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CITY SENDS GOOD NEWS TO HUD REGARDING HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

VALLEJO – A report card on the City of Vallejo's Consolidated Plan shows excellent marks in all areas in Fiscal Year 2004-2005.

According to a report to be filed with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the City met or exceeded all of its housing and community development goals in FY 2004-2005, as well as its five-year goals.

"Being able to provide a basic need such as housing to our residents is rewarding," said City Manager Roger Kemp. "It's good to see our efforts in this area are working, and that people are being served."

The Vallejo City Council on Tuesday night approved the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), the report card comparing the City's Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Consolidated Plan goals with actual performance.

The report covers areas such as rental assistance, rental rehabilitation, new construction, assistance for the homeless, assistance for existing homeowners and several non-housing objectives. In each phase of the report, the City met or exceeded all of the goals.

Some of the highlights of the report include:

- Providing rental assistance to 2,246 clients; goal was 2,000
- Construction or acquisition of 221 new rental units for very low-income renters; goal was 96
- Providing support services to 411 people with special needs and 978 homeless persons;
 goals were 399 and 530
- Providing 38 rehabilitation loans for single-family homes; goal was 30
- Providing 43 home ownership loans for low and very low-income residents; goal was 35 (More)

"In this difficult budget environment, the city and its partner agencies can be proud of what has been accomplished in housing and community development in the last five years," said Guy Ricca, Senior Community Development Analyst for the City of Vallejo.

The City is required to submit the CAPER in order to remain eligible for Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnerships Programs, and other federal housing program funding.

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