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

Resolution urging the Federal government to minimize the cuts to the Community

Development Block Grant Program proposed by the President and the United States

Congress.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR SAN FRANCISCO



EDWIN M. LEE MAYOR

TO:

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM:

Mayor Edwin M. Lee 4

RE:

Disproportionate Federal Cuts to the Community Development Block

**Grant Program** 

DATE:

March 22, 2011

## Dear Madame Clerk:

Attached for introduction to the Board of Supervisors is the resolution urging the Federal government to minimize the cuts to the Community Development Block Grant Program proposed by the President and the United States Congress.

Please note that this item is cosponsored by Supervisor Carmen Chu and Supervisor John Avalos.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jason Elliott (415) 554-5105.

CC:

Supervisor Carmen Chu Supervisor John Avalos