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Communication from the Chair of the Neighborhood Revitalization Board.

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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.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION BOARD

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Jean Minahan, Chair  
Neighborhood Revitalization Board

SUBJECT: 2011 HUD Consolidated Plan Recommendations regarding non-profits funding

DATE: December 21, 2009

At the meeting of December 2, 2009, the NRB members heard a presentation from City Manager Rick Clark regarding the fiscal challenges that face the City of Des Moines and how this is compounded by these difficult economic times. There were thirty representatives from the different nonprofit agencies who expressed their objection to the Manager's recommendation to reduce their agency's funding in 2011. The agencies expressed concerns that their private contributions have declined and they are working together now to ensure the maximum use of the CDBG funds. The City's CDBG funds are used to leverage other funds in the community.

NRB members are sympathetic to the challenges faced by the City and the nonprofit groups. As taxpayers we are reluctant to encourage an increase in our taxes but as members of the community who have closely worked with these agencies, we are aware of the important services they provide to the City's residents with the greatest needs.

At its meeting of December 2, 2009, the NRB unanimously approved a motion to request the City Council to modify its intention to zero fund the nonprofits in 2011 and consider a more gradual reduction in funding over a two year period. Acknowledging the important services the nonprofits provide to the low income residents of Des Moines, the NRB is also requesting that the City Council take a leadership role in convening the key funding stakeholders to develop a strategy to identify other resources in the community to ensure the services provided by the City's CDBG funding are continued.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Mr. Clark for his time and the presentation and the City Council for the allowing the citizens to provide input in these funding deliberations.

  
Jean Minahan, Chair  
Neighborhood Revitalization Board

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