WHEREAS, there are an estimated 6,500 homeless individuals within the City of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 2, 331 shelter beds available for the estimated 6,500 homeless individuals; and

WHEREAS, the number of unsheltered homeless individuals appears to be approximately 4,169; and

WHEREAS, the estimated number of homeless individuals are composed of families, single women, children, youths, seniors, and disabled, which may have their health and safety adversely affected by being outdoors and unsheltered during rainy or cool evenings; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted Council Policy 000-51, "Comprehensive Homeless Policy," which provides guidelines for responding to the needs of the homeless; and

WHEREAS, the City and others want to respond to the needs of the homeless during the winter of 2002/2003 by providing funding to initiate programs and services; and

WHEREAS, there are agencies and others willing to provide the necessary services with just compensation during the winter of 2002/2003; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council hereby accepts the City Manager's findings that there do not appear to be adequate shelter beds for the estimated number of homeless persons that reside within the City of San Diego; and therefore declares, in accordance with Government Code section 8698 through 8698.2 that a shelter emergency exists within the City of San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sheltering program outlined in City Manager's Report 02-237 constitutes in part the City's response addressing the declared sheltered emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Winter Shelter Program Fund established and that the Auditor and Comptroller is authorized to appropriate and expend \$546,000 for the purpose of operating the 2002/2003 Winter Shelter Program, providing that an Auditor's Certificate is furnished demonstrating that funds for such obligations are or will be on deposit in the City Treasury.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Homeless Family Program Fund be established and that the Auditor and Comptroller is authorized to appropriate and expend \$349,500 for the purpose of operating the Homeless Family Program, providing that an Auditor's Certificate is furnished demonstrating that funds for such obligations are or will be on deposit in the City Treasury.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the transfer of \$130,000 of FY 2003 Community Development Block Grant [CDBG] funds to the Family/Winter Homeless Shelter (4258/5812) from Council District 1 reserves in the amount of \$5,000, Council District 2 reserves in the amount of \$25,000, Council District 3 reserves in the amount of \$25,000, Council District 4 reserves in the amount of \$20,000, Council District 5 reserves in the amount of \$5,000, Council District 6 reserves in the amount of \$25,000, and the Cortez Hill Section 108 Payment Savings in the amount of \$25,000 are hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the expenditure of \$148,473 from CDBG fund 18538 is hereby authorized

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the expenditure of \$41,587 from the Human Care Fund for the Family/Winter Homeless Shelter is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Auditor and Comptroller is authorized to accept and expend contributions associated with the 2002/2003 Winter Shelter Program and the Homeless Family Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council hereby certifies that the information in LDR File No. 41-0414 has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and State CEQA Guidelines, and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and that said report reflects the independent judgement of the City of San Diego as Lead Agency stating for the record that the final Finding of No Significant Impact/Negative Declaration has been reviewed and considered prior to approving the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is authorized to negotiate and execute agreements and leases associated with implementing the 2002/2003 Winter Shelter Program, provided that the Auditor first furnishes a certificate demonstrating that funds for such obligations are or will be on deposit in the City Treasury.

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