REPORT TO COUNCIL
City of Sacramento

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STAFF REPORT
October 6, 2005

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Subject: **Resolution re: Continuing Local Emergency Disaster Due to Hurricane Katrina Relief**

Location and Council District: Citywide

Recommendation:
Adopt a Resolution finding and declaring that the local emergency associated with Hurricane Katrina Relief continues. Pursuant to Chapter 2.116 of the City Code, the Council is required to periodically determine whether or not the local emergency continues.

Contact: Jerry Colivas, Manager, Joint Office of Emergency Services & Homeland Security, Sacramento Fire Department (916) 433-1600

Presenter: Jerry Colivas

Department: Sacramento Fire Department

Division: Joint Office of Emergency Services & Homeland Security

Organization No: 2512

Summary: This report recommends that the Council approve a resolution.

Committee/Commission Action: None

Background Information:

On September 6, 2005, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2005-654 and thereby declared a local emergency and requested that the Governor declare a state of emergency with regard to the receipt and care of evacuees and victims of Hurricane Katrina. Pursuant to Chapter 2.116 of the City Code and state law, the City Council is

required to periodically review the status of the local emergency and determine whether the local emergency continues or whether it has ended.

The governor requested that the President declare California a disaster area because of Hurricane Katrina evacuees. On September 13, 2005, the President issued a disaster declaration for California because of the Hurricane Katrina evacuees. As a result, Sacramento can be reimbursed for all eligible costs associated with planning and operations for housing Hurricane Katrina evacuees. The Presidential declaration also includes Hurricane Rita evacuees.

Financial Considerations: The City can be reimbursed for certain eligible costs associated with activities conducted in support of sheltering activities for Hurricane Katrina evacuees.

Environmental Considerations: None noted

Policy Considerations:

Staff recommends that the Council approve the attached resolution so that the City can continue to provide relief services for which it will be reimbursed.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): N/A

Respectfully submitted by: Jerry Colivas
Jerry Colivas, Program Manager

Approved by: _____
Julius J. Cherry, Fire Chief

Recommendation Approved:

ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

Date

RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT LOCAL EMERGENCY CAUSED BY RESPONSE TO HURRICANE KATRINA CONTINUES

BACKGROUND

A On September 6, 2005, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2005-654 and thereby declared a local emergency and requested that the Governor declare a state of emergency with regard to the receipt and care of evacuees and victims of Hurricane Katrina. Pursuant to Chapter 2.116 of the City Code and state law, the Council is required to review the facts periodically to determine whether the local emergency continues or whether it should be terminated.

B. The City of Sacramento and the Sacramento region continue to provide assistance to Hurricane Katrina evacuees and victims.

C. Currently City emergency management staff continues to meet with the regional planning committee. This committee represents local government in Sacramento and Placer counties and many community based and non-governmental organizations in Sacramento. As Hurricane Katrina evacuees continue to request housing assistance and as that housing stock dwindles, more support may be necessary. In addition, the Police Department continues to assist the county with expedited background checks for those seeking housing assistance.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The facts set forth in the Background are true and correct.

Section 2. The council finds and proclaims that the need for continuing the local emergency declared with regard to Hurricane Katrina in Resolution No. 2005-654 continues, and has continued since September 6, 2005.

Section 3. The Council further finds that the local emergency created by Hurricane Katrina and the need to provide care to evacuees of Hurricane Katrina continues and has been continuous since the adoption of Resolution No. 2005-654.

Section 4. The City Manager or his designee shall also forward a copy of this Resolution to the State Director of Emergency Services with a request that it be found acceptable in accordance with the provisions of the Natural Disaster Assistance Act.

Section 5. The provisions of Section 6 and 7 of Resolution No. 2005-654 are incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein and shall apply during the continuing local emergency.

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EXHIBIT A

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-654

Adopted by the City of Sacramento

September 6, 2005

PROCLAIMING EXISTENCE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR RECEIPT AND CARE OF VICTIMS OF HURRICANE KATRINA AND FINDING THE MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THE BROWN ACT PURSUANT TO SECTION 54954.2(b)(2)

BACKGROUND

1. Sacramento City Code Chapter 2.116 empowers the City Council of the City of Sacramento, California, to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity;

2. The damage and devastation of Hurricane Katrina to the Gulf coast states, including the breach of levees and extensive flooding in New Orleans, has resulted in the evacuation of hundreds of thousands of individuals, and a declaration of a federal emergency within the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina;

3. Due to the logistics and demands associated with providing shelter, food, medical care and other services to those evacuated due to Hurricane Katrina, other jurisdictions, including California have been requested to lend assistance and accommodate large numbers of evacuees for an extended period of time.

4. The City of Sacramento was advised on Labor Day, September 5, 2005, by the Governor of the State of California and the Office of Emergency Services that the ten largest cities in California, as well as some counties, are being requested to provide assistance to Hurricane Katrina evacuees, and that the evacuees will arrive in Sacramento beginning not later than Thursday, September 8, 2005.

5. The City Council finds that, due to the immediate and significant demands created by the large, impending influx of evacuees, the City's available resources, in terms of personnel, equipment and facilities necessary to handle such an influx, are not sufficient and it is necessary and appropriate to seek the assistance of the State of California and other local jurisdictions through the declaration of "local emergency" and a request of the Governor to declare a state of emergency.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The facts set forth in the Background are true and correct.

Section 2. The Council finds that the matter qualifies for consideration under the Brown Act at the September 6, 2005 meeting, pursuant to Section 54954.2(b)(2), since the matter came to the attention of the City after the posting of the regular agenda and requires the immediate action of the Council.

Section 3. The council finds and proclaims that a local emergency now exists throughout the City of Sacramento. The needs and demands of the impending, large influx of Hurricane victims, including temporary and potentially long-term housing, distribution of medicine, medical supplies, food, and other supplies and services, exceed the local City resources currently available; and attempting to meet these demands without the assistance of the State and other jurisdictions, while at the same time continuing to provide the necessary services to the City's current residents, would imperil the safety of persons and property within the City.

Section 4. The City Manager or his designee shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of California, with the request that the Governor proclaim a State of Emergency in the City of Sacramento.

Section 5. The City Manager or his designee shall also forward a copy of this Resolution to the State Director of Emergency Services with a request that it be found acceptable in accordance with the provisions of the Natural Disaster Assistance Act.

Section 6. Julius "Joe" Cherry, City of Sacramento Fire Chief, is hereby designated as authorized City representative for public and individual assistance, for receipt and possession and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available State and Federal assistance.

Section 7. During the local emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the emergency organization of the City of Sacramento shall be those prescribed by State law, by Sacramento City Charter, ordinances and resolutions of the City of Sacramento and by the City of Sacramento's approved Emergency Plan.

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on September 6, 2005 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cohn, Fong, Hammond, McCarty, Pannell, Sheedy, Waters and Mayor Fargo.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmember Tretheway

Heather Fargo

Mayor Heather Fargo

Shirley Concolino

Shirley Concolino, City Clerk