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December 8, 1997

City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THE STAFF SUBMISSION TO THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OF A STATEMENT OF INTEREST IN THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO BEING SELECTED AS A BROWNFIELD SHOWCASE COMMUNITY**

**LOCATION/COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-Wide**

**RECOMMENDATION: This is an informational report.**

**CONTACT PERSON: Ava R. Langston-Kenney, Toxics Program Coordinator, 264-7621**

**FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: December 16, 1997**

**SUMMARY:**

The City was not chosen by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to continue to the second phase of the selection process for designation as a Brownfield Showcase Community.

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION: No action was required for this report.**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On September 18, 1997, City staff submitted a Statement of Interest to the Federal EPA for designation as a Brownfield Showcase Community. City Council was informed by staff report, September 30, 1997, Item NO. 1.14. The City's application was received as NO. 81. Two hundred and thirty two applications were submitted nation-wide.

The submission of a Statement of Interest was the first in a two phase process. Attachment 1 is the letter from Federal EPA notifying the City that it was not chosen to continue with the selection process. Ten Showcase Communities will be selected in early 1998. Federal EPA has not yet determined whether the Showcase Community Program will continue beyond this one selection process. Should the opportunity occur, City staff will use this experience to submit a more competitive application.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Designation as a Brownfield Showcase Community required no matching funds or services, and had no direct grant fund awards associated with it.


**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

This action does not constitute a project under CEQA per Guideline Section 15378(a)(2).

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

**MBE/WBE EFFORTS:** None. No goods or services were purchased.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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GARY STONEHOUSE, Director,  
Planning Division

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:

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WILLIAM H. EDGAR  
CITY MANAGER



JACK CRIST, Deputy City Manager  
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OFFICE OF  
SOLID WASTE AND EMERGENCY  
RESPONSE

Dear Mr. Crist:

Thank you for your Statement of Interest asking for designation as a Brownfields Showcase Community. The high level of interest in the project was demonstrated by the 231 applications we received. Your application (#81) was postmarked by the September 19, 1997, deadline and will be considered for selection along with the other eligible applications.

To ensure a fair selection process, the Showcase Communities Selection Board, made up of the participating Federal agencies, is evaluating all of the eligible applications. The Selection Board members will assess how well the proposals meet the goals of the project as described in the public solicitation. On October 27, 1997, the Selection Board will meet to create a list of thirty to forty candidate communities which will then be invited to submit detailed proposals more fully describing their brownfields efforts. From those candidate communities, the Selection Board plans to choose ten Showcase Communities in early 1998. If your application is chosen as one of the candidate communities, you will be contacted to discuss appropriate next steps in the process. If you have any questions about the Showcase Communities project, please contact Gayle Rice at 202-260-8431 or Sven-Erik Kaiser at 202-260-5138.

We appreciate the commitment to environmental cleanup and economic redevelopment shown by your Statement of Interest. You may be interested to know that we are accepting applications for the next round of EPA's Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots. To date, EPA has funded 121 of the popular pilots which include a grant of up to \$200,000. The deadline for the next round is December 15, 1997. Showcase Communities applicants, as well as previously unsuccessful assessment pilot applicants, are invited to apply, but must submit a new application for the 1998 national assessment pilot competition. For information about applying for an assessment pilot, please call EPA's Superfund Hotline at 1-800-424-9346.

Sincerely,

*Sven-Erik Kaiser*

*for*

Linda Garczynski, Director  
Outreach and Special Projects