

## RESOLUTION #391

### A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND URGING CONGRESS TO PRESERVE ITS FUNDING.

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program was enacted, and signed into law by President Gerald Ford, as the centerpiece of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG program has as its primary objective "...the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income"; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG program has considerable flexibility to allow communities to carry out activities that are tailored to their unique affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization needs; and

WHEREAS, throughout its 30-year history, the CDBG program has been a partnership among the federal, state and local governments, business, and the nonprofit sector which carry out activities that improve the lives and neighborhoods of low and moderate income families; and

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), in FY 2004 CDBG provided funds for thousands of activities, assisting over 23 million low and moderate income persons and households through such activities as expanding homeownership activities, eliminating slums and blighting influences, improving infrastructure such as roads, water and sewer systems, libraries, community centers, neighborhood parks, adult day care and after school care for children, homeless housing facilities, employment training, and business and job creation; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Yacolt has used CDBG funds over the years in the amount of at least \$2,249,065 for community center planning, sewer system planning, street and sidewalk improvements, park improvements, water system improvements, storm drainage improvements, and various other infrastructure projects.

WHEREAS, the President's FY 2006 budget proposes to completely eliminate the CDBG program; and


WHEREAS, should such a proposal be enacted, it would have a devastating effect on the Town of Yacolt's CDBG funded activities and eliminate the largest single funding source for planning activities, infrastructure improvements, such as street reconstruction and sidewalk installation, and park construction and improvements.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Yacolt, Washington, that the Town of Yacolt hereby calls on the Congress to preserve the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program within the Department of Housing and Urban Development and provide a FY 2006 funding of at least \$4.7 billion overall, with no less than \$4.35 billion in formula funding.

APPROVED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2005.

  
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JAMES WELDON, Mayor

Attest:

  
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BRENDA FINNEGAN, Clerk/Treasurer

Ayes Warren, Marbut, Smith

Nays None

Absent Mason, Stewart