TO: HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER
DEPARTMENT: PLANNING AND COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT
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SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER) FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005/06

This is an informational report and no Council action is required.

BACKGROUND
The preparation and submittal of a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is a requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the receipt of Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The attached document was submitted to HUD on September 28, 2006, following the required 15-day public review period. It is being provided to the Council for informational purposes only.

DISCUSSION
The CAPER provides a summary of the resources available and the programmatic accomplishments in affordable housing and community development activities during the 2005/06 fiscal year. It evaluates the actions taken during the year to implement the strategies and objectives described in the Consolidated Plan for the period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2010, and the progress made in addressing identified priority needs.

Summary of Accomplishments
CDBG funds were used to acquire the Alma Garden Apartments, which added 10 units of affordable housing to the housing stock during the fiscal year. A rehabilitation project was completed at Stevenson House, which included an upgraded hot water pipe system and a new walk-in freezer. CDBG funds were also used to provide minor home repairs and accessibility upgrades to 53 low-income households in the City. In addition, the rehabilitation of 49 kitchens in Lytton Gardens’ assisted living facility was completed this fiscal year.

All of the public service activities were carried out as anticipated. CDBG funds were used principally for agencies providing services to homeless, very-low income or elderly persons. Some of the agencies funded were Shelter Network, Urban Ministry/InnVision, and the Palo
Alto Housing Corporation. These services significantly expanded the service and shelter opportunities for homeless persons and those at-risk of homelessness. Project Sentinel provided fair housing advocacy and complaint investigation services for those who believed they had experienced discriminatory treatment.

The total investment of CDBG funds in Palo Alto during fiscal year 2005/06 was $1,482,120. Of that amount, $127,392 went toward public service activities, $164,856 went toward fair housing and administration activities and $1,189,872 was expended on housing and other capital improvement projects.

ATTACHMENTS
Attachment A: 2005/06 CAPER

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Mid-Peninsula Alano Club
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Project Sentinel
Shelter Network
Stevenson House
Urban Ministry/InnVision