



GOLDEN URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY

Memorandum

**To: Mayor Baroch and Members of the Golden City Council
Chairperson Stanley and Commissioners of the Golden Urban
Renewal Authority**

From: Mark Heller, Executive Director

Date: 9/9/04

RE: GURA Draft 2005 Work Plan

The attached draft 2005 Work Plan is the third and final stage of the year-long review process undertaken by GURA. The first stage included a painstaking compilation, review, and prioritizing of all projects considered and/or undertaken by GURA from its inception in December 1989. That stage was followed by a public outreach phase during which GURA prepared multi-media presentations of its priorities and sought public input. This phase also included two City-wide open houses and posting of the results to GURA's website.

With the review and input phases completed, GURA drafted this 2005 Work Plan, which describes GURA's plans through next year, project by project over the next five calendar quarters. This is an ambitious work plan, especially for GURA's small staff. The work plan calls for several internships, studies, and public outreach processes designed to assist staff and give feedback to the Commissioners. Much of GURA's work in the latter half of 2005 and beyond will be guided by the results of the studies and feedback prepared and received in the first half of 2005.

The work plan is organized primarily according to the City's Comprehensive Plan, with GURA's specific projects listed under the relevant Comp Plan sections and citations. The narrative within the Work Plan is meant to be brief but descriptive. The estimated project costs are firmer in some cases than in others. For example, internship budgets are reliable for the hours stated, but more hours may be needed for any particular project. Estimates for the major projects such as potential façade/walkway renovations, public purpose grants, Reinvestment Fund, and the Hot Zone/Kiosks are meant as upper limits.