



Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Mayor Chuck Reed
Vice Mayor Judy Chirco
Councilwoman Nora Campos

SUBJECT: Item 3.4 Settlement of Cardroom
Litigation

DATE: 03/20/09

Approved

Chuck Reed S.B. for J.C.

Date

Nora Campos PF

Recommendation:

Accept the Settlement Agreement, and Direct staff to develop and bring to the HNVF Leadership Committee a framework for administering the Charitable and Non-Profit Contributions to address the social problems associated with gambling from the Settlement of the Cardroom Litigation that includes:

- An outreach process to the non-profit community that ensures our non-profit partners are aware of the availability of these resources;
- An allocation and distribution plan that is consistent with both the Settlement and the Healthy Neighborhoods strategic work plan approved by the City Council in October 2008; and
- Scenarios for reimbursing costs associated with administration of the funds, exploring both City or non-City options;

Background

The Settlement Agreement includes a provision that requires contributions be made directly to charities and/or non-profit organizations identified by the City to address the social problems in our community that have been associated with, or are connected to gaming. As one would expect there is great need for, and interest in these resources.

The Healthy Neighborhood Venture Fund (HNVF) has migrated to a Results Based Accountability Model over the last two years, and through RFP Process, will fund grantees that provide direct services to youth and senior populations, with an emphasis on prevention, early intervention and early care programs. Grant funds also help recipients leverage and attract additional matching funds.

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The ills associated with gaming reach deep into our community, and manifest across the family in many ways. We must build on the framework adopted at HNMF to deliver these resources, and in turn these programs, effectively and efficiently, with the appropriate level of oversight.