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REPORT

DATE: For the Agenda of August 17, 2001 **Item 100**
REPORT NO.: HCR01-095
SUBJECT: Housing Action Network

SUMMARY

Issue: Should the Housing Commission encourage creation of the Housing Action Network, an advocacy group to support “smart” housing proposals and provide public education regarding affordable housing issues?

Recommendation: Endorse the goals of the Housing Action Network and the eight criteria for evaluating projects.

DISCUSSION

The Economic Development Corporation has been leading an effort to create in San Diego County a mechanism to advocate for affordable housing. The Housing Action Network is modeled after a group that has been operating in Silicon Valley for six years. The purpose of the group is to provide a broad voice (representing housing advocates, environmental interests and the business community) to educate the community at large and advocate for projects that meet the region’s housing needs.

Housing Action Network (HAN) intends to speak on behalf of housing developments that meet certain criteria, as outlined in the Attachment. HAN would not take positions in opposition to projects that do not meet the criteria. Criteria emphasize smart growth principles such as locating homes near transit and higher densities as well as housing that meets low and moderate-income affordability standards. While HAN seeks to support a wider range of housing than that which is the typical province of the Housing Commission, Commission supported developments clearly fall within their scope of interest.

This collaboration to provide education and advocacy will benefit an array of housing affordable to low and moderate-income families. Commissioners may choose to adopt the attached resolution to join HAN and endorse the project selection criteria, or may



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prefer to support their efforts without joining in order to avoid endorsing particular development proposals, particularly those that lie outside of our area of operation.

Eric Bruvold, title, of the Economic Development Corporation will attend the Commission meeting to discuss HAN in greater detail.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment: HAN Criteria