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DATE: December 3, 2009
TO: YCH Board of Commissioners,
FROM: Lisa A. Baker, Executive Director
SUBJECT: **Receive and Correspondence from Congressman Wally Herger**

Agenda Item No. 2.07

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

That the Board of Commissioners Receive and File the Letter from Congressman Wally Herger regarding funding for the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Yolo County Housing (YCH) has received correspondence from Congressman Herger regarding issues surrounding formula funding for the Housing Choice Voucher Program. This letter has been received in response to correspondence sent from YCH about funding issues within the program. These funding issues led the YCH to expend the majority of its reserve fund balance to maintain subsidy payments to eligible households. In addition, the YCH was forced to take several actions, including limiting portability to high cost areas (the ability to transfer a voucher to another jurisdiction) and to lower Payment Standards to 90% of the federal Fair Market Rent in order to prevent the termination of households.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

CONCLUSION

The Board should receive and file the letter

Attachment: Letter from Congressman Herger

WALLY HERGER

2ND DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

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(202) 225-3076

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Dear Lisa,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) funding of the Housing Choice Voucher program. I sincerely appreciate your detailed account of the funding situation and how it is affecting Yolo County residents.

Please know that while I am not a member of the committees with jurisdiction over this program, I will keep your thoughts in mind should legislation affecting the Housing Choice Voucher program come before the House for a vote.

Once again, thank you for contacting me. Should you have any further questions or concerns regarding this issue, please don't hesitate to contact me again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wally".

WALLY HERGER
Member of Congress

WH: jr