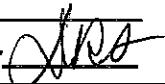


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**Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court
Agenda Request Form**

No. _____

Date: April 9, 2006 Meeting Date Request: April 17, 2006
 Deadline for Action: A.S.A.P Contact Person: DIANA R. SERNA, DIRECTOR
 Department: HOME Program Phone: (956) 787-8127 Fax: (956) 787-5291
Diana R. Serna, Urban County Director 

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
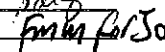
Requesting approval to cancel application for Benita Davila, due to refusal to abide by Urban County Program's policy.

Background:

The applicant refuses to abide by Urban County Program's policy regarding demolition of existing structure when reconstruction of new one. A letter from Urban County Program was hand delivered to Ms. Davila on March 8, 2007 by the HOME Manager. Ms. Davila has not provided UCP with a letter refusing services.

<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>CASE NUMBER</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>FUNDING YEAR</u>	<u>LOCATION OF PROPERTY</u>
Benita Davila Rehabilitation Deferred Loan -Elderly Partial pay back due to add 1 bedroom	CW 85-06-34 Precinct # 1	Countywide	HOME 2005	The North One Hundred Fifty (N 150') feet of, Block Eleven (11), TOWNSITE OF HARGILL, Hidalgo County, Texas, according to the map thereof Recorded in Volume 3, Page 45 & 46, Map Records, Hidalgo County, Texas.

Please initial for approval:

Deputy Director _____
 HOME Manager 
 Finance Manager 

Legal Council _____ Budget _____ Human Resources _____
 Dept./Fund No. _____ Amt. Expended: \$ _____ Funds/ Staffing Budgeted: Yes _____ No _____
 Amount Code: _____ Impact on Future Budget: Yes _____ No _____

Comments:

Action taken by Commissioner's Court:

Approved _____ Tabled _____ Denied _____ Motion made by _____ Seconded _____ Vote _____

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March 8, 2007

Maria N. Davila
Yolanda Escalante
Andrea Villarreal
522 N. McKinley
Hargil, TX

RE: BENITA DAVILA

Dear Madams:

We are in receipt of your correspondence as submitted to U.S. Congressman Ruben Hinojosa's office. This letter shall serve to address that correspondence as well as address inquiries from County Judge J.D. Salinas' office and the office of Commissioner Oscar Garza.

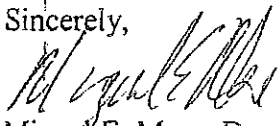
The Urban County Program has an adopted Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program policy for the provision of services to eligible county residents. This is a strictly voluntary program and by no means is Ms. Benita Davila compelled to participate. The policy clearly states that the homeowner must vacate the property while the reconstruction is underway. This measure serves to speed up the construction of the unit as well as for the safety of the homeowner.

We have, in the past, made one exception to the policy involving an elderly client who had no family or friends in the area and no means to rent another place to live while the home was constructed. The size of the property allowed for the new home to be constructed in front of the old one that was demolished after construction was complete.

These circumstances are clearly different from the situation we find your mother in. With family and friends in the immediate vicinity, she clearly has an ample support network to assist her during the construction of her new home. However, I reiterate that this is a voluntary program. Your mother will be gaining a payment free, new home with modern amenities for the low-cost of the inconvenience of relocating with a family member or friend while her home is reconstructed. I cannot begin to share with you the vast number of eligible county residents who would jump on this opportunity.

Please notify Mr. Steve de la Garza, HOME Manager, no later than Monday, March 12, 2007 of the family's decision to both participate in the program and abide by the policy or whether we should cancel the contract and move on to the next eligible applicant. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Miguel E. Mesa, Deputy Director
Urban County Program

xc: U.S. Congressman Ruben Hinojosa
County Judge J.D. Salinas
Commissioner Oscar Garza
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