RESOLUTION NO. 05-1364

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND URGING CONGRESS TO RESTORE ITS FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program was enacted, and signed into law by President Gerald Ford, as the centerpiece of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG program has as its primary objective "...the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income;" and

WHEREAS, the CDBG program has considerable flexibility to allow communities to carry out activities that are tailored to their unique affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization needs; and

WHEREAS, throughout its 30-year history, the CDBG program has been a partnership among the federal, state and local governments, business, and the nonprofit sector which carry out activities that improve the lives and neighborhoods of low and moderate income families; and

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), in FY 2004 CDBG provided funds for thousands of activities, assisting over 23 million persons and households through such activities as expanding homeownership, eliminating slums and blighting influences, improving infrastructure such as roads, water and sewer systems, libraries, community centers, adult day care and after school care for children, homeless housing facilities, employment training, transportation services, crime awareness, and business job creation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Agoura Hills uses CDBG funds in the amount of approximately \$100,000 for single-family residential rehabilitation and senior citizen recreation programs.

WHEREAS, the President's FY 2006 budget proposes to completely eliminate the CDBG program; and

WHEREAS, should such a proposal be enacted, it would have a devastating effect on the City of Agoura Hills' CDBG program in that it currently serves over 400 senior citizens who annually participate in the senior citizen recreation program, and provides financial assistance to City residents of low and moderate income to rehabilitate their single-family residences.

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PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this vote to wit:	day of	_, 2005 by the following
AYES: NOES: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:		
ATTEST:	Ed Corridori, Mayor	
Kimberly M. Rodrigues, City Clerk		

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Agoura Hills hereby calls on the Congress to preserve the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program within the Department of Housing and Urban Development and provide a FY 2006 funding of at least \$4.7

billion overall, with no less than \$4.35 billion in formula funding.