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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Commissioners:

**ACCEPT RESIDENT OPPORTUNITIES AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY SERVICE
COORDINATORS GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTE)**

SUBJECT

This letter requests authority to accept from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) a \$720,000 grant from the Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Service Coordinators Program. These funds will be used to implement a three-year supportive services program that fosters economic independence and housing self-sufficiency for families and promotes independent living for seniors residing at three conventional public housing sites: Carmelitos in the City of Long Beach; Nueva Maravilla in unincorporated East Los Angeles; and Harbor Hills/Lomita Manor in the City of Lomita.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that acceptance of the Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency Resident Service Coordinators Program funds is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as described herein, because the activities are not defined as a project under CEQA.
2. Authorize the Executive Director to accept from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development a \$720,000 grant of Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency Service Coordinators Program funds, which will be used to implement a three-year supportive services program that fosters economic independence and housing self-sufficiency for



families and promotes independent living for seniors residing at three conventional public housing sites; and authorize the Executive Director to execute all documents required for receipt and implementation of the grant.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this action is to authorize the Housing Authority to accept from HUD \$720,000 in ROSS Service Coordinators Program funds to implement a comprehensive supportive services program. The goals of the ROSS Program are to foster economic independence and housing self-sufficiency for families and to promote independent living for seniors. The Program serves over 3,700 families, seniors, and persons with disabilities. This grant will be used to implement the Program for three years at three conventional public housing sites.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no impact on the County general fund. The Housing Authority has been awarded \$720,000. A 25% match is required, and will be provided with over \$180,000 in in-kind services from community organizations and service providers throughout the three-year program agreement.

The first year allocation of \$240,000 is included in the Housing Authority's Fiscal Year 2009-2010 budget. The remaining \$480,000 will be distributed evenly over the next two fiscal years and will be included in the Housing Authority's annual budget approval process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In August 2008, the Housing Authority submitted a funding application to HUD under the 2008 ROSS Service Coordinators Program. For Fiscal Year 2008-2009, \$28 million was available for this program through a nationally competitive awards process.

In April 2009, HUD awarded the Housing Authority a \$720,000 grant. Funds will be used in the following HUD-approved budget line items: staff salaries/benefits (\$612,000); training costs (\$18,000); administrative costs (\$90,000).

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is exempt from the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act pursuant to 24 Code of Federal Regulations Part 58, Section 58.34(a)(4), because it involves public service activities that will not have a physical impact on or result in any physical changes to the environment. The activities are not subject to the provisions of CEQA, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines 15060(c)(3) and 15378, because they are

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not defined as a project under CEQA and do not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT PROGRAMS

The grant will enable the Housing Authority to implement programs and services that foster economic independence and housing self sufficiency for families and seniors.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean Rogan" with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

SEAN ROGAN
Executive Director

cc: Chief Executive Officer
Acting County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors