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The Honorable Board of Commissioners Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Commissioners:

ACCEPT AN EMERGENCY SAFETY AND SECURITY FUNDING GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This letter recommends acceptance of a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) \$250,000 Capital Fund Program (CFP) Emergency Safety and Security Funding grant. These funds will be utilized to install video surveillance cameras and equipment at five housing developments in unincorporated South Los Angeles County ("South Scattered sites") and at the Nueva Maravilla housing development in unincorporated East Los Angeles County.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Executive Director to execute all documents required to accept from HUD a \$250,000 CFP Emergency Safety and Security Funding grant for the installation of video surveillance cameras and equipment at five South Scattered sites and at the Nueva Maravilla housing development.

2. Find that the acceptance of an Emergency Safety and Security Funding grant is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the activities will not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

3. Authorize the Executive Director to incorporate \$250,000 in CFP funds into the Housing Authority's approved Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budget.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

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The purpose of this action is to authorize the Housing Authority to accept from HUD a \$250,000 CFP Emergency Safety and Security Funding grant for the installation of video surveillance cameras and equipment at the Nueva Maravilla housing development located at 4919 Cesar E. Chavez Avenue, and at five South Scattered sites: 1928 El Segundo Boulevard, 1221 W. Imperial Highway, 1309 W. Imperial Highway, 9104 S. Bandera Street, and 11104 S. Normandie Avenue.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no impact on the County general fund. The Housing Authority has been awarded a \$250,000 CFP Emergency Safety and Security Funding grant to be incorporated into the Housing Authority's approved Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Funds will be utilized for the installation of video surveillance cameras and equipment at five South Scattered sites with a total of 31 units and at the 504-unit Nueva Maravilla housing development. Due to gang-related crime that threatens the health and safety of Housing Authority's residents living in the target areas, additional surveillance cameras and equipment are necessary. The cameras and equipment will prevent and deter criminal activity, drug sales, and property crime. Additionally, they will provide documentation of criminal activity and assist with the successful prosecution of criminal and civil cases.

Upon the September 22, 2010 award notification, HUD required the Executive Director to execute and submit an Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) Amendment within two calendar days of the award notification. The Housing Authority submitted the ACC Amendment on September 22, 2010 to reserve the CFP funds.

On November 17, 2010, the Housing Commission recommended acceptance of the grant.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Pursuant to Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 58.35 (b) (3), this action is excluded from the National Environmental Policy Act because it involves operational activities, including security, which will not alter existing environmental conditions. The action is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 because it involves negligible or no expansion of use beyond what currently exists and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This Emergency Safety and Security Funding grant will enable the Housing Authority to continue providing a safe environment for its residents.

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Respectfully submitted,

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