SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF RELOCATION HARDSHIP CLAIM PROPERTY LOCATED AT APN 245-040-017 – TENANTS PEDRO M. AND MARIA GALVEZ

SOURCE: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

COMMENT: On March 1, 2005 City Council approved the Relocation Plan for the property located at APN 245-040-017, for the Henderson Avenue Reconstruction Project. At this time, the tenants have submitted a Hardship Advance Claim for necessary deposits or down payments in order to secure replacement housing, and also to assist with moving costs.

In the Relocation Plan, the amount of moving expense this household is eligible to receive is $2,200. The moving advance payment requested is half of the total amount, which is $1,100.

As per Paragon Partners Ltd., the City’s relocation consultant, this is common practice for displaced persons to request an advance on their benefits to assist them with moving expenses.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:

1. Approve the Hardship Advance Claim; and
2. Authorize staff to make an advance payment to Pedro M. & Maria Galvez, tenants.

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Claim for Relocation Assistance – Hardship Claim
Memorandum

Date: March 23, 2005
To: Bernadette Lambert
Copy To: City of Porterville
From: Deborah Martinez
Re: Hardship Advance Claim

Subject: Henderson Avenue Road Improvement Project, No. 3503901
Pedro M. Galvez, et. al.
2250 W. Henderson Ave., Porterville, CA

The above referenced residential tenant household is being displaced as a result of the Henderson Avenue Road Improvement project. This household consists of 5 occupants, Pedro M. Galvez (head of household), his wife Maria Galvez and their three sons, Alejandro Galvez (age 20), Luis M. Galvez (age 18), and Isidro Torres (age 9).

In order to assist the displaced with securing a replacement site, they have requested a Hardship Advance payment. The household will move together as currently comprised. The adult sons have requested that all relocation benefits they are eligible to receive, be made payable directly to their parents (see attached Division of Benefits form).

The amount of the moving expense this household is eligible to receive is $2,200 (9 rooms — Interior & Exterior). The moving advance payment requested is half of the total amount, which is $1,100.

The amount of the rental assistance payment (RAP) this household is eligible to receive is $19,275.90. The RAP advance requested is 2 months of comparable rent or 2x3850, which is $1,700.

The total amount of $2,800 for both moving and RAP Hardship Advance payments is hereby requested and recommended for approval. The check should be made payable to Pedro M. & Maria Galvez.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

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