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CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2006 : CUTS IN COUNCIL ALLOCATION FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS

The Situation: _____

In the 2004/05 budget, Council allocated \$4,105,000 for community support for individuals and groups; and in the LTCCP plan to spend \$4,115,000 in 2005/06.

In the draft annual plan the amount is being cut by \$448,000 (almost 11% of this year's budget) to \$3,667,000.

Similarly, in 2004/05, \$5,476,000 was budgeted for grants to community projects and activities and the LTCCP allocated \$4,785,000 for 2005/06. This has now been cut even further, to \$4,213,000 - a cut of \$1,263,000, or 23% from this year.

Response: _____

The staff and Divisional Committee of the Family and Community Division of

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Anglican Care are totally opposed to the projected cuts in the Council allocation for community support for individuals and groups.

The Family and Community Division: the community development division of Anglican Care, works in partnership with Christchurch City Council in a number of community cottage projects in low income areas across the city. From these projects we know of the growing pressure coming on increasing numbers of low income families and individuals, in spite of the so called "booming" economy for some. Indeed the City Council should be planning to put more resources into the community, not less, if the Council is to meet its commitment to enhancing community consultation, participation and improving mental wellbeing.

One reason motivating the push for cutting Council spending to community services is the fallacious myth that there is a duplication of social services in some areas. In our experience, and that of our partner agencies, this is blatantly untrue. Social service agencies are committed to meeting specifically identified social needs that no one else is meeting and receive funding on this basis. As our society changes social service agencies are coming under increasing pressure, especially in responding to the demands of growing numbers of people presenting with mental health issues.

As an agency that receives Council funding, for which we are most grateful, we are also highly accountable. This is done by careful preparation of annual budgets, project business plans and community accountability exercises for all our projects. This ensures maximum and appropriate use of resources allocated.

In light of the above I urge Christchurch City Council to totally reject its cut in allocation to the community sector.

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