



Mayor Jerry Sanders

Notice of Line Item Veto

June 13, 2007

As part its unanimous approval of my FY08 City budget, the City Council authorized a \$465,000 reduction in funds from General Fund reserves to pay for the homeless emergency shelter for this year. **It is my intent to veto this change when the final budget document arrives for my signature.** Rather than diminish our reserve funds, I encourage the City Council to join me in asking the Housing Commission and Centre City Development Corporation to work cooperatively to find a solution for the shelter's funding needs.

On June 5, while acting in its capacity as the Housing Authority, the City Council directed the Housing Commission to return on September 11, 2007 with information regarding permanent funding options within a comprehensive plan for the homeless emergency shelter program. I believe the Council's decision to reduce General Fund reserves to pay for the emergency shelter program is premature given that direction and scheduled hearing.

I continue to state that I do not believe it is appropriate to use General Fund monies for social service programs. In the *May 2, 2007 Report to the City Council; FY 2008 Social Service Program* my office proposed fully funding the homeless emergency shelter with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) dollars. This is an appropriate use of these federal funds. With all the needs facing the city, I believe that there is more appropriate use of tax payer dollars.

Therefore **I will be line item vetoing this piece of the FY08 budget** and ask the City Council to wait until the Housing Commission presents its plan before reducing the City's reserves and before you have a chance to take a comprehensive approach on this issue.

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