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To: Human Services Committee

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From: Bob Dean, Associate Regional Planner

Re: Regional Vision Development

This memo summarizes the discussion of goals that occurred at the May 17, 2007 meeting of the Housing working committee and actions requested for the July meeting. During the May meeting, the committee identified the main ideas in the housing field that were central to their mission. Also, the committee discussed why it was important for the regional vision to address these main ideas.

Staff has prepared a draft list of the major themes related to housing that were developed during the discussion. These include:

- Housing is a basic human need
- Housing is essential to thriving economy
- Access to opportunity
- Healthy balanced region
- Regional response to national problem

The major themes that are identified through the working committee process and the regional visioning event will form the basis for the regional vision. For example, if "access to opportunity" is identified as a major theme, the vision will include a statement such as: "In 2040, residents of northeastern Illinois will have access to decent, safe and affordable housing across the region to assure equal access to opportunities." *(Please note that this is an example, and the regional vision may not contain this particular statement.)*

Action Requested

At the July meeting, the committee will be asked to express the themes above in a format consistent with that expected to be used for the regional vision.

Attachment: Full discussion notes from the May 17th goal setting discussion