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June 12, 1998

Ms. Denise Bentley, Chair
Northwest Commission
City of Pasadena
100 N. Garfield Ave.,
Pasadena, CA 91101

RE: 1998-99 Community Development Block Grant
Non-Public Service Activities Program Funding

Dear Ms. Bentley:

In response to the City of Pasadena's request for proposals for the above captioned grant program, the Los Angeles Community Design Center (LA/CDC) proposed to work with the Garfield Heights Neighborhood Association and local residents to develop a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plan for the Garfield Heights neighborhood.

On March 26, 1998, the City of Pasadena's Housing Administrator notified us that our proposal was recommended for annual funding in the amount of \$40,000. It appears that during the appeal process the Northwest Commission elected to revise their program funding recommendation. Funding previously allocated to LA/CDC and two other agencies was rescinded, in order to include three other lower scoring, lower priority program proposals. We fail to understand why agencies, such as Community Housing Services and African American Unity Center, whose proposals were originally rejected and who did not appeal that decision should subsequently be granted funding for their programs. Furthermore, the subject of these revisions was never publicized and LA/CDC was never notified of the changes nor given an opportunity to appeal, which appears to be in violation of the Brown Act.

We believe that the process was unfair and inconsistent with the Request for Proposal issued by the City of Pasadena. We request a thorough investigation of this issue, and demand that all program funding cease and desist pending a satisfactory resolution.

We will await notification as to any further developments. Should you need more details or additional information, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Ali Barar
Architectural Director

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**Attachments: City of Pasadena Notice of Recommendations for CDBG Funding
Northwest Commission Meeting Minutes - April 8, 1998**

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