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Dr. G. Kemble Bennett  
Chairman, National Advisory Council  
2025 E Street Northwest  
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Dear Dr. Bennett:

Thank you for your letter of January 12, 2009, conveying the National Advisory Council's (NAC) recommendations regarding the types of services that should be provided in conjunction with post-disaster housing services and that these services be incorporated into transitional housing solutions.

The NAC recommends that FEMA be ready to respond to State requests for wrap around services for temporary housing residents in the following areas, working in collaboration with State and local jurisdictions.

1. Site Security and Safety – public safety, site security, traffic redirection and restoration of access
2. Infrastructure to Support Site – public utilities/public works, public transportation
3. Centralized Services/Mass Care – access to healthcare/medical services, business services, food availability, laundry facilities
4. Community and Family Supports – community services, childcare, playgrounds/pet area

The National Disaster Housing Task Force (NDHTF) will take the NAC's recommendations into consideration. This is consistent with the principles of the National Disaster Housing Strategy – ensuring local governments have a strong voice in selecting and approving interim housing locations that will provide community support services and long-term recovery. As acknowledged in your letter, some of these services are community-driven and FEMA would not provide or fund these services. However, FEMA looks forward to sharing what we have learned in past disasters, and helping communities make informed disaster housing decisions.

We look forward to working with the NAC to identify the appropriate organizations to implement and provide funding for these services. We consider the NAC's input to be critical to our success. If the NAC has specific questions related to the National Disaster Housing Task Force, please contact Jack Schuback at (215) 931-5624.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Garratt".

David Garratt  
Acting Deputy Administrator