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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Jerry Bieberle

RE: Legislative Materials

Enclosed you should find two items.

First, I have included an updated version of the CAD0 Strategy paper. As you review it you will quickly note that I have expanded it with new material. In addition to the discussion of seeking additional funding for homeless assistance programs and the Housing Trust Fund, you will find an enlarged discussion of our goal of seeking state support for Community Action Programs. Also, you will find new sections dealing with Food and Nutrition and energy programs.

Note I remove the CONFIDENTIAL heading, so feel free to share it with your board and staff.

I doubt that I will revise the strategy paper again until in December, sometime after the Governor issues his budget.

Second, you will find a new version of a sample letter to the Governor. If you find that one of your legislators is very supportive of our efforts, you should ask him or her to send a similar letter to the Governor asking for additional funds in his budget for our programs.

This is important because our strategy is based upon defending the Governor's budget. If our increases are not in the budget, there isn't much to defend, and it will be very hard to get the Legislature to add funds to programs not identified as critical by the Governor. Sometimes a legislator may be supportive and willing to send a letter, but he or she is uncomfortable suggesting a specific budget number. That is okay, a letter of support without specific numbers is better than no letter at all. You can also use the sample letter in getting support from your board, city councils, county government and community organizations.

Finally, if there is anything I can do to help you successfully visit with your legislators, please call me.