



CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
COUNCILMEMBER SHERRI S. LIGHTNER  
DISTRICT ONE

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: May 15, 2009

TO: Honorable Mayor Jerry Sanders

FROM: Councilmember Sherri Lightner, District 1

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SUBJECT: American Recovery Reinvestment Act of 2009 – CDBG- R

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I appreciate the opportunity to provide my priorities for the \$4.033 million of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-R) funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). These additional funds provide the City of San Diego with the opportunity to address many infrastructure improvement projects that have often been neglected due to the lack of funds.

The three projects listed below are my recommended top three priorities because they are among those projects in communities representative of CDBG-R guidelines and meet both the requirements and the spirit of ARRA and HUD. The CDBG-R funds need to be used for improvement projects that will benefit residents and provide services. These projects will not only benefit residents' lives in the short term but will also have a more lasting impact through economic development and improved quality of life.

This is why I am respectfully requesting that the following projects receive CDBG-R funds:

- Skyline Library
- Healthy Learning Communities- Academic Enrichment Program Total Child Model
- President John Adams Manor Neighborhood Safety Initiative
- Southeastern San Diego Residency Project/ The Old Globe Technical Center
- Euclid Avenue Improvements- Home Avenue to Thorn Street
- Home Avenue Neighborhood Park
- Urban Corps Youth Training Center Building- LEED Construction Project

I am also requesting the below projects be considered for CDBG-R. Each of these projects will benefit the City and are shovel-ready. My recommendations are:

Camp Hope: This is an organization that provides assistance to children and their families that are victims of domestic violence. Funding this project would accelerate completion as construction is ready to begin.

The Burn Institute: This is a nonprofit health agency dedicated to reducing the number of burn injuries and deaths in San Diego. Additional funding to this organization will assist the Burn Institute with Senior Fire and Burn Prevention.

The CDBG-R funds provide the City an opportunity to further invest in our infrastructure and make an immediate and long term positive impact on residents. In order to ensure these funds are being used appropriately without waste or delay, I am recommending the City provide rigorous and efficient oversight. In addition, I am requesting each project submit benchmarks prior to fund disbursement and then provide the City with evidence that each benchmark was met.

Thank you for your consideration of my requests and recommendations. If you have any questions please feel free to contact myself or my Chief of Staff John Rivera at 619-236-6611.

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