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Agenda: September 19, 2000

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
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REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ FOR ASSISTANCE WITH THE HOMELESS COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER RENOVATION PROJECT

Dear Members of the Board:

As part of this past year's supplemental budget actions, your Board directed the Human Resources Agency to return on or before September 19, 2000 with information regarding the City of Santa Cruz's request for funding assistance for the Homeless Community Resource Center (HCRC) Renovation Project. Your Board had previously set aside up to \$10,000 for potential development of a family area at HCRC in order to meet the needs of families accessing the center's services. Since sufficient information regarding the project scope and costs was not available at budget hearings this past year, your Board directed that the \$10,000 be carried over into the County's General Contingency for FY 2000/01 until necessary construction details were available.

The original plans for the renovation effort provide for modifications to two existing structures. The larger building will house communal space such as kitchen and dining areas and the administrative offices. This phase of the project is near completion. It is anticipated that use of the enhanced facilities will begin this fall. Plans for the second structure, a small house located on the same site, include space for client services such as counseling and case management. This building could also potentially house the family area which would be conveniently located adjacent to the services that parents will need to access.

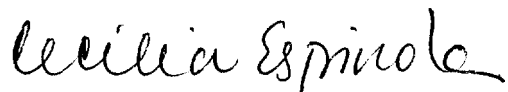
The Facilities Master Plan Committee, formed in the early stages of project planning, continued to meet during the past summer, discussing service and facilities needs and an architectural vision for the entire site. Several draft renderings that are now under review indicate possible demolition of the house. Clearly, it is not appropriate at this time to invest substantial funds in developing a family area within that structure. However, minor improvements, such as a changing table and carpeting that can be completed at minimal cost, might be considered at a

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later date pending more information regarding the overall site plan and project schedule. HRA will report back to your Board as additional information becomes available.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that your Board accept and file this report.

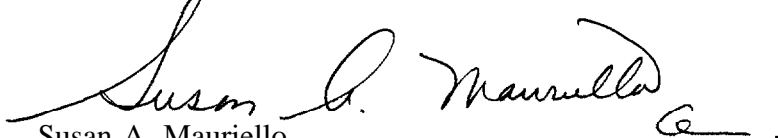
Very truly yours,



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