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SUBJECT: Request for Placement of Item on Governance Committee Agenda

DATE: June 6, 2008

Issue Proposed for Consideration

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda of the earliest available meeting of the Governance Committee:

Your support is requested to direct the Department of Housing and Neighborhood Services staff to determine the costs associated with applying LEED® and REGREEN Residential Remodeling (Copyright pending © 2008) standards within the programmatic guidelines of the Housing Rehabilitation Program, Owner Occupied Reconstruction Program, the Affordable Showcase of Homes, Tax Increment Finance Program and the Lead Based Paint Abatement Program. It is intended that Housing and Neighborhood Services staff develop benchmark goals for the mandatory use of green building practices for all programs referenced here at incremental levels such as 25%, 50%, 75% and 100% compliance for all qualified applicants and/or projects. Housing and Neighborhood Services should coordinate with all available direct and complementary funding sources such as Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), private sector and any other available resources to meet any funding gaps.

The integration of green building technology within these housing programs matches energy efficiency efforts with financial investments in our city's housing stock. The application of green building standards is also consistent with CPS Energy's 12 year conservation energy efficiency plan and promotes overall sustainability efforts. The intention of this action is to provide qualified applicants the benefits of building green and weatherization so as to maximize energy efficiency in their rehabilitated, reconstructed or new home.

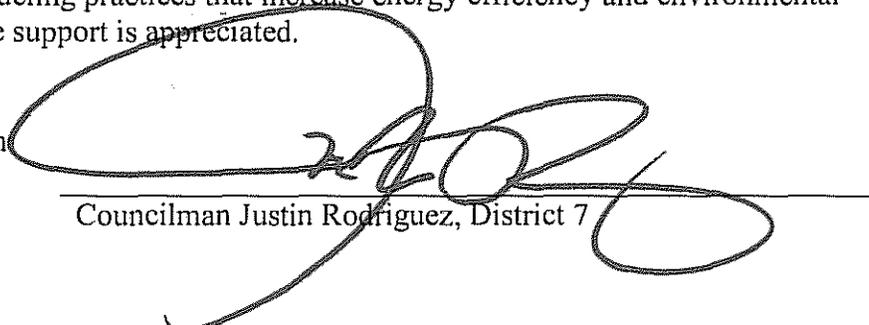
Brief Background

As the Department of Housing and Neighborhood Services improves the quality of life of area families through the improvement or development of homes, it is important to complement both funding and building efforts with measures that improve the energy efficiency of such houses. As such both LEED® and REGREEN standards provide the opportunity for improving energy efficiency.

LEED® is The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System™ that encourages and accelerates the global adoption of sustainable green

building and development practices through the creation and implementation of universally understood and accepted tools and performance criteria. REGREEN is the Residential Remodeling Guidelines 2008 Copyright pending © 2008 by the American Society of Interior Designers and U.S. Green Building Council. Green remodeling is the design and construction of projects that reduce environmental impacts of remodeling, including energy, water, and materials consumption; waste generation; and harmful emissions, both indoors and out. Again, the intention of this action is to maximize the opportunity to improve living standards through building and remodeling practices that increase energy efficiency and environmental sensitivity. Your favorable support is appreciated.

Submitted for Council consideration
by:



Councilman Justin Rodriguez, District 7

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