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Steven C. Watts
1649 Edgehill Rd.
Lawrence, KS 66044-4193

Dear Mr. Watts:

SUBJECT: Lawrence, KS
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
Neighborhood Association Activities

On November 3-4, 2009 this office received your emails regarding allegations of mismanagement of the above-referenced CDBG Program.

While we appreciate your concern, please note that staff members of the City's Development Services Division have a high degree of autonomy and flexibility with overall management decisions pertaining to personnel and administrative policies. Though HUD has regulatory oversight responsibilities of HUD funded programs, it is not our role to dictate management policies of the City of Lawrence beyond the scope of the CDBG regulations.

After reviewing the information gathered through written documents and interviews, we have determined the City's response to be adequate. Based on the information provided, we have also determined that this is a local issue and does not involve HUD; therefore we consider the matter closed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Theresa Porter", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Theresa Porter
Director, Office of Community
Planning and Development

cc: Margene Swarts, Assistant Director, Development Services Division
Steve Johnson, Division Director, OBGA, Entitlement Communities Division