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TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: CHANDLER INFILL INCENTIVE PLAN – 2009 RECEIPT OF A GOVERNOR’S EXCELLENCE AWARD

The purpose of this memo is to inform Mayor and Council that the City of Chandler’s Infill Incentive Plan received an Excellence Award from Governor Jan Brewer, the Arizona Department of Commerce, and the Arizona Association for Economic Development (AAED). The award was in the category of Leadership in Smart Growth, and was announced at the 35th Annual Governor’s Regional and Rural Development Conference in late August.

According to the award release: “The purpose of the Awards Program is to honor partnerships, organizations, associations, service clubs, and companies, which have successfully created and implemented community and economic development strategies for their respective regional/rural/tribal communities in the past year.”

Donald E. Carden, Arizona Department of Commerce Director, said, “These awards highlight best practices, collaboration, and a focus on solutions for Arizona’s regional economies. The tenacity of Arizonans is apparent in each award recognizing successes in our Main Street corridors, innovation in energy efficiency and renewable energy, and advancing infrastructure.”

Economic Development staff would like to acknowledge the Mayor and Council’s vision and support in the development of this program. The program has not only been acclaimed by political and economic leaders, but has been well-received by the development community. It is very likely that two projects that will bring new activity to aging areas of Alma School Road will be brought forward in the next few months. In addition, we continue to believe that as the economy begins to rebound and the credit crunch loosens, the program will be an effective tool in bringing the complete redevelopment of aging commercial centers.

If you have any comments or questions regarding the award, please contact James Smith at 782-3033 or Christine Mackay at 782-3035.