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Housing Authority of the
City of Sacramento
Sacramento, California

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Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Support for Senior Community Services Employment
Program

SUMMARY

This report requests that the Housing Authority of the City of Sacramento express strong objection to the deletion of Senior Community Services Employment Program funding from the President's proposed budget, effective September 30, 1982.

BACKGROUND

The Senior Community Services Employment Program began in the Sacramento Area in 1975. The intent of the program is to provide training and employment opportunities to low income, older adults 55 years of age and above. The workers serve four hours a day, five days a week, and receive minimum wage. The program has been successful in its mission and hundreds of needy adults have provided meaningful service to the community since its inception.

The Senior Community Services Employment Program currently has 110 older workers providing supportive services to hundreds of older persons in need, through over fifty non-profit service organizations in the Sacramento area. Some of these workers provide clerical support to such programs as the American Red Cross, Chamber of Commerce, County Library System, Employment Development Department, Mental Health and Poison Control. In addition to this, they also provide other services such as janitorial, outreach, maintenance, teacher's aide, child care and driving to work and nutrition programs, the organizations listed above, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Asian Community Center and Hospice Care.

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The Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency alone has a total of seventeen (17) older workers providing supportive services to older adults through the Sacramento Elderly Nutrition Program, Golden Era Handicrafts, Foster Grandparent Program and River City Information and Referral Center. As a result, several former program participants have found employment in the Agency throughout the past years. The loss of the Senior Community Services Employment Program positions to the community will be strongly felt. The loss experienced by the older workers who depend on the minimum wage for their survival is devastating, not only financially, but for their mental and physical well-being as well.

FINANCIAL

The community benefits not only from those services of the needy adult workers to older persons in need, but also from the \$395,824 of revenue generated through the expenditure of their incomes on such items as food, housing, clothing and medicine. The loss of work translates from independency to possible dependency on Welfare benefits.

VOTE AND RECOMMENDATION OF COMMISSION

At its regular meeting of March 1, 1982, the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Commission adopted the attached resolution. The vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Fisher, Knepprath, A. Miller, Teramoto, Walton

NOES: None

ABSENT: Coleman, Luevano, B. Miller

VACANCY: One

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RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Housing Authority of the City of Sacramento adopt a resolution to forward their strong support in preserving this worthwhile, cost-effective employment and training program for older adults to the following legislators:

U.S. Senator S.I. Hayakawa
U.S. Senator Alan Cranston
Representative Vic Fazio
Representative Robert Matsui
Representative Eugene Chappie

Respectfully submitted,

William H. Edgar

WILLIAM H. EDGAR
Executive Director

TRANSMITTAL TO COUNCIL:

Walter J. Slize

WALTER J. SLIZE, City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 82-011

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO
ON DATE OF

March 23, 1982

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR SENIOR
COMMUNITY SERVICES EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE
CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

Section 1. The Housing Authority of the City of
Sacramento authorizes the Chairman to express the opposition
of the Housing Authority to the proposed deletion of the Senior
Community Services Employment Program from the Fiscal 1983
Budget of the United States Government.

CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY

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