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Dear Supervisors and Commissioners:

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (ALL DISTRICTS)
(3 Vote)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Authorize the Board of Commissioners of the Community Development Commission to administer, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program funds within the unincorporated County and in cities participating in the Community Development Block Grant Urban County Program.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

Accept from the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles all responsibilities for the administration of Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program funds within unincorporated Los Angeles County and in cities participating in the Community Development Block Grant Urban County Program.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The purpose of this action is to change current administrative procedures that require both the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Commissioners to approve the uses and expenditure of funds provided to the County by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the HOME Program. Approval of this action will delegate authority to the Board of Commissioners of the Community Development Commission to approve the use and expenditure of HOME funds.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no impact on the County general fund. If approved, the Board of Commissioners will acquire administrative authority over an annual allocation of approximately $13,000,000 in HOME Program funds.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

On March 19, 1992, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Executive Director of the Community Development Commission to submit a required HOME Program description to HUD and to thereafter administer the HOME funds on behalf of the County. HUD allocates HOME funds by a formula based on a number of factors, which include the condition and occupancy of local housing stock; the number of households where the head of household is below the poverty level; and the costs of housing production in the area.

HOME Program funds are loaned to Developers for the acquisition, rehabilitation and development of affordable rental and for-sale housing and, under previously approved programs, are also loaned to rental property owners for rehabilitation; to homeowners for the rehabilitation of existing housing units; and to first-time home buyers to assist in the purchase of homes.

The Board of Supervisors currently delegates authority to the Community Development Commission to administer HOME funds on a case-by-case basis. Following delegation, the Board of Commissioners acts to approve all aspects of the proposed funds' use, including budget authority.

The authorization of the Board of Commissioners to administer the HOME Program will eliminate the need for the Board of Supervisors to delegate administrative authority on a case-by-case basis.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:

Authorization of the Board of Commissioners to administer the HOME Program is exempt from the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) pursuant

to Title 24, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 58, Section 58.34 (a)(3) because it involves administrative activities that will not have a physical impact or result in any physical changes to the environment. The authorization is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(3) and 15378 because it is an administrative activity and is not defined as a project under CEQA and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT PROJECT:

The requested action will streamline the administrative process for HOME funds.

Respectfully submitted,

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