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Date November 10, 2008

Communication from Tim Hielkema, Chair, Neighborhood Revitalization Board (NRB), regarding the City Manager's funding recommendations for the Fifth (2009) Year Action Plan of the 2005-2009 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Plan.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Glenna K. Frank

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Assistant City Attorney

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CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

Mayor

City Clerk

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Tim Hielkema, Chair
Neighborhood Revitalization Board

SUBJECT: 2009 HUD Consolidated Plan Recommendations

DATE: November 10, 2008

At their meeting on Wednesday, November 5, 2007 the Neighborhood Revitalization Board met with Chris Johansen, Assistant City Manager to review and discuss the City Manager's recommendations for allocation of the 2009 HUD Consolidated Plan funds.

The NRB is in general agreement with the City Manager's recommendations. However, we are concerned with the reductions to Neighborhood Conservation Services' housing programs. It appears counter-productive to reduce programs that increase the availability of decent, affordable, rental and owner-occupied housing in order to fund a homeless study. We suggest that the homeless study be funded from reprogramming rather than 2009 NCS Housing Opportunities funding. Future allocations are often based on what a program received the previous year, and steady reduction of NCS housing funds will eventually cripple these effective programs.

The NRB looks forward to meeting with the City Council later this year to help develop the 5-year Strategy for the 2010- 2014 Consolidated Plan. Identifying priorities and adhering to a plan will help ensure that the limited HUD funding is leveraged to produce the best outcomes.

We look forward to working with the Council, City staff, and local agencies to implement the 2009 Action Year Plan and future efforts to meet the needs of low- and moderate-income residents.

Tim Hielkema KH
 Tim Hielkema, Chair
 Neighborhood Revitalization Board

cc: City Manager
 Neighborhood Revitalization Board Members
 Housing Services Director
 Community Development Director

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