

1 [Disproportionate Federal Cuts to the Community Development Block Grant Program]

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3 **Resolution urging the Federal government to minimize the cuts to the Community**  
4 **Development Block Grant Program proposed by the President and the United States**  
5 **Congress.**

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7 WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) is the  
8 centerpiece of the federal government’s efforts to help more than 1,200 cities, counties, and  
9 states meet the needs of low- and moderate-income persons nationwide; and

10 WHEREAS, CDBG is one of the most effective federal domestic programs to revitalize  
11 communities with proven results, helping fund a wide-range of activities, including housing-  
12 related assistance, public improvements, public services, and economic development  
13 projects; and,

14 WHEREAS, significant reductions in CDBG funding would severely slow down or  
15 eliminate thousands of local and state projects nationally and programs that are directly  
16 contributing to local and regional recovery; and

17 WHEREAS, based on data that grantees have reported to the Mayor’s Office of  
18 Housing over the past year, the CDBG program has assisted over 460 low- and moderate-  
19 income households through multifamily residential rehabilitation; created or retained over 300  
20 jobs for low- and moderate-income persons through a variety of economic development  
21 activities; assisted over 1,000 small businesses; benefited over 21,000 low- and moderate-  
22 income households through public services such as employment and training, youth services,  
23 meals and other assistance to the elderly; provided English as a Second Language  
24 assistance to new immigrants; provided counseling for new homeowners; provided homeless  
25 prevention services; and provided services for domestic violence survivors; and

1           WHEREAS, every \$1.00 of CDBG funding leverages an additional \$1.62 in non-CDBG  
2 funding; and

3           WHEREAS, the House of Representatives proposed a 62.5% cut to the overall CDBG  
4 allocation that would reduce San Francisco's funding level and affect over 13,000 low-income  
5 and needy families, seniors and youth, and over 620 small businesses; and

6           WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco recognize that the Federal  
7 government is facing a difficult budget deficit and is looking for savings everywhere possible,  
8 but disproportionate, targeted cuts on this order of magnitude will devastate this successful  
9 anti-poverty program; now, therefore, be it

10          RESOLVED, that the City and County of San Francisco opposes such disproportionate  
11 and substantial reductions to the CDBG Program; and, be it

12          FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors will work with the  
13 City's Congressional delegation and other partners in Washington, D.C. to preserve as much  
14 funding for the CDBG Program as is possible in light of the challenging Federal budget deficit.

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