

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-59

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE IN SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, for thirty years America's cities, including both large and small cities in California, have used Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to create jobs, provide affordable housing, eliminate blight, and generate new economic investment; and

WHEREAS, CDBG funds have played a critical role in community and economic development in the City of Elk Grove; and

WHEREAS, CDBG funds have been a powerful economic engine and a jobs creator, allowing the City of Elk Grove to support employment programs targeting "at-risk" teens designed to break the cycle of unemployment and job training for developmentally-disabled adults; and

WHEREAS, CDBG funds represent a catalyst for creating more workforce and entry-level housing, making it possible for the City of Elk Grove to create the Owner Occupied Housing Loan Program and the Emergency Loan Program, which are designed for low- and moderate-income residents with the goal of housing stock retention and neighborhood development; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG Program offers a mechanism for building public infrastructure, whereby the City of Elk Grove used CDBG funds to greatly expand the City's Senior Center, allowing for increased service to our most vulnerable and ever increasing elderly population; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG Program has greatly enhanced the quality of life in the City of Elk Grove; and

WHEREAS, the Bush Administration has proposed a new "Strengthening America's Communities Initiative" that would combine 18 direct grant programs, including CDBG, into one within the Economic Development Administration; and

WHEREAS, at \$3.71 billion, the new program (which combines 18 programs) is nearly \$1 billion less the current CDBG program alone; and

WHEREAS, without proper funding for CDBG, Congress risks undermining the economic well being of our communities, the future generations that live there, and the nation as a whole.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove hereby requests that Congress enact a FY 2006 budget and appropriations package that funds CDBG formula grants at no less than \$4.355 billion, which is level with FY 2005 allocations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Congress maintain the CDBG Program as a separate and distinct program from other economic development programs that provides a direct and flexible source of funding to local governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Congress maintain the current "dual formula" system where 70 percent of CDBG funds go to entitlement communities based on population; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby directed to send copies of this resolution to U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer; U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein; Congressman Dan Lungren; and to the League of California Cities, Attention: Genevieve Morelos, 1400 K Street, 4th Floor, Sacramento, CA, 95814.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove this 9th day of March, 2005.



DANIEL BRIGGS, MAYOR of the
CITY OF ELK GROVE

ATTEST:



PEGGY E. JACKSON, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



ANTHONY B. MANZANETTI,
CITY ATTORNEY

**CERTIFICATION
ELK GROVE CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2005-59**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO) ss
CITY OF ELK GROVE)

I, Peggy E. Jackson, City Clerk of the City of Elk Grove, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 9th day of March 2005 by the following vote:

AYES 5: COUNCILMEMBERS: Briggs, Scherman, Soares, Cooper, Leary

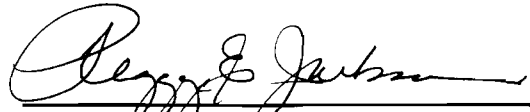
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ABSTAIN :0 COUNCILMEMBERS:

ABSENT 0: COUNCILMEMBERS:

RECUSAL 0 : COUNCILMEMBER:





**Peggy E. Jackson, City Clerk
City of Elk Grove, California**