TO:         HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL
FROM:       CITY MANAGER
DEPARTMENT: PLANNING AND COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT
DATE:       NOVEMBER 14, 2005
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SUBJECT:    CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER) FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004/05

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 30, 2005, 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 2004/05 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, 2000 to June 30, 2005, and the progress made in addressing identified priority needs.

Summary of Accomplishments
Oak Court added 53 units of new affordable units to the housing stock during the fiscal year. In addition, work progressed on the Opportunity Center. Upon completion, the Opportunity Center will add approximately 89 new affordable housing units to Palo Alto’s existing inventory. CDBG funds provided a new domestic water system at Oak Manor Townhouses. CDBG funds were also used to provide minor home repairs and accessibility upgrades to 28 low-income households in the City. In addition, the rehabilitation of Caravan House, a group home for teenage girls, 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.

ATTACHMENTS
Attachment A: 2004/05 CAPER

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Stevenson House  
Palo Alto Housing Corporation  
Clara-Mateo Alliance  
Emergency Housing Consortium  
Urban Ministry/InnVision  
Shelter Network  
St. Vincent the Worker Center  
Economic and Social Opportunities  
Project Sentinel  
Catholic Charities  
Adolescent Counseling Services