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Dear Community Council Members:

Thank you for your ongoing participation in the ENCHIA Community Council. This letter provides a brief summary of our twelfth meeting held on October 19th, 2005.

**With this letter, we are attaching: 1) the draft policy briefs and 2) the subgroup critiques and summaries. We acknowledge that competing commitments mean that some Council members are not able to attend all meetings. We urge all Council members to review at least one or two policy ideas more closely and ideally with others in their organization. We will incorporate the additional input you provide into the summaries of the critiques and use the information to modify the policies.**

The primary activity of the October meeting was the critique and evaluation of several policy strategies that could potentially help achieve the **Healthy City Vision**. For this evaluation process, staff conducted preliminary feasibility research on ideas suggested by the Council and summarized this research into draft "policy briefs" for the Council. At the meeting, the Council divided into subgroups and used the criteria evaluation worksheet (finalized by the Council at the September meeting) to evaluate the draft policies. The subgroups provided their critiques in a report back to the entire Council. Policies (see attached) evaluated at the October meeting included:

- *Promote Accessory Dwelling Units*
- *Amend Residential Off-Street Parking Requirements*
- *Charging Market Rates for On-Street Parking*
- *Amend Inclusionary Housing Ordinance*
- *Develop a Healthy Economy Element*
- *Formula Retail Use Restrictions*
- *Strengthen First Source Hiring Program*
- *Regulate Provision of Employee Parking Benefits*
- *Area-based Congestion Pricing in the Downtown Business District*
- *Improve the Effectiveness of Workforce Development Programs*

Staff emphasized that the task of developing and refining policy recommendations is iterative. The subgroup reviews identified strengths and weaknesses of the policy briefs and additional information needs and recommendations for policy improvements. For example, members suggested that revenues from any increases in parking pricing or congestion pricing should be used to improve transportation infrastructure and services in the neighborhood where the increased pricing occurred. Based on Council feedback and further research, we will revise the briefs and bring the revised briefs to the Council for review.

In ENCHIA, the process of *evaluating*, *critiquing*, and *refining* policies comes before the process of *prioritizing* them and developing ENCHIA recommendations. In early 2006, after we evaluate and "improve" all policies, we will attempt to rank and prioritize them using the principles and tools from consensus processes. We will agree on "ground-rules" for prioritization and for developing recommendations. We anticipate recommending several of these policies to City Planning and other city departments in our final report.

At least for the next two or three meetings, the Council will continue to review policy briefs. We would appreciate any advice, assistance, and help you may be able to provide in either drafting or revising policy briefs.

Again, thank you for your time and commitment to this process. We would like to continue to encourage you to share experiences about how the lessons and research from ENCHIA is affecting and influencing your work and we will make time for this sharing at future meetings.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments at 415.252.3982.

Sincerely,



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