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ATTENTION: Honorable Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: Appointment of Homeless Services Administrator

SUMMARY

THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM ONLY. NO ACTION IS REQUIRED ON THE PART OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Sharon Johnson to the position of Homeless Services Administrator effective January 6, 2003. This position is responsible for strengthening the City's role in combating homelessness by coordinating solution-based activities with business, social service, community groups, and other jurisdictions to promote programs which stabilize those at risk of becoming homeless, and to restore those already homeless to their optimum participation within the community.

Sharon started her career with the City in 2000 as the Homeless Services Coordinator. A year later she applied for and was selected for the position of Redevelopment Affordable Housing Project Manager. In that capacity, she staffed the Comprehensive Affordable Housing Strategy Collaborative, comprised of the City Manager, Redevelopment Division, Centre City Development Corporation, Southeastern Development Corporation, and the San Diego Housing Commission. The Collaborative successfully developed an affordable housing financial strategy making up to \$55 million available to build new affordable housing in the City of San Diego.

Prior to joining the City, Sharon spent 20 years organizing, implementing and facilitating community processes in housing-related venues. Her experience includes positions as Associate Director of Development for St. Vincent de Paul, Executive Director of the Coalition for Equality, and as the Executive Director of a non-profit landlord/tenant mediation agency.

Sharon holds a Bachelor Degree in Sociology from San Diego State University, and is a resident of Mission Hills. Her 3 granddaughters and mother also live in San Diego, while

her 3 daughters live in other states. Please join me in congratulating Sharon on joining the management team.

Respectfully submitted,

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Deputy City Manager