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TO: Hon. Mayor and Members of
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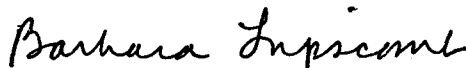
SUBJECT: UDAG Funds

The City Commission will be giving consideration to using \$300,000 of the UDAG funds in conjunction with \$200,000 from the 5th Avenue/Pleasant Street CRA for a streetscape project to support that area. As I have indicated, staff members have mentioned several ideas for using these funds; however, a primary concern is that the Downtown CRA may possibly view the funds to be used for projects in the Downtown CRA since the original loan was for a downtown project (McGurn Parking Garage). Other ideas include using the funds for a Homeless transitional housing (challenge or matching grant) or to resolve an issue relating to the homeless, matching grant funds to spearhead a park initiative such as a park/recreation facility in the Phoenix area, funding an aspect of the recreational facilities at the Depot Park, funding for the Depot Avenue project, SW 2nd Avenue Streetscape enhancements, street lighting enhancements in the downtown area, stormwater management projects, transportation signal system upgrade, internal computer system upgrades, design feature for East University Avenue, etc.

Overall, I have indicated an interest in leveraging the funds in some manner. Toward that end, Finance Director Mark Benton and Administrative Services Director Glenda Currie are suggesting a revolving loan fund that could be used for projects that would have an income stream that would repay a "loan". Matching grant funds, as indicated above, would also help leverage the funds.

If you need further information, please advise.

Respectfully submitted,



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Interim City Manager

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UDAG fund cash @ 12/21/04

403,474

Loan repayments to be received in UDAG Fund:

FY05 (January 05 - September 05)	117,563
FY06	156,751
FY07	156,751
FY08	156,751
FY09	156,751
FY10	156,751
FY11	156,751
FY12	156,751
FY13	156,751
FY14	26,122

The original UDAG loan was \$2,000,000.

The UDAG fund contributed \$619,000 from its fund balance for the construction of the Downtown Parking Garage in FY02.