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To: TJPD Commissioners
From: Billie Campbell
Date: July 10, 2008
Re: Regional Action Agenda on Housing

Purpose: The Regional Housing Conference: "Finding Common Ground" was held on March 13, 2008 to grapple with issues and develop a regional action agenda for housing. A follow-up event is being planned for October 16, 2008 to focus on implementation of the action agenda.

Background: The Regional Housing Conference Planning Group and the Regional Housing Directors Council have finalized the action agenda, based on input from the conference. The follow-up event will provide an opportunity for localities to present what they are already doing and identify at least one new initiative.

Issues: The attached Regional Action Agenda for Housing identifies a number of issues related to affordable housing in four broad categories: public-private partnerships, coordination and cooperation, policy changes, education and advocacy. Broad support from localities and organizations will be needed to implement the identified actions.

Recommendations: The Regional Housing Directors Council requests that the TJPD Commission adopt a Resolution in Support of the Regional Action Agenda for Housing. The Housing Directors would then take a similar resolution to their respective localities for adoption.

Action Needed: Consider the resolution of support, and adopt, if deemed appropriate.

Effective Date: The follow-up event is scheduled for October 16. Housing Directors will take the resolution to their respective localities in August or September.