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Honorable Dennis Donohue
Mayor
City of Salinas
200 Lincoln Avenue
Salinas, CA 93901

Dear Mayor Donohue:

SUBJECT: City of Salinas
Annual Community Assessment
Program Year 2006

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) annually reviews the performance of communities managing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME, and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program funds.

Our office has reviewed the City of Salinas' 2006 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). Based upon our review of the CAPER and other available information, we have determined that the City of Salinas has the continuing capacity to implement and administer its CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs.

As discussed with you at the Federal Regional Council meeting of October 10, 2007 and reviewed in our follow-up letter, we want to remind you of our suggestions regarding your crime suppression efforts. Specifically, we urge you to consider reducing the number of public service agencies currently funded with a view towards focusing your resources on agencies that have demonstrated the ability to perform well in responding to your crime suppression efforts and to explore whether other less flexible sources of funds are available to support some of the agencies currently funded with CDBG funds. Also, we strongly urge you to re-visit your Neighborhood Revitalization Area strategies with the community and update your plans for the area to reflect the current needs of the community. Again, while recognizing the hardships of decreased funding on your plans for community revitalization, this office offers our assistance in any of your efforts to address the community and economic development needs of Salinas.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with the City of Salinas. If you have any

questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, at (415) 489-6597, or your CPD Representative, Gail Goldman, at (415) 489-6587.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "St. B. Sachs".

Steven B. Sachs
Director, Community Planning
and Development Division

cc: David Mora, City Manager
David Swanson, Planning Manager