TO: HONORABLE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD

FROM: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING AND COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT

DATE: JANUARY 22, 2008

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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ANNUAL REPORT

RECOMMENDATION
Agency staff recommends that the Palo Alto Redevelopment Agency Board:

Review and accept the Palo Alto Redevelopment Agency Annual Report, which has been submitted to the California State Controller’s Office.

BACKGROUND
On July 9, 2001, the Palo Alto City Council adopted an ordinance declaring the need for a redevelopment agency to function in Palo Alto. The Council also declared the City Council to be the redevelopment agency and made the finding that the formation of a redevelopment agency “will serve the public interest and promote the public safety and welfare in an effective manner” in accordance with California State Health and Safety Code section 33200. California State Redevelopment law requires that all redevelopment agencies, including the City of Palo Alto Redevelopment Agency (RDA), file an annual report with the California State Controller’s Office.

The Mayor’s Ad Hoc Retail Attraction Committee recommendations included providing incentives and developing strategies to attract and retain businesses in the City of Palo Alto. One specific action, the development of a specific redevelopment project study area (if feasible), would promote retail activity which addresses City objectives.

Staff continues to review zones that meet the economic and physical blight requirements of redevelopment and would meet appropriate criteria for project areas. Staff will return to the City Council for future direction for the RDA or when an appropriate area is identified for further study.

The annual report required by California State Law Section 33080.1 of the Palo Alto Redevelopment Agency is attached to this staff report for review and acceptance by the Agency board.
The report includes:

- Independent financial audit report
- Fiscal statement of previous year’s achievements
- Activities affecting housing and displacements

**RESOURCE IMPACT**
The existing cooperative agreement between the City and the Agency will be updated to include the $8,500 in expenditures incurred for fiscal year 2006-07. Staff does not anticipate incurring any new charges this fiscal year.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**
There are no policy implications at this time.

**ATTACHMENTS**
Attachment A: Redevelopment Agency of the City of Palo Alto Component Unit Financial Statements Unit Financial Statements

Attachment B: HCD Report on Low and Moderate Income Housing

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