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Date: September 14, 2012

To: Mayor and Council Members

From: Elizabeth A. Spencer, Director, Neighborhood Housing & Community
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Subject: Transmittal – CDC Memo to Mayor & Council Members

Attached is a memorandum from the Community Development Commission (CDC) to the Mayor and Council Members responsive to action taken by the Board at its September 11, 2012, meeting.

In response to citizens' comments to make funding from Austin Energy's Weatherization Program available to members of the Housing Repair Coalition in an effort to streamline services to low-income residents in need of home repair services, the CDC has provided the attached recommendations.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions or provide additional information

Attachment



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To: Mayor and Council Members

From: John Limon, Chair, Community Development Commission

Subject: Austin Energy Weatherization Program

The CDC met at a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 11, 2012. An item on their agenda for consideration was to discuss and make recommendations to make the Austin Energy Weatherization Program more efficient in order to assist more low-income families in Austin. The CDC unanimously passed the following motion:

The CDC recognizes the successful collaboration of the members of the Austin Housing Repair Coalition in seamlessly delivering urgently needed repairs to Austin's most vulnerable citizens. The Coalition's work produces numerous benefits to low-income homeowner's quality of life, lowers utility bills, employs MBE/WBE businesses, and trains youth. This is an ideal partnership to also carry out weatherization services. Adding weatherization to the types of repairs provided by the Coalition would strongly be in the interests of low-income homeowners.

Therefore, the CDC would support the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) and Austin Energy to work together to enable the transfer to, and administration by NHCD, of at least one half of the Austin Energy CAP Weatherization funds for use in the Housing Repair Coalitions menu of programs.

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Cc: Marc A. Ott, City Manager
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