new homes. All residents of Long Beach are beneficiaries of your determined work.

Although the level of funding has been reduced, the City of Long Beach remains committed to maintaining the current level of program support and services to the community. Through the usage of Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME) funds programs will continue to deliver services enabling homeless or at risk homeless individuals to find housing.

We appreciate your comments.

Sincerely,

B.J. Wills
Development Project Manager



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June 22, 2005

Ms. Channa Gace
Women Organizing Resources, Knowledge and Services (WORKS)
11221 Long Beach Blvd., Suite B,
Lynwood, California 90262

Dear Ms. Grace:

I wish to thank you for your participation and attendance at the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

As you know, the issue of housing individuals with extremely low-incomes is very complicated. The City of Long Beach participates in several programs that address providing housing for extremely low income individuals, such as Section 8, Shelter Plus Care and Emergency Shelter Grants. The Consolidated Plan has documented the needs of residents for housing. The Consolidated Plan with work to support the Housing Action Plan but also identify the needs of all the residents of the City of Long Beach. The Pacific City Light Apartments and the Olive Courts are new rental affordable housing being built within the city to address your concerns. The City of Long Beach appreciates your efforts to identify the housing services for our residents. Your efforts and assistance are valued.

Although the level of funding has been reduced, the City of Long Beach remains committed to maintaining the current level of program support and services to the community. Through the usage of Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME) funds programs will continue to deliver services enabling homeless or at risk homeless individuals to find housing.

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We appreciate your comments.

Sincerely,

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B.J. Wills
Development Project Manager



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June 22, 2005

Ms. Elvia Huertado
Interval House
P.O. Box 3356
Seal Beach, California 90740

Dear Ms. Huertado:

I wish to thank you for coming out the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

I want to applaud your courage to come and speak to the public. It is very difficult to speak openly about your problems. The City of Long Beach appreciates the efforts of organizations such as Interval House to help provide needed domestic violence services and emergency housing programs to women within Long Beach. All residents of Long Beach are beneficiaries of your determined work.

Although the level of Federal funding has been reduced, the City of Long Beach remains committed to maintaining the current level of program support and services to the community. Through the usage of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, programs and services will continue to deliver services enabling domestic violence victims to find housing and counseling.

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We appreciate your comments.

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June 22, 2005

Ms. Lydia LeChung
Interval House
P.O. Box 3356
Seal Beach, California 90740

Dear Ms. LeChung:

I wish to thank you for coming out the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

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June 22, 2005

Ms. Gina Norman
Interval House
P.O. Box 3356
Seal Beach, California 90740

Dear Ms. Norman:

I wish to thank you for coming out the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

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We appreciate your comments.

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June 22, 2005

Ms. Jenny Lemus
Interval House
P.O. Box 3356
Seal Beach, California 90740

Dear Ms. Lemus:

I wish to thank you for coming out the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

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June 22, 2005

Ms. Christine DeLabre
Interval House
P.O. Box 3356
Seal Beach, California 90740

Dear Ms. DeLabre:

I wish to thank you for coming out the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

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June 22, 2005

Ms. Kathy Romo
Substance Abuse Foundation
3139 E 7th Street
Long Beach, California 90804

Dear Ms. Romo:

I wish to thank you for coming out the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

The City of Long Beach appreciates the efforts of organizations such as Substance Abuse Foundation to help provide needed services and rehabilitation programs to individuals within Long Beach. All residents of Long Beach are beneficiaries of your determined work.

Although the level of Federal funding has been reduced, the City of Long Beach remains committed to maintaining the current level of program support and services to the community. Through the usage of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, programs and services, such as the Multi Service Center collaborative, will continue to deliver services enabling homeless or at risk homeless individuals to find housing and employment assistance.

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We appreciate your comments.

Sincerely,

B.J. Willis
Development Project Manager



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June 22, 2005

Mr. Hugo Cruz

Long Beach, California 90806

Dear Mr. Cruz:

I wish to thank you for your participation and attendance at the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City. It was really great to see you once again.

The City of Long Beach and the Community Development Advisory Commission, CDAC, appreciates your efforts to remove graffiti from our community. Your efforts and assistance are valued. All residents of Long Beach are beneficiaries of your determined work.

Although the level of funding has been reduced, the City of Long Beach remains committed to maintaining the current level of program support and services to the community. Through the usage of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, programs and services, such as the Mural Project, will continue to deliver services enabling youth to participate and find methods to aid the City.

The City of Long Beach appreciates and commends your effort to improve the lives the Citizens of Long Beach. We hope to have your continued participation and contributions.

We appreciate your comments.

Sincerely,

B.J. Wilts

Development Project Manager



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June 22, 2005

Ms. Reba Castaneda

Long Beach, California 90806

Dear Ms. Castaneda:

I wish to thank you for your participation and attendance at the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City. It was really great to see you once again.

The City of Long Beach and the Community Development Advisory Commission, CDAC, appreciates your efforts to remove graffiti from our community. Your efforts and assistance are valued. All residents of Long Beach are beneficiaries of your determined work.

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We appreciate your comments.

Sincerely,

B.J. Wills
Development Project Manager



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June 22, 2005

Ms. Laura Sanchez
California Heights United Methodist Church
ljslala@att.net

Dear Ms. Sanchez:

I wish to thank you for your participation and attendance at the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City. It was really great to see you once again.

The City of Long Beach and the Community Development Advisory Commission, CDAC, appreciates your efforts to help provide needed housing services to residents. Your efforts and assistance are valued. I am sure that each the families that you have assisted for are very grateful for everything that you have done for them. All residents of Long Beach are beneficiaries of your determined work.

Although the level of funding has been reduced, the City of Long Beach remains committed to maintaining the current level of program support and services to the community. Through the usage of Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME) funds programs will continue to deliver services enabling homeless or at risk homeless individuals to find housing.

The City of Long Beach, through the Department of Health and Human Services, also administers approximately \$800,000 allocated each year by the City of Long Beach to non-profit human service agencies within the city. A variety of services are provided through this program. These funds are available to assist your efforts to provide services to our community.

The City of Long Beach appreciates and commends your effort to improve the lives the Citizens of Long Beach. We hope to have your continued participation and contributions.

We appreciate your comments.

Sincerely,

B.J. Wills
Development Project Manager



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June 22, 2005

Ms. Erin Rank
Habitat For Humanity
4320 Atlantic Avenue
Long Beach, California 90807

Dear Ms. Rank:

I wish to thank you for your participation and attendance at the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

The City of Long Beach appreciates the efforts of organizations such as Habitat for Humanity to help provide needed housing services to residents. Your efforts and assistance are valued. I am sure that each the families that you have created homes for are very grateful for their new homes. All residents of Long Beach are beneficiaries of your determined work.

Although the level of funding has been reduced, the City of Long Beach remains committed to maintaining the current level of program support and services to the community. Through the usage of Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME) funds programs will continue to deliver services enabling homeless or at risk homeless individuals to find housing.

The City of Long Beach, through the Department of Health and Human Services, also administers approximately \$800,000 allocated each year by the City of Long Beach to non-profit human service agencies within the city. A variety of services are provided through this program. These funds are available to assist your efforts to provide services to our community.

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We appreciate your comments.

Sincerely,

B.J. Wills
Development Project Manager



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June 22, 2005

Mr. Mack Calvin
6320 Marina Pacifica Drive
Long Beach, California 90806

Dear Mr. Calvin:

I wish to thank you for your participation and attendance at the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

The City of Long Beach participates in several programs that address providing housing for individuals, such as Section 8, Shelter Plus Care and Emergency Shelter Grants. The Consolidated Plan has documented the needs of residents for housing. The Consolidated Plan with work to support the Housing Action Plan but also identify the needs of all the residents of the City of Long Beach. The Pacific City Light Apartments and the Olive Courts are new rental affordable housing being built within the city to address your concerns. The City of Long Beach appreciates your efforts to identify the housing services for our residents. Your efforts and assistance are valued.

The City of Long Beach, through the Department of Health and Human Services, also administers approximately \$800,000 allocated each year by the City of Long Beach to non-profit human service agencies within the city. The Department of Health and Human Services also completes a yearly Continuum of Care that applies for funding to assist the homeless and extremely low income individuals and families.

The City of Long Beach appreciates and commends your effort to improve the lives the Citizens of Long Beach. We hope to have your continued participation and contributions.

We appreciate your comments.

Sincerely,

B.J. Wills
Development Project Manager



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June 22, 2005

Ms. Mary Czuba
jmczuba@verizon.net

Dear Ms. Czuba:

I wish to thank you for your participation and attendance at the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

I want to applaud your courage to come and speak to the public. Although parking issues are handled by the Department of Public Works, we will forward your comments to their Department. Community Development Block Grants are used to assist low and moderate income individuals and family improve their situations. Your comments were appreciated.

I welcome you to learn more about the programs, the Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnership Act, Emergency Shelter Grant and the American Dream Downpayment Initiative that were discussed at the public hearing and also to visit the Neighborhood resource Center located at 425 Atlantic Avenue.

We appreciate your comments.

Sincerely,

B. J. Wills
Development Project Manager



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June 22, 2005

Ms. Lena Wilson
Multi-Service Center
1301 W 12th Street
Long Beach, California 90813

Dear Ms. Wilson:

I wish to thank you for your participation and attendance at the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

I want to applaud your courage to come and speak to the public. It is very difficult to speak openly about your problems. The City of Long Beach appreciates your efforts to inform the public about the services offered at the Multi-Service Center. It is unfortunate that your situation is not as positive as the others who spoke at the public hearing. Every situation is different and the City must try to accommodate each individual's needs.

Although the level of Federal funding has been reduced, the City of Long Beach remains committed to maintaining the current level of program support and services to the community. Through the usage of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, programs and services, such as the Multi Service Center collaborative, will continue to deliver services enabling homeless or at risk homeless individuals to find housing and employment assistance.

We appreciate your comments.

Sincerely,

B.J. Wills
Development Project Manager



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June 22, 2005

Mr. Woody Nickhols
1892 Fashion Avenue
Long Beach, California 90802

Dear Mr. Nickhols:

I wish to thank you for your participation and attendance at the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

Thank you for caring about your community. It is with the assistance of residents like you that participate in the monthly cleanups and Neighborhood Improvement Strategic (NIS) Areas that we assist the community. The Westside Foundation for Community Relations is welcome to make use of the City's Neighborhood Resource Center at 425 Atlantic Avenue to inform the youth about the services open to them and Park, Recreation and Marine.

Although the level of Federal funding has been reduced, the City of Long Beach remains committed to maintaining the current level of program support and services to the community. Through the usage of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, programs and services, such as the NIS, Neighborhood Partners and Clean Up programs that result in projects that empower our community.

We appreciate your comments.

Sincerely,

B.J. Wills
Development Project Manager



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June 22, 2005

Mr. Jim Ebert
New Image Emergency Shelter
401 East Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, California 90802

Dear Mr. Ebert:

I wish to thank you for coming out the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

Your efforts to reach unaccompanied youth is especially appreciated, the efforts of organizations such as New Image Emergency Shelter to help provide needed services and rehabilitation programs to individuals within Long Beach. All residents of Long Beach are beneficiaries of your determined work.

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The City of Long Beach appreciates and commends your effort to improve the lives the Citizens of Long Beach. We hope to have your continued participation and contributions.

We appreciate your comments.

Sincerely,

B.J. Wills
Development Project Manager



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June 22, 2005

Mr. John Edwards
Substance Abuse Foundation
3139 E 7th Street
Long Beach, California 90804

Dear Mr. Edwards:

I wish to thank you for coming out the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

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The City of Long Beach appreciates and commends your effort to improve the lives the Citizens of Long Beach. We hope to have your continued participation and contributions.

We appreciate your comments.

Sincerely,

B.J. Wills
Development Project Manager



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June 22, 2005

Mr. Josh Butler
Disabled Resources Center
2750 E Spring Street
Long Beach, California 90806

Dear Mr. Butler:

I wish to thank you for your participation and attendance at the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

As you know, the issue of housing individuals with extremely low-incomes is very complicated. The City of Long Beach participates in several programs that address providing housing for extremely low income individuals, such as Section 8, Shelter Plus Care and Emergency Shelter Grants. The Consolidated Plan has documented the needs of residents for housing. The Consolidated Plan with work to support the Housing Action Plan but also identify the needs of all the residents of the City of Long Beach. The Pacific City Light Apartments and the Olive Courts are new rental affordable housing being built within the city to address your concerns. The City of Long Beach appreciates your efforts to identify the housing services for our residents. Your efforts and assistance are valued.

The City of Long Beach, through the Department of Health and Human Services, also administers approximately \$800,000 allocated each year by the City of Long Beach to non-profit human service agencies within the city. The Department of Health and Human Services also completes a yearly Continuum of Care that applies for funding to assist the homeless and extremely low income individuals and families.

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We appreciate your comments.

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June 22, 2005

Ms. Kenisha Humphrey
Goodwill Industries
800 W Pacific Coast Hwy
Long Beach, California 90806

Dear Ms. Humphrey:

I wish to thank you for your participation and attendance at the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

The City of Long Beach appreciates the efforts of organizations such as Goodwill Industries to help provide needed services and job placement programs to our most needy residents. Your efforts and assistance are valued. I am sure that each one of the twenty six Long Beach residents that you and Goodwill Industries have placed in employment are very grateful for their new outlook on life. All residents of Long Beach are beneficiaries of your determined work.

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June 22, 2005

Ms. Leslie Larsen
The Children's Clinic
1057 Pine Avenue
Long Beach, California 90813

Dear Ms. Larsen:

I wish to thank you for your participation and attendance at the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

The City of Long Beach appreciates the efforts of organizations such as the Children's Clinic to help provide health services to children and families. Your efforts and assistance are valued. All residents of Long Beach are beneficiaries of your determined work.

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June 22, 2005

Ms. Margie McKenzie
Multi-Service Center
1301 West 12th Street
Long Beach, California 90813

Dear Ms. McKenzie:

I wish to thank you for coming out the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

I want to applaud your courage to come and speak to the public. It is very difficult to speak openly about your problems. Your family's story was heartfelt and very poignant. Your story moved many of the Commissioners. The City of Long Beach appreciates your efforts to inform the public about the services offered at the Multi-Service Center.

Although the level of Federal funding has been reduced, the City of Long Beach remains committed to maintaining the current level of program support and services to the community. Through the usage of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, programs and services, such as the Multi Service Center collaborative, will continue to deliver services enabling homeless or at risk homeless individuals to find housing and employment assistance.

The City of Long Beach appreciates you taking the time to come and address our Commission.

Sincerely,

B.J. Wills
Development Project Manager



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June 22, 2005

Mr. Paul Forman
Forman Associates
4000 Long Beach Boulevard
Long Beach, California 90807

Dear Mr. Forman:

I wish to thank you for your participation and attendance at the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

It is through the efforts of Non-Profit Organizations, participating businesses and good neighbors like the North Long Beach PAC that Long Beach becomes a stronger and vibrant city. Your efforts and assistance are valued. All residents of Long Beach are beneficiaries of your determined work.

The City of Long Beach remains committed to maintaining the current level of program support and services to the community. Through the usage of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, programs and services, such as the Nonprofit Assistance Program, are delivered enabling service providers to improve their office conditions to provide better services in safer conditions. In collaboration with other agencies and neighborhood residents, the City of Long Beach aims to improve the quality of life for all residents.

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We appreciate your comments.

Sincerely,



B.J. Wills
Development Project Manager



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June 22, 2005

Mr. Robert Leteff
Multi-Service Center
1301 W 12th Street
Long Beach, California 90813

Dear Mr. Leteff:

I wish to thank you for coming out the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

I want to applaud your courage to come and speak to the public. It is very difficult to speak openly about your problems. The City of Long Beach appreciates your efforts to inform the public about the services offered at the Multi-Service Center.

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We appreciate your comments.

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June 22, 2005

Ms. Rosa Cortez
1892 Fashion Avenue
Long Beach, California 90802

Dear Ms. Cortez:

I wish to thank you for your participation and attendance at the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

Thank you for caring about your community. It is with the assistance of residents like you that participate in the monthly cleanups and Neighborhood Improvement Strategic (NIS) Areas that we assist the community. The City of Long Beach appreciates your efforts to inform the public about the services offered through the Neighborhood Resource Center and Neighborhood services programs.

Although the level of Federal funding has been reduced, the City of Long Beach remains committed to maintaining the current level of program support and services to the community. Through the usage of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, programs and services, such as the NIS, Neighborhood Partners and Clean Up programs that result in projects such the Paseo de Mariposas to empower our community.

We appreciate your comments.

Sincerely,

B.J. Willis
Development Project Manager



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June 22, 2005

Ms. Yasmin Tarver
Beyond Shelter
7826 South Broadway
Los Angeles, California 90003

Dear Ms. Tarver:

I wish to thank you for your participation and attendance at the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

The City of Long Beach appreciates the efforts of organizations such as Beyond Shelter to help provide housing services. Your efforts and assistance are valued. All residents of Long Beach are beneficiaries of your determined work.

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June 22, 2005

Miss Sarai McKenzie
Multi-Service Center
1301 West 12th Street
Long Beach, California 90813

Dear Miss McKenzie:

I appreciate you coming out the June 15, 2005 Public Hearing on the 2005 – 2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 – 2006 Action Plan. Your comments and concerns are greatly appreciated and are of assistance in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City.

I want to thank you for coming out with your Mother to come and speak to our Commission. It is very difficult to speak openly to the public, but you did very well. Congratulations on winning your award as most inspiring student. Please continue to do well in school; education is very important to your future.

The City of Long Beach remains committed to maintaining the current level of program support and services to the community. Services such as the Multi Service Center will continue to deliver help to families like yours.

Thanks again for coming and sharing your thoughts with us.

Sincerely,



B.J. Wills
Development Project Manager