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Reviewed By: City Manager City Attorney Finance Other (Specify) _____

DATE: March 23, 2006

TO: Housing Authority Commission

FROM: S.D. Gonzalez, Housing Director

SUBJECT: Applications for Public Housing Program

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Commissioners authorize the Housing Director to accept applications from families who qualify for four- and five-bedroom units for the Housing Authority's Public Housing Program.

DISCUSSION

Soon, the eligibility office of the Housing Authority will no longer have an adequate pool of applications for four- and five-bedroom families to fill vacancies in the Public Housing Program. Federal regulations require the Housing Authority to have a range of low incomes in public housing. The present pool of applicants is not sufficient to maintain a balanced income mix at each public housing site, nor to meet the Housing Authority's rent range goals. Staff is requesting authorization to accept applications for the Public Housing Program until there are enough applicants who meet local eligibility criteria to fill anticipated openings over the next 24 months. If the recommendation is approved, staff anticipates beginning to accept applications around the first week of May 2006. Staff will recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the Authority cease taking applications when there are sufficient applicants who are available to lease units over the next two years.

Applications for elderly, displaced, disabled or handicapped head of household or spouse are accepted on an ongoing basis for all Oxnard Housing rental assistance programs.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT

The approval of the recommendation will have a financial impact of approximately \$3,500 on the Public Housing Program. The taking of applications will require the Housing Authority to advertise in our local media and print additional applications. This amount was not budgeted. But based on savings in the public housing program, funds are available in the current budget.

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