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TO: HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

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SUBJECT: Update on the CalHome Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program

In June of 2010, the County of Santa Cruz submitted a CalHome grant proposal of \$1 Million to the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to fund an Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program for low-income property owners. The CalHome Program provides low-income homeowners with deferred, low interest loans of up to \$60,000 to fund health and safety deficiencies in and around their home.

Staff is pleased to inform your Commission that the County was notified that HCD selected the County's application and staff has been working with HCD representatives to get the program up and running. Although it is anticipated that the program will not be launched until February or March of 2011, County staff has initiated the outreach and marketing phase of the program to identify potential applicants and contractors who may be willing to participate in the program. To date, there are 10 low-income homeowners on the interest list who will be served on a first come, first serve basis.