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**RESOLUTION ON
Workforce Housing**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS REGIONAL COUNCIL
ADDRESSING WORKFORCE HOUSING NEEDS IN MARICOPA COUNTY.

WHEREAS, in Arizona, the home ownership rate was 40th in the nation in 2003 and 2004 and below the national average seven of the last ten years; and

WHEREAS, in Maricopa County by 2020, there are projected to be more than 146,000 cost-burdened families (those families paying more than 30 percent of their income for housing annually) making \$20,000 to \$42,000 in 2005 dollars, which represents more than \$350 million annually in lost buying power; and

WHEREAS, according to a recent poll, the availability and affordability of workforce housing are considered important to more than 91 percent of area residents, and 78 percent of area residents are in favor of policies that would improve the state of workforce housing in the Valley; and

WHEREAS, workforce housing is the essential foundation upon which to build a more sustainable future for the MAG region and grow a more competitive workforce to meet the challenges of a global economy; and

WHEREAS, it is important to provide transportation services to establish linkages between where people live and where they work;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the member agencies of the Maricopa Association of Governments are committed to working with the workforce housing stakeholders to share best practices and develop housing policies that address the availability and affordability of workforce housing throughout the Valley. Also, MAG will collaborate with stakeholders regarding potential legislative measures to address the workforce housing issue. Individually, the member agencies will work to develop workforce housing strategies that address the following:

1. An evaluation of workforce housing identifying the mix, cost and availability of housing to support workers.
2. An evaluation of general plan policies/development and zoning practices to increase the availability of workforce housing.
3. The need for and availability of adequate transportation services to provide a means for people to travel between their place of residence and place of work.
4. The availability of rental housing to provide an affordable housing option for those who are unable to purchase a home.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MARICOPA
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS this 26th day of
October 2005.

CHAIR OF THE MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL

ATTEST:

MAG SECRETARY