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- 1) **All Housing and Community Development Programs (03/17/05): FY 2006 Senate Budget Resolution, S. Con. Res. 18 as amended.** An original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010. NAHRO Position: Vote Against. Approved (51-49).
- 2) **All Housing and Community Development Programs (3/24/2004): FY 2005 Senate Budget Resolution, S. Con. Res. 95.** The budget resolution would establish an \$821 billion limit on FY 2005 appropriations, claims to cut the deficit in half by 2007, and clears the way for over \$80 billion in tax cuts over five years. The Senate resolution would apply "paygo" requirements to both spending and tax cuts. NAHRO Position: Vote Against. Approved (51-45).
- 3) **All Housing and Community Development Programs (3/25/03): FY 2004 Senate Budget Resolution, S. Con. Res. 23.** An amendment to reduce tax cuts protected by reconciliation instructions to \$350 billion and create a \$396 billion Social Security reserve account for use in implementing future legislation to strengthen Social Security. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Approved (51-48).
- 4) **All Housing and Community Development Programs (10/19/00): HR 4635 - FY 2001 VA, HUD and IA Appropriations.** Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would appropriate funds in FY2001 for the VA, HUD and IA, including: Public Housing Capital Fund at \$2.955 billion; Public Housing Operating Fund at \$3.192 billion; PHDEP at \$310 million; HOPE VI at \$575 million; CDBG at \$4.800 billion; HOME \$1.600 billion; Homeless Programs at \$1.020 billion; and Section 8 HCV program at \$13 billion with funding for 79,000 incremental vouchers. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Approved (85-8).
- 5) **All Housing and Community Development Programs (10/15/99): HR 2684 - FY 2000 VA, HUD and IA Appropriations.** Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would appropriate funds in FY2000 for the VA, HUD and IA, including: Public Housing Operating Fund at \$3.138 billion; Public Housing Capital Fund at \$2.9 billion; HOPE VI at \$575 million; HOME at \$1.6 billion; CDBG at \$4.8 billion with \$544 in set-asides; Section 8 HCV program at \$11 billion with funding for 60,000 incremental vouchers; Homeless Programs at \$1.02 billion; Rural and Economic Development at \$25 million; HOPWA at \$236 million; Empowerment/ Enterprise zones at \$70 million; Section 202 at \$710 million; and Section 811 at \$194 million. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Approved (93-5).

6) **CDBG Budget Resolution for FY 2007 (03/15/06): S.Amdt. 3063 to S.Con.Res. 83.** An amendment to restore funding for the Community Development Block Grant Program to the fiscal 2004 level by closing tax loopholes previously slated for elimination in Senate-passed legislation. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Defeated (45-53).

7) **CDBG and other community and economic development programs (03/17/05): FY2006 Budget Resolution - Amdts. No. 156.** An amendment sponsored by Senator Paul Sarbanes (D-MD) to restore funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The Sarbanes amendment would have increased the appropriate budgetary functions by the amount necessary to restore funding for the 18 programs, including the CDBG program, proposed for elimination under the Administration's Strengthening America's Communities Initiative. The amendment would have accomplished this by using an offset (in the form of closing certain corporate tax loopholes) in order to increase the total amount of dollars available for appropriated programs. This mechanism would have allowed the Congress to fully fund the 18 programs without creating additional pressure on other appropriated programs. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Defeated (49-51)

8) **CDBG and other community and economic development programs (03/17/05): FY2006 Budget Resolution – Amdt. No. 230.** An amendment sponsored by Senator Norm Coleman (R-MN) to restore funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. This amendment expressed support for keeping the CDBG program at HUD and called for full funding for the program. Instead of increasing the overall cap for discretionary spending, the amendment instead specified that funding for CDBG would come by offsetting cuts to other discretionary programs. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Approved (68-31)

9) **Affordable Housing Production (7/14/00): HR 8 - Death Tax Elimination Act of 2000.** An amendment that would establish a National Affordable Housing Trust Fund for the production of affordable housing by dedicating \$5 billion to the trust fund. To do so, the amendment would increase the general estate tax exemption for a couple to \$4 million, as well as the family-owned business exemption to \$8 million per couple by 2010. NAHRO Position: Vote For. Defeated (45-52).