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REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ FOR ASSISTANCE WITH HOMELESS COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Dear Members of the Board:

As part of budget actions taken last year, your Board indicated your willingness to allocate up to \$10,000 for facility improvements at the Homeless Community Resource Center in order to establish a daytime respite site for families with children. These improvements were to be one component of a larger remodel project at the Resource Center to be financed by the City of Santa Cruz. In a report back to your Board on November 2, 1999, HRA noted that for various reasons, the City's project would need to be rebid and that the details regarding construction, including costs associated with the family day-area, would not be available until a later date.

The recent rebid of the project has resulted in projected construction costs that are in excess of the project budget. As a result, the City intends to construct the project in phases. Phase I of the renovation will be completed with existing project funds by June of this year, resulting in installation of a commercial kitchen and dining area, significant improvements to the roof of the large industrial structure that will house these facilities and construction of infrastructure. City staff anticipate that Phase II will be initiated later this year, probably early or mid-summer, once adequate funding is secured. This phase of the project will provide for renovation of a smaller adjacent building to house case management services, with an emphasis on providing assistance to the growing number of families that the Homeless Community Resource Center serves. In an effort to make the center and the important services that it provides more accessible to parents and their young children, the plans for this building will include a family day-area.

Final plans and cost estimates for Phase II are not yet developed. However, costs associated with the renovation are projected to be over \$50,000. In light of funding limitations for the project as a whole, a contribution from the County would clearly help to ensure construction of the family

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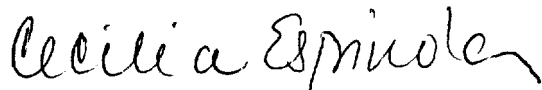
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day-area and associated improvements. Subsequent to last year's budget hearings, \$10,000 was placed in the County's General Contingency for this purpose. Since design and construction costs for Phase II have not yet been determined, it is not clear at this time whether adequate information will be available to consider expenditure of the funds this fiscal year.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that your Board direct the Human Resources Agency to return prior to or as a part of this year's County budget proceedings with information and recommendations regarding the City of Santa Cruz' request for funding assistance for the Homeless Community Resource Center Renovation Project.

Very truly yours,



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Administrator

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