

May 2, 2006

The Honorable Mayor and City Council
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

RE: CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR 2006-07

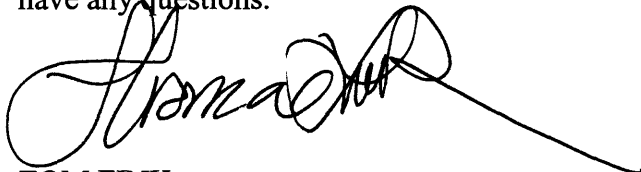
Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council:

At the Housing Advisory Commission meeting held on April 13, 2006, the Commission unanimously voted to recommend that the City Council approve the City of San José Consolidated Annual Action Plan for 2006-2007. However, the Commission also wants to convey the recommendations below.

The Commission held a public hearing on April 13, 2006, to discuss the Annual Action Plan. There were a variety of comments made about the Annual Action Plan from Commissioners and the public:

- The Commissioners commented that the Annual Action Plan should include a plan to measure all types of housing distress, including those who are living in overcrowded conditions and paying rents so high that other necessities – such as food – are sacrificed.
- It was noted that extremely low income (ELI) housing and very low income (VLI) are combined under the single rubric of VLI, making it difficult to assess progress towards meeting the housing needs of those with the lowest incomes. A suggestion was made to include a table which shows how the City will meet the performance objectives for FY 2006-2007, which uses a template that can be compared against the housing needs outlined in the 2005-10 Consolidated Plan.
- A comment was made that the City should reconsider the policy which gives preference to Section 8 participants in ten percent of new affordable units, as these are units that could be made available to other low-income residents.

We appreciate your attention to our recommendation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.



TOM FINK
Housing Advisory Commission, Chair