



**COUNCILMEMBER DAVID ALVAREZ**  
City of San Diego

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 21, 2011  
**TO:** Mayor Jerry Sanders  
**FROM:** Councilmember David Alvarez  
Council President Tony Young

*David Alvarez*  
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**SUBJECT:** CDBG FY 2012 Allocations

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Today, the City Council will consider funding the Neil Good Day Center with FY 2012 CDBG funds. This is a major departure from the procedure that the City Council has followed thus far. Although we believe the Neil Good Day Center to be a worthy recipient of CDBG funding, there are a number of organizations that equally deserve this funding that were not funded for FY 2012, but received more support from the Council than the Neil Good Day Center. As there is apparently more funding currently available than staff had anticipated, it makes sense that we continue to follow the process that has guided us through to this point. Organizations that received more votes than Neil Good Day Center should be considered for funding first. It is for this reason that Barrio Station, San Diego Workforce Partnership, and North Chollas Community Park should receive significant consideration for funding while we are discussing final action on CDBG FY 2012 allocations, as they received three or more votes in the original process.

Given that proceeds from the sale of a property in District 8 are a source of additional funding identified in the staff recommendation and that District 8 contains 26% of the low income census tracts that generate the City's CDBG entitlement funds, it is unacceptable that District 8 is receiving no Public Service funding while exceptions are being made for the Neil Good Day Center.

Further, if we are willing to contemplate departures from the process that has been set up for eligible organizations and this City Council to follow, we believe that CASA Familiar, whose CDBG application was disqualified on a relatively minor procedural issue, should be allowed to compete for funding.

CASA Familiar is a 501(c) (3), community-based, widely recognized authority when it comes to understanding the unique challenges faced by border communities. They offer over fifty programs spanning the areas of human services, community development, recreation services, technology, arts and culture, and education.

In sum, the Neil Good Day Center received zero votes in the first round of CDBG FY 2012 allocations. Respectfully, the Council should be open to other qualified applicants that did not receive the five votes by the first CDBG hearing. Further, if this Council is willing to waive the recognized funding process in one area, we should be open to allowing an established community organization like CASA Familiar that submitted an application in good faith, but was disqualified on a relatively minor procedural issue to also be considered for funding this year. In the interest of fairness, we request your support to consider funding for Barrio Station (Application # 3.2), the San Diego Workforce Partnership (Application #3.35), and CASA Familiar, under the Public Services category. Under the Brick and Mortar category, we request you consider Nestor Community Health Clinic (Application # 3.17), and North Chollas Community Park, for the CDBG FY2012 allocation.

cc: Honorable City Councilmembers  
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