

Miscellaneous Resolution #05046

BY: Commissioners Eric Coleman, District #23, Mattie M. Hatchett, District #10

RE: Board of Commissioners - Supporting the Community Development Block Grant Program and Urging Congress to Restore CDBG's Full Funding

TO: Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program was enacted, and signed into law by President Gerald Ford, as the centerpiece of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG program has as its primary objective "... the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income;" and

WHEREAS, the CDBG program has considerable flexibility to allow communities to carry out activities that are tailored to their unique affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization needs; and

WHEREAS, throughout its 30-year history, the CDBG program has been a partnership among the federal, state and local governments, business, and the nonprofit sector which carries out activities that improve the lives and neighborhoods of low and moderate income families; and

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), in FY 2004, CDBG provided funds for thousands of activities, assisting over 23 million persons and households through such activities as expanding homeownership activities; eliminating slums and blighting influences, improving infrastructure, such as, roads, water and sewer systems; libraries; community centers; adult day care; after school care for children; homeless housing facilities; employment training; transportation services; crime awareness; and business and job creation; and

WHEREAS, fifty Oakland County communities share formula allocations totaling approximately \$4.36 million through the urban county CDBG program and an additional five CDBG entitlement communities receive approximately \$4.78 million annually - Farmington Hills, \$435,291; Pontiac, \$1,773,237; Southfield, \$592,869; Royal Oak, \$1,562,355 and Waterford, \$422,712 - totaling \$9.14 million in CDBG funding to Oakland County; and

WHEREAS, each year these CDBG programs renovate well over 300 substandard houses; complete over 250 major CDBG infrastructure improvement projects, including streets, sidewalks, water, sewer and drainage systems; enhance fire protection; make accessibility upgrades, develop park and recreation facilities; renovate senior, youth and community centers; meet critical human service needs for over 14,500 seniors, disabled and other special needs populations; provide transportation programs; assist over 3,000 persons with housing related problems through comprehensive housing counseling; eliminate impediments to fair housing; work to end chronic homelessness throughout Oakland County; and much, much more; and

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WHEREAS, the President's FY 2006 budget proposes to completely eliminate the CDBG program; and

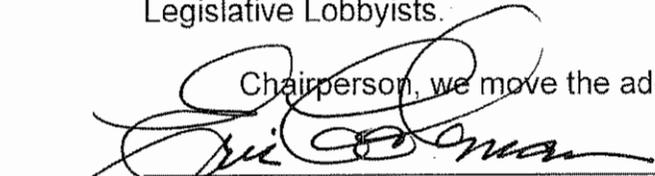
WHEREAS, should such a proposal be enacted, it would have a devastating effect on services, activities and projects designed to benefit more than 333,700 low and moderate income citizens residing in fifty-five Oakland County communities. In the absence of CDBG funding, fifty-five communities would not have the capacity to keep low and moderate-income neighborhoods from deteriorating by delivering critical home improvement programs, infrastructure improvements and necessary human services; and

WHEREAS, Oakland County CDBG creates jobs, leverages limited community resources and spurs local economies through highly successful public and private partnerships. Without CDBG, this success and the intent of the longstanding federal Housing and Community Development Act would be lost.

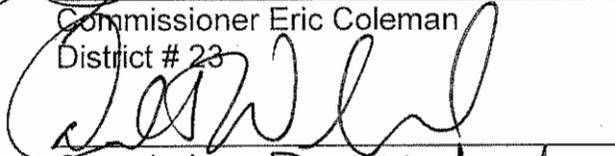
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners hereby calls on the Congress to preserve the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program within the Department of Housing and Urban Development and to provide a FY 2006 funding of at least \$4.7 billion overall, with no less than \$4.35 billion in formula funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners requests the Oakland County Clerk to forward copies of this adopted resolution to President George W. Bush, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Congressman Mike Rogers, Congressman Joe Knollenberg, Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, Congressman Sander Levin, Senator Carl Levin, Senator Debbie Stabenow, the Clerks of the 61 Cities, Village and Townships in Oakland County, the Michigan Association of Counties, the National Association of Counties and Oakland County's Legislative Lobbyists.

Chairperson, we move the adoption of the foregoing Resolution.



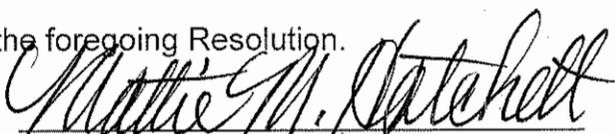
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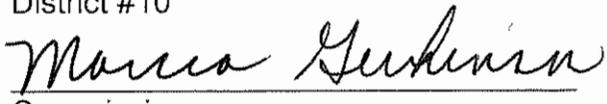
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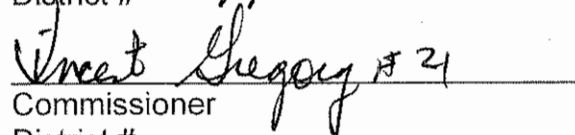
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Moved by Coleman supported by Wilson the rules be suspended to bring Miscellaneous Resolution #05046 – Board of Commissioners – Supporting the Community Development Block Grant Program and Urging Congress to Restore CDBG's Full Funding to the floor for immediate action.

Vote on suspension of rules:

AYES: Melton, Middleton, Molnar, Moss, Nash, Palmer, Patterson, Potter, Rogers, Scott, Suarez, Wilson, Woodward, Zack, Bullard, Coleman, Coulter, Crawford, Douglas, Gershenson, Gregory, Hatchett, Kowall, Long. (24)

NAYS: None. (0)

A sufficient majority having voted therefore, the rules were suspended.

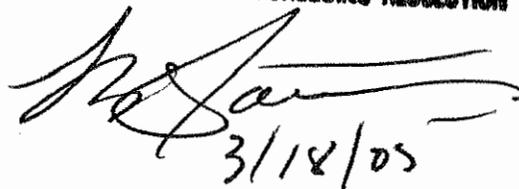
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NAYS: None. (0)

A sufficient majority having voted therefore, the resolution was adopted.

I HEREBY APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION



3/18/05

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, Ruth Johnson, Clerk of the County of Oakland, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners on March 10, 2005 with the original record thereof now remaining in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Oakland at Pontiac, Michigan this 10th day of March, 2005.



Ruth Johnson, County Clerk