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RE: File # 001461- Change in geographical area for Large Impact Development Project -
North Avenue Community Development Corporation

See attached letter. The North Avenue Community Development Corporation (NACD) applied for and was awarded \$160,000 in Large Impact Development Funds (LID) February 14, 2000. Initial plans were to develop a 40,000 - 50,000 sq. ft. shopping center next to a new Jewel/Osco store at 35th & North Avenue. NACD cited the following problems with the shopping center project.

1. Site control could not be established.
2. A property owner requested too much than what the project could carry;
3. Another piece of property was burdened with liens, back taxes, and title uncertainties.

NACD is now requesting that the LID funds earmarked for the Shopping Center project be, instead, applied to a project at 3709-11 North, which is directly across the street from where the shopping center was to be located.

The revised LID project is designed to acquire, rehab, and manage a 2-story, 4500 sq. ft. building at 3709-11 West North Avenue. NACD will operate a small incubator in the building to promote local business development such as a cyber cafe, an architectural business, and a computer parts supply business. They expect a computer training business to relocate to the site. Seven jobs are projected in the first year. They project the total cost for the project at \$420,000. NACD anticipates a project completion date of May 2001.

The LID Policy will govern the release of funds.