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## **AGENDA ITEM 5**

HONORABLE HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSION  
City of Long Beach  
California

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive and File the Presentation of Housing Authority Family Self-Sufficiency Graduates. (Citywide)

### **DISCUSSION**

The goal of the Housing Authority Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program is to enable low-income families to achieve economic independence by addressing the family's need for housing, education, employment and supportive services ultimately relying less on public subsidies. This program collaborates with public and private organizations to supply participants with the tools necessary to develop and execute long-range career plans. Being a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) holder is the only requirement for enrollment in the FSS program.

Upon entry, participants determine the interim goals they'd like to achieve, with full employment being the required final goal. The Section 8 HCV program is income-based and any increase in household income will result in the family paying a higher rent. When the FSS participants' rent portion increases due to higher earnings, the Housing Authority's federally funded rental subsidy, on behalf of the family, will be decreased. This savings in rental subsidy is placed into an escrow account for the participant where it accrues interest. These escrow funds are awarded to the participant after five years of participation if they have met their interim and final goals.

Attached is the list of 45 graduates for the Housing Authority FSS Program for calendar year 2009. The highest escrow paid to a participant was \$33,305. Together they represent over \$268,000 of awarded escrow money.

### **TIMING CONSIDERATIONS**

This matter is not time critical.


### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this suggested action.

**SUGGESTED ACTION:**

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DENNIS J. THYS  
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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**APPROVED:**



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PATRICK H. WEST  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Attachment: 2009 FSS Graduates

**LONG BEACH HOUSING AUTHORITY  
2009 FSS GRADUATES**

**District 1**

Carla Africia  
Wendy Issac  
Kathi Kahler  
Patricia Madden  
Alma Nwobodo  
Jenelle Penick  
Marie Rivera

**District 2**

Desa Adolphus  
Glenera Dennis  
Zorah Flanagan  
Colleen Greenwood  
Angela Johnson  
Ceslie Luster  
Hervey Macias  
Rosa Martinez  
Chaneisha Pryor  
Tammie Terrell  
Jaque Tyler  
Sherry Williams

**District 3**

Barry Lipschitz

**District 4**

Linda Simmons

**District 6**

Stacie Duff  
Andre Goodwin  
Camille Grimes  
Rosetta Harris  
Jamie Holder  
Dena Livesay  
Terri Melvin  
Jacqueline Williams

**District 7**

Yolanda Cerna  
Sherry Hicks

**District 8**

Lataunya Adams  
Irene Benjamin  
Lakiesha Braxton  
Lashinda Johnson  
Sirena Roberson

**District 9**

Lucita Day  
Yvonne Foster  
Denise Grant  
Mary Luevanos  
Gwendolyn Maris  
Tina Mitchell  
Shameca Richardson  
Patricia Robertson  
Jacqueline Simmons