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REPORT

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SUBJECT: Workshop on Housing for the Homeless

BACKGROUND

Recently, Vice Chairman Grinchuk expressed interest in having a workshop discussion on the resources and services available to the homeless population in the City of San Diego. Sharon Johnson, Homeless Coordinator for the City, will present a report on the City's efforts to date and planned for the future.

Although the Housing Commission is not directly responsible for housing for the homeless and has few resources that can be used to provide emergency housing, there are a variety of programs and activities supported by the Housing Commission. These include:

- Annual support for the City's Winter Shelter (\$445,000 in FY04);
- Salary support for the City's Homeless Coordinator position (\$62,582);
- Annual support for the Regional Task Force on the Homeless (\$45,000 in FY04);
- Housing Commission staff administers the Shelter Plus Care Program using McKinney Act funds; this program provides rental assistance coupled with support services for dually diagnosed homeless individuals;
- The Housing Trust Fund allocates between \$800,000 - \$1 million each year for operating grants for transitional housing providers;
- Special purpose funding is available from the Housing Trust Fund for development of transitional housing projects that serve the homeless population.

These efforts support the Regional Continuum of Care program and the City's Homeless strategy.

Following Ms. Johnson's presentation, staff will join Commissioner's in a discussion of the issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by,

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