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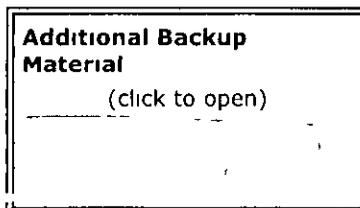
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**Public Hearings and Possible Actions
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

ITEM No 48

Subject Conduct a public hearing under the Citizen Participation Plan to receive comments on community needs to develop (1) the annual Action Plan Fiscal Year 2007-2008, required by the U S Department of Housing and Urban Development, and (2) the Texas Local Government Code Chapter 373 Community Development 2007-2008 Program

Fiscal Note A fiscal note is not required



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This action is in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan, which sets forth the City's policies and procedures for citizen participation in the Consolidated Plan. As required by Chapter 373 of the Texas Local Government Code and the City's Citizen Participation Plan, the steps for public participation in the annual Action Plan and Community Development Program includes four public hearings before the City Council and the Community Development Commission (CDC) and a 30-day comment period on the draft Plan.

There will be two public hearings to receive citizen input on community needs and service gaps. The public hearing with City Council will be on March 8, 2007 and the second hearing with the CDC will be on March 15, 2007. The draft Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Action Plan will be made available for written public comment in May 2007. Two public hearings, one with City Council and one with the CDC, will be held regarding the draft Action Plan in May 2007.

In Fiscal Year 2007-2008, the City of Austin expects to receive \$13 million through four HUD programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). In order to receive these grants from the U S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the City of Austin must submit annually an Action Plan that describes community needs, resources, priorities, and proposed activities with regard to housing, community development, economic development and public services. The City has begun development of its Action Plan, Fiscal Year 2007-2008, which is due to HUD on August 15, 2007.