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DATE: April 3, 2006

TO: City Council

FROM: Sal Gonzalez, Housing Director *[Signature]*
 Housing Department

SUBJECT: Appointment of Delegate to State of California Policy Academy on Individuals and Families Experiencing Chronic Homelessness

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council appoint the City's Homeless Assistance Coordinator, Carlos Jimenez, as delegate to represent the City of Oxnard in planning and development of a statewide 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness at the State of California's Policy Academy on Individuals and Families Experiencing Chronic Homelessness.

DISCUSSION

In 2002, President Bush announced a presidential initiative to End Chronic Homelessness in Ten Years. In this regard, the federal Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) was established comprised of federal agencies whose missions involved providing services and resources to homeless persons and/or those at-risk of becoming homeless. The initiative also encouraged each state to develop state-level Interagency Councils on Homelessness modeled after the federal ICH. Each state ICH was also charged with the planning and development of state-level 10-Year Plans to End Homelessness. Moreover, each local planning jurisdiction addressing homelessness—Continuums of Care—receiving federal homeless funding is also encouraged to develop local 10-Year Plans as part of the initiative.

In August 2005, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger announced a Chronic Homeless Initiative that included the creation of a State of California ICH. The state ICH is currently undertaking the planning and development of a statewide 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness and has created a Policy Academy on Individuals and Families Experiencing Chronic Homelessness to conduct research and analysis and develop a draft 10-Year Plan. The Governor's Office of Planning and Research is inviting delegates from each local Continuum of Care to participate in the State Policy Academy at a Spring workshop in Sacramento to inform and develop the draft plan. Staff recommends appointment of the City's Homeless Assistance Coordinator, Carlos Jimenez, to represent the City of Oxnard's Continuum of Care at the State Policy Academy on Individuals and Families Experiencing Chronic Homelessness.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial impact associated with this action includes travel, accommodations, and staff time to attend a three-day Policy Academy at the State Capital in Sacramento. The costs are included as part of the Homeless Assistance Division of the Housing Department's budget.

Attachment: March 15, 2005, correspondence from Dick Schermerhorn, State Homeless Initiative Coordinator, requesting appointment of local delegate to State of California Policy Academy.



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March 15, 2006

Dear Colleague:

HOUSING DEPT

I am pleased to invite the *Continuum of Care* and the *Ending Homelessness 10 Year Planning Body* in your jurisdiction to each name one delegate to participate in the State of California's Policy Academy on Individuals and Families Experiencing Chronic Homelessness to be held this Spring. This is a companion event to the federally convened Policy Academy on Homeless Families that a State Team attended last November.

In August 2005 Governor Schwarzenegger announced the initial actions of his **Chronic Homeless Initiative**. This Initiative included the creation of an Interagency Council comprised of state Agency and Department leaders responsible for providing services and housing for the homeless. It also included the announcement of a new \$50 million financing program for permanent supportive housing for the chronic homeless. Detailed information on this program is available at www.hcd.ca.gov/fa/ghi.

The Interagency Council met in October 2005 to begin work on the development of a Ten Year Plan addressing Chronic Homelessness. Stakeholder meetings were conducted the following two months seeking input for inclusion in the initial drafting of the Ten Year Plan. Efforts have also been underway to collect all Ten Year Plan drafts from each jurisdiction and all Continuum of Care strategies from the Exhibit One U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) document to assess state-level needs from local planning efforts. The goals and strategies contained in these documents will be part of the State planning process.

At the upcoming Policy Academy, delegates and selected participants will work in collaboration with the State's Interagency Council on Chronic Homelessness to draft a State of California Ten Year Chronic Homelessness Plan. After this event, a public input process will be held in order to solicit feedback on the draft Plan. The Family Homelessness Plan is currently being developed.

Please determine who will be your delegate, and submit the enclosed form with the following information by April 17:

- 1) A copy of the resolution or official action that established your entity/activity, as passed by your County Board of Supervisors or City Council.
- 2) A copy of the minutes from the meeting where the individual named as delegate is selected to represent your entity at the Policy Academy.

Additionally, you should feel free to submit, and encourage others to submit, any plans, strategies, statements, briefs, or other documents with ideas, needs, opinions and positions on the State's efforts to end chronic homelessness.

Please submit all documents to HomeBase, California's public policy law firm on homelessness, serving as staff support for Plan development and implementation.

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Sincerely,

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