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

Dear Commissioners:

APPROVAL OF FUNDS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF LOS ANGELES, INC. ELIZABETH ANN SETON RESIDENCE (DISTRICT 4) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This letter recommends the transfer of up to \$193,787 in County General Funds (CGF), allocated to the Fourth Supervisorial District, to Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc. (Catholic Charities) for services and operations costs for the Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence, an emergency shelter program for homeless families and individuals in the City of Long Beach.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- 1. Find that the approval of funds for services and operations at the Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as described herein, because the work includes activities that will not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.
- 2. Authorize the Executive Director or his designee to accept \$188,010 in CGF, specifically Emergency Shelter Funds, allocated to the Fourth Supervisorial District, upon transfer of said funds from the Chief Executive Office.
- 3. Authorize the Executive Director or his designee to reprogram \$5,777 in unexpended CGF, originally granted to the Homes for Life Birch Grove and Elm Street projects, to be granted to Catholic Charities for the Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence.

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- 4. Authorize the Executive Director or his designee to incorporate up to \$193,787 in CGF into the Commission's approved Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget, for the purposes described herein.
- 5. Authorize the Executive Director or his designee to transfer to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) a total of up to \$193,787 in CGF, which will then be granted to Catholic Charities for services and operations costs related to the Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to authorize the Commission to transfer \$193,787 in CGF to LAHSA. These funds will then be granted to Catholic Charities to fund services and operations costs for the Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence, located on the campus of Villages at Cabrillo, at 2241 Williams Street in the City of Long Beach.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The actions described herein will be funded with a portion of the \$20,000,000 in CGF approved by the Board of Supervisors on June 20, 2005 to fund the construction and/or renovation of year-round emergency shelters and enhancements to the homeless support system.

On November 22, 2005, the Board of Supervisors approved allocating \$3,600,000 in CGF to each Supervisorial District with a ten percent administrative fee, in the total amount of \$2,000,000, reserved for the Commission.

The proposed transfer of funds from the Commission to LAHSA will allocate \$188,010 in CGF from the Fourth Supervisorial District to provide funding for the Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence. An additional \$5,777 in unexpended funds from two Homes for Life Foundation projects will be reprogrammed for use at the site. Funds for this project will be incorporated into the Commission's approved Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget, as needed.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In order to address the large numbers of homeless individuals and families and the corresponding critical shortage of beds in Los Angeles County, on June 20, 2005, the Board of Supervisors approved an allocation of \$20,000,000 for the construction and/or renovation of year-round emergency shelters and enhancements to the homeless support system.

On November 22, 2005, the Board of Supervisors directed the Commission to administer the funding and oversee all of the projects. The Board also instituted a method by which each Board Office selects recipients of the funds based on agency experience and the need for homeless services in the community, among other considerations.

On December 11, 2007, the Board of Commissioners approved the allocation of \$250,000 in Fourth District CGF for services costs in connection with the Birch Grove Homes and Elm Street Homes projects, operated by the Homes for Life Foundation. These projects were completed on December 31, 2010 with an unexpended balance of \$5,777.

The proposed actions will reprogram the unexpended funds from the Homes for Life Foundation contracts and authorize an additional \$188,010 in CGF to be granted to Catholic Charities for services and operations costs for the Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence, a 44-bed emergency shelter

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program for homeless families and individuals. The total of \$193,787 in CGF will be transferred to LAHSA, to be administered pursuant to an Interagency Agreement between the Commission and LAHSA. LAHSA will subsequently enter into a contract with Catholic Charities to utilize these funds.

Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc., Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence is a 44-bed emergency shelter program that serves families, pregnant women, disabled single persons, and seniors. The main objective of the program is to move families, pregnant women and single persons from "in crisis" to "safe and stable" housing. Catholic Charities provides breakfast, lunch and dinner meals to each client. Services provided on site include case management, life skills workshops, health care, and mental health care.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Funding for services and operations costs at the Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence facilities is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 because it does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of these actions will allow for continued emergency shelter and services to be provided for homeless families, pregnant women, disabled persons, and seniors.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director

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