

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-110

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF

MAR 01 2005

**SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
AND URGING CONGRESS TO RESTORE ITS FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program was enacted, and signed into law by President Gerald Ford, as the centerpiece of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG program has as its primary objective "... the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income;" and

WHEREAS, the CDBG program has considerable flexibility to allow communities to carry out activities that are tailored to their unique affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization needs; and

WHEREAS, throughout its 30-year history, the CDBG program has been a partnership among the federal, state and local governments, business, and the nonprofit sector which carry out activities that improve the lives and neighborhoods of low and moderate income families; and

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), in FY 2004 CDBG provided funds for thousands of activities, assisting over 23 million persons and households through such activities as expanding homeownership activities, eliminating slums and blighting influences, improving infrastructure such as roads, water and sewer systems, libraries, community centers, adult day care and after school care for children, homeless housing facilities, employment training, transportation services, crime awareness, and business and job creation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento uses CDBG funds in the amount of \$6.6 million annually to provide infrastructure and public facility improvements, housing preservation and homeownership, commercial revitalization, and public services to the low- and moderate-income people of the City of Sacramento; and

WHEREAS, the President's FY 2006 budget proposes to completely eliminate the CDBG program; and

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WHEREAS, should such a proposal be enacted, it would have a devastating effect on the City of Sacramento CDBG program by the elimination of funding to provide infrastructure and public facility improvements, housing preservation and homeownership, commercial revitalization, and public services to the low- and moderate-income people of the City of Sacramento;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

that the City of Sacramento hereby calls on the Congress to preserve the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program within the Department of Housing and Urban Development and provide a FY 2006 funding of at least \$4.7 billion overall, with no less than \$4.35 billion in *formula funding*.

HEATHER FARGO

MAYOR

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY CONCOLINO

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