



HOUSING AUTHORITY
of the City of Long Beach

CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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May 26, 2020

HONORABLE HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSION
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Temporarily Suspend Termination of Housing Assistance Payments from March 4, 2020 through July 31, 2020. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION:

On March 17, 2020, the City Council took several actions to mitigate the adverse impacts to the community caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, which included direction to the Housing Authority to temporarily suspend the termination of Housing Assistance Payments. On May 19, 2020, the City Council directed the Housing Authority to extend the application of such suspension.

In furtherance of both the City Council's direction and State and County "Safer at Home" directives, Housing Authority staff recommends suspension of all terminations of Housing Assistance Payments between March 4, 2020 and July 31, 2020, unless such terminations are otherwise specifically required by applicable Federal or State directive.

Such a policy will continue to mitigate the threat of both homelessness for HACLB assistance recipients and of revenue loss to HACLB owners.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard F. Anthony on May 21, 2020.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS:

Action on this item is requested on May 26, 2020, to extend the temporary suspension policy.

EQUITY LENS:

The City has incorporated the Equity Toolkit into this recommendation as requested by the City Council on April 21, 2020. This recommendation will assist Long Beach families impacted by revenue loss due to COVID-19. Implementation of these measures will also assist with economic recovery as the "Safer at Home Order" is lifted.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

No net fiscal impact to the Housing Authority Fund (SR151) is expected.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



KELLY COLOPY
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR