



Torrance County
Resolution 2005-21

A Resolution Opposing The Strengthening America's Communities Initiative, Which Would Eliminate The Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG")

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is a program that provides annual grants on a formula basis that entitles cities and counties to develop viable urban and rural communities by providing affordable housing and a suitable living environment.

WHEREAS, the CDBG program expands economic opportunities, principally for low and moderate income persons;

WHEREAS, HUD awards grants to entitlement community grantees to carry out a wide ranged of community development activities directed toward revitalizing neighborhoods, economic development, and providing improved community facilities and services;

WHEREAS, the Bush Administration's budget has proposed to eliminate CDBG programs as part of a plan to consolidate eighteen (18) federal programs relating to economic development within the U.S. Department of Commerce;

WHEREAS, under the Bush Administration proposal, total funding for all the eighteen (18) consolidated programs would be \$3.71 billion;

WHEREAS, in year 2005, CDBG was funded at \$4,709 million;

WHEREAS, the Bush Administration has reportedly said that it is necessary to replace the CDBG and other programs because they provided funding to communities that no longer need federal assistance;

WHEREAS, the Bush Administration has also stated that the CDBG program has inconsistent eligibility criteria and little accountability for how funds are spent;

WHEREAS, Torrance County knows the importance of investing in our communities;

WHEREAS, all of the programs that strengthen people's lives will be affected in a negative way;

WHEREAS, the elimination of these programs will effect public services, affordable housing, infrastructure development and community revitalization efforts;



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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Torrance County supports self-sufficiency, programs that help families in assisted housing and similar programs that move towards the goal of a financially independent life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the New Mexico Association of Counties that the President of the Board is authorized not to support the "Strengthening Americas Communities Initiative" presented by the Bush Administration.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED, this 27th day of April 2005.

Torrance County Commission

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Jim Frost, District 1

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ATTEST:

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