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SUBJECT: EOA Housing Program

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Presently, we are involved in a limited Housing Program. This is represented by a Housing Assistance Program where information and guidance especially to relocatees is provided and housing loans for the cost of relocation.

In view of our active participation in the Model Cities Program, EOA could develop a more Comprehensive Housing Program.

The components of the program could include:

- a. Fair Housing Centers for the development of open housing through reliable information, guidance and counseling.
- b. Housing Development Corporations by providing seed money for both profit and non-profit making groups in the development of adequate, moderately priced housing. Also cooperative housing ventures could be assisted.
- c. Strengthen Tenant Association in public housing through educational and informational programs either in housing projects themselves or Neighborhood Centers.
- d. Strengthen Community Involvement in physical planning processes through a series of reports by city planners in all neighborhood centers. Organize local planning committees or include physical planning as responsibility of the center advisory committees.

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- e. Organize Neighborhood Improvement Clubs for the improvement and maintenance of neighborhood appearance. Awards or some form of recognition could be incentive. Special programs could be designed to highlight economical ways of home up keep.

Such a comprehensive endeavor by EOA could possibly be funded by OEO and/or Model Cities.

can we discuss this?

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