THE CALIFORNIA DEBT LIMIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

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2008 HOUSING ACT VOLUME CAP (HR 3221) REQUEST FOR A QUALIFIED PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND ALLOCATION FOR A MORTGAGE CREDIT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM (REAL ESTATE OWNED (REO) PROGRAM)

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Allocation Amount Requested: \$16,116,966 Converted MCC Authority: \$4,029,252

Applicant's Fair Share Amount: \$16,116,966 Converted MCC Authority: \$4,029,252

Participating Jurisdictions:

There are three local issuers conducting MCC programs in San Diego County: the County of San Diego, the City of San Diego and the City of Oceanside. The San Diego County's fair share amount of the 2008 Housing Act Volume Cap for single family housing programs is \$37,662,571, which is divided among the three issuers based on population. The City's fair share portion of the 2008 Housing Act Volume Cap is \$16,116,966.

Allocation Information:

Date MCCs will be advertised: October 7, 2008 **Expected date of issuance of first MCC:** February 1, 2009

Program Type: Real Estate Owned

Program Status: New

Certificate tax credit rate: 20% (for targeted) and 15% (for non-targeted)

Type of housing units to be assisted/average mortgage amount:

Existing resale units: 110 units (0%) with an average mortgage amount of \$210,000 Rehabilitation units: 0 units (0%) with an average mortgage amount of \$0

Totals units: 110 units with an average mortgage amount of \$210,000

The above numbers of units are: \underline{X} estimates

_ actual requirements imposed by the Issuer

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Committee approve \$16,116,966 in tax-exempt bond allocation, on a carryforward basis, which is the Applicant's fair share amount of the 2008 Housing Act Volume Cap for single family housing programs.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROGRAM:

• Rationale for selection of program:

According to the Applicant, the San Diego Housing Commission ("City of San Diego") chose to administer an REO program because it compliments their existing first time homebuyer program. The Applicant further states that almost all of the first time homebuyer loans they have in process are to purchase REO property and that there is no shortage of REO homes for sale.

• Contacts made to ensure the success of program (i.e. banks, lenders, realtors, etc):

According to the Applicant, the City of San Diego has had a successful first time homebuyer program since 1992 and that they have a large pool of lending partners. The Applicant states that over the years they have attended conferences for the Board of Realtors to talk about their programs and have met with community groups.

According to the Applicant, they have an extensive website that describes all of their programs. They are also entitled to receive the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funds for the City of San Diego. These NSP funds can only be used towards the purchase of REO properties. The Applicant states that in anticipation of the NSP funds, along with the MCC allocation, they intend to heavily market the availability of both programs to lenders and the Association of Realtors through TV, radio and the news media. According to the Applicant, the greater marketing effort will be undertaken due to the time constraints associated with both funding sources. The Applicant states that they have already informed their existing lending partners of their application for the special allocations of MCCs.

• Interest rate offered:

According to the Applicant, they have an existing 2nd trust deed deferred payment loan program with a maximum of 3% interest rate that will be available to eligible buyers. The buyers will get a 30-year fixed rate 1st trust deed loan from one of the participating lenders.

• Down payment assistance offered:

Yes. According to the Applicant, they have the 2nd trust deed deferred loan, plus down payment/closing cost assistance grants. The Applicant states that the funds will be from Federal HOME, State CalHome, Local funds and Federal NSP funds, if received.

- Specific reservations of MCCs for purposes such as low-income targeting, new construction, etc.: The program will reserve 20% of the certificates for federally designated target areas.
- Definition of financial hardship (for refinance transactions only): Not applicable.

• First-time homebuyer education requirement:

Yes. According to the Applicant, any buyer receiving one of their deferred 2nd trust deed loans must attend an 8-hour HUD approved homebuyer education class. The Applicant states that they have never required buyers only wanting an MCC to attend a class.

• Describe use of HR 3221 – CDBG funds:

According to the Applicant, they are still in the preliminary planning stages and have several proposals to the City Council including a first time homebuyer silent 2nd trust deed loan program that will be linked with MCCs.

PURCHASE PRICE INFORMATION:

The proposed maximum limits are:					
	Unit	Average Area	Non-Target Area Maximum	Target Area Maximum	
	<u>Type</u>	Purchase Price*	Purchase Price	Purchase price	
	Existing Units	\$611,455	\$543,112	\$663,804	
*This is established by (check one):			X As determined by	IRS safe harbor limitations X As determined by special survey (See application attachment "H" attached)	
Expected average sales prices of the estimated units to be assisted:					
Existing units \$248,578					
MAXIMUM INCOME LIMITATIONS: Area median income on which maximum program limits are based: \$72,100					
Applicable standard that defines the area median income:					
	HUD statewide medianX HUD county MSA median				
Local median as determined by a special study (See application attachment "I" attached)					
Percent of MCCs reserved for IRS-designated target areas in the jurisdiction(s): 20%					
Proposed maximum income limits:					
	Household 1-2 persons 3+ persons	3	\$72,100	<u>Γarget Area</u> \$86,520 \$100,940	