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Dear Sir:

I am writing you this letter in regards to the allocation of funds for the Consolidated Action Plan of HCDD. I urge you to be fair and impartial in earmarking of all of funds.

I am especially concerned with funds for people living with aids. It is not going away and affects many lives in the local population as a whole.

Again I urge you carefully consider all of the issues and especially those dealing with people

living with aids.

Sincerely
Ronald Schindler
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SUPER NEIGHBORHOODS NO. 39 AND NO. 40

October 18, 2010

**Ms. Andrea Roberts
Houston Housing and
Community Development
601 Sawyer
5th Floor
Houston, Texas 77007**

Dear Ms. Roberts:

We would like to have a Southwest Youth Center for Junior High and High School youth. This center would be located on land behind our present South Main Estates Park. The Houston Parks Board recently acquired 19 acres to extend our present 5-acre park valued in the amount of \$2,375,000. Ms. Roksan Okan-Vick, AIA, Executive Director of the Houston Parks Board, informed me by letter of September 15, 2010 that it would be permissible to use the value of the 19 acres added to our present park as a match.

We are in need of a building similar to the plans of the Townwood Park Center to have our Southwest Youth Center. This Center would serve both Super Neighborhoods No. 39 and No. 40. We would also like to use the building for Senior Citizens projects during the day. There is to be a Senior Floral Gardens project abutting our park land. The project has already started on their grounds.

The reason we believe such a Youth Center is needed is because of the influx of gang activities here in Houston. Young people need a place to go where they can gather and feel safe. Otherwise young people hang together and form their own groups which can become gang related. Sport activities at school can only take care of a small percentage of youth. We would like to offer activities for both girls and boys. We would like to offer some exercise equipment to help develop their bodies and work off some of their excess energy. Consideration can be given to offering G.E.D. classes. Not all students finish formal high school, but with a G.E.D. they too can go on to college. If we are able to obtain the funding, we will coordinate all funding and building activities through the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department. The Houston Parks Board usually holds such funding during the planning stages of projects for the Parks Department.

Our first CIP form for this project was in 2005. We have sent a form in each year and have spoke at each of the CIP Meetings. I sent you the most recent CIP Request Form on September 18, 2010 by e-mail. We would appreciate your consideration of our request.

**Signed on mail copy
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Jones, Andrea - HCD

From: Deborah Sanders [debsanders@na.ko.com]
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2010 2:17 PM
To: Jones, Andrea - HCD
Subject: Single Family Home Repair

Dear Ms. Jones:

I would like to speak on behalf of my aunt and grandmother at the meeting scheduled for October 26, 2010 at 8pm. I would like to speak about the Single Family Home Repair Program. We have been trying since 2008 to get my aunt (retired educator) and grandmother (caretaker) in the program in order to help us re-build their home. At this time, it is below standard to live in. The house is literally falling in. The floors are coming up and the roof was recently repaired through their insurance company because it was raining in the house. The pier and beam foundation is basically non-existent. I cannot get them to move out and come live with me. I can only pay so much toward getting them a new home based on my income and current mortgage obligation.

I have been turned down for assistance because I have been told on many occasions that their address: 825 W. 24th Street Houston, TX 77008 is not located within the designated "areas" for revitalization for the program. I would like to see modifications for the program to include applicants based on need and not just a specific area. Their area "The Heights" has been bought up by a lot of developers, building multi-family homes on one - three lots at a time. We would like help in re-building their single-family home on their lot of which they own. We would like special loan assistance - extremely low rate or grant to aid in the purchase of the new home to build on their lot. We are not looking for a hand-out. However my aunt and grandmother, both have worked many years helping others, and now they need help.

Thanks,

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Housing & Development Community
Planning

1. The New Parkmere Mkt Ctr
No Side Walks on the Road Side

2. Bus Stops Seats
'to wait on the bus'

Hirsch & Pardee
There are no seat until get to the
light on Hirsch & Calvarade.
Next are at Liberty Road & Hirsch

5. Bus Lockwood - going to town
first are on side of freeway

There are Churches & Schools
in our Neighborhood where we need
seats. Also Elders ride buses
because they do not Drive.

3. Buying Property in our Neighborhood

*Negro people have a hard time
getting property in our Neighborhood
Especially Elders.
Spanish people get very Vacant Spot.
Out Side Developers also

Elder M. Delaney 713 674 2670

Encourage the Young People
to live in the Neighborhood
where their Ancestors raised them.

Greatest Need Young Families
to Come back in the Community and
Rebuild it.



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**Houston Area Urban League
Presentation**

**City of Houston Fall 2011 Consolidated Plan Public Hearing
October 28, 2010**

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on behalf of Houston Area Urban League. We are excited to be a member of the Advisory Task Force and we would like to congratulate the Department of Housing and Community Development for taking the public hearing process to the community to provide greater access and obtain input.

Since 1968, the Houston Area Urban League (HAUL) an affiliate of the National Urban League has served those most in need located in the greater Houston area. The majority of its clients are underserved with more than 85% falling in the low to moderate-income range. HAUL has consistently been a voice for disadvantaged people of all races without regard to age, ex, race, physical limitations or ethnic background. Our main departmental groups are Education, Workforce Development and Training, Health Initiatives and Housing. HAUL is a 501©3 United Way Agency. To continue providing quality service we are requesting assistance with the following projects:

- Bland Street Project – this Acres Homes property was donated to HAUL in 2005 to expand services to the Acres Homes community but was destroyed by Hurricane Ike. Plans are developed to rebuild. Through the Bland Street property, HAUL will address core neighborhood challenges like education/youth development, workforce development, issues impacting senior citizens and others in need. Acres Homes is struggling for its survival. Close to half of its children are living in poverty and a high percentage of adults are without a basic high school education, employment skills and employment opportunities. HAUL programs will address many of these issues. (\$1.2 million)
- Repairs to HAUL headquarters at 1301 Texas Avenue – Thank you for the funds we received to repair the roof last year. The work is complete. However that was only the beginning to repairs needed to update the historical downtown building since HAUL’s original move-in date of 1990. (\$500,000)
- Houston Area Urban Community Development Corporation – the CHDO is a separate 501©3 sponsored by HAUL to develop affordable housing for low and moderate income citizens established this year. We are requesting operating funds to develop our project under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. (\$50,000)

Houston Area Urban League looks forward to continuing to work with the City of Houston Housing and Community Development Staff and Mayor Parker’s Administration to stabilize families and communities.

Sincerely,

Judson Robinson, III
President and CEO