



HOUSING AUTHORITY  
of the City of Long Beach

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July 8, 2014

HONORABLE HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSION  
City of Long Beach  
California

## RECOMMENDATION:

Conduct a public hearing to review the proposed Five-Year Housing Plan (2015 – 2019) and the Annual Plan (2015 - 2016), receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the hearing, adopt a Resolution to certify the new Five-Year Housing Plan and the Annual Plan, and authorize the Deputy Executive Director to transmit them to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). (Citywide)

## DISCUSSION

This hearing is to review and adopt a new Five-Year Housing Plan and an Annual Housing Plan, as required by Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998.

In 1998, Congress enacted legislation known as the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act, requiring each Housing Authority to complete a Five-Year Housing Plan and an Annual Plan (collectively, Plans), and to update and submit them to HUD prior to the beginning of the Housing Authority's fiscal year. The Housing Authority initially approved its first Plans in June 2000 and subsequently submitted them to HUD.

This Five-Year Housing Plan (2015 – 2019) describes the mission of the Housing Authority and its long-term goals and objectives for the subsequent five years, which is reviewed and updated annually. The Annual Plan (2015 – 2016) provides details about the Housing Authority's immediate operations, program participants, programs, and services and is updated on an annual basis. The Annual Plan also addresses the Housing Authority's strategy for handling operational concerns, programs, and services for the upcoming fiscal year, as well as residents' concerns and needs (Exhibit A). Staff is not recommending any major changes to the administration of the affordable housing programs at this time. We will continue to review requests for Project Based Voucher usage for housing the Special Needs populations as identified in the City's Consolidated Plan and Housing Element. As proposed in the Five-Year Plan, we will also revise and update the Administrative Plan to concur with all HUD Housing Federal Regulations.

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HUD regulations require that a Resident Advisory Board (RAB) be established to provide input regarding the creation and amendment of these Plans. This year, that requirement was met by inviting a number of Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) participants to take part in the RAB. The forum was held on the afternoon of June 3, 2014. The RAB consisted of tenants of all ages from different ethnicities and backgrounds and reflected the Housing Authority's diverse clientele. The group was able to provide thoughtful feedback on the Section 8 HCV Program (Exhibit B). Their recommendations and insights have been considered and addressed in the Plans prepared by staff. The draft Plans have been available for review by the public at the Housing Authority's Office (521 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street) and were also posted on the website, [www.HACLB.org](http://www.HACLB.org).

The attached Resolution updates and accompanies the Five-Year Housing Plan (2015 – 2019) and the Annual Plan (2015 – 2016) for submission to HUD.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard Anthony on June 23, 2014 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on June 20, 2014.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Housing Authority Commission action is requested on July 8, 2014, as the Plans must be submitted to HUD no later than July 16, 2014, seventy-five days prior to the beginning of the City's fiscal year.

FISCAL IMPACT


There is no fiscal or local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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KELLY COLOPY  
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

APPROVED:  
  
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PATRICK H. WEST  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Attachments: Exhibit A – 5-Year Plan and Annual Plan  
Exhibit B – RAB Meeting Minutes  
Resolution

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RESOLUTION NO. H.A. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA,  
APPROVING A FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS  
2015-2019 AND AN ANNUAL PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR  
2015

WHEREAS, the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act (QHWRA),  
passed by the U.S. Congress and signed into law by the President in October of 1998  
requires local housing authorities to annually prepare and submit to the U.S. Department  
of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") an Annual Plan and a Five-Year Plan every  
fifth year; and

WHEREAS, prior to the submittal of said Plans, the Housing Authority of the  
City of Long Beach, California, is to hold a public hearing, review and approve said Plans;  
and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the City of Long Beach, California,  
has held the required public hearing and conducted the necessary review of the Housing  
Authority's Five-Year and Annual Plans;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Housing Authority of the City of Long Beach,  
California, resolves as follows:

Section 1. The Five-Year and Annual Plans of the Housing Authority of  
the City of Long Beach, California, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and  
incorporated herein by reference, are hereby approved and adopted.

Section 2. The Clerk will certify to the passage of this resolution by the  
Housing Authority of the City of Long Beach, California, and it will immediately take  
effect.

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I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Housing Authority of the City of Long Beach, California, at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by the following vote of the qualified members of the Authority:

Ayes: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_

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Noes: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_

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Absent: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

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CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Housing Authority of the City of Long Beach, California, do certify:

1. That the attached resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution as finally adopted by a duly called meeting of the Housing Authority of the City of Long Beach, California held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2014 and duly recorded in the official records of the Governing Body; that the resolution has not been amended, modified, or rescinded, and is now in full force and effect;

2. That the meeting was duly convened and held in all respects in accordance with law; that to the extent required by law, due and proper notice of the meeting was given; that a legal quorum was present throughout the meeting and that a legally sufficient number of members of the Housing Authority of the City of Long Beach, California voted in the proper manner for adoption of the resolution; that all other requirements and proceedings under the law incident to the proper adoption or passage of the resolution, including publication, if required, have been duly fulfilled, carried out, and otherwise observed; that I am authorized to execute this Certificate; and that the seal affixed below constitutes the official seal of the Housing Authority of the City of Long Beach, California and this Certificate is executed under that official seal.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand on \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

(Signature)  
**LARRY HERRERA**  
CITY CLERK

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# EXHIBIT

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<b>PHA 5-Year and Annual Plan</b>	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing	OMB No. 2577-0226 Expires 8/30/2011
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1.0	<b>PHA Information</b> PHA Name: <u>Housing Authority of the City of Long Beach (HACLB)</u> PHA Code: <u>CA068</u> PHA Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Small <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High Performing <input type="checkbox"/> Standard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HCV (Section 8) PHA Fiscal Year Beginning: (MM/YYYY): <u>10/2014</u>																										
2.0	<b>Inventory (based on ACC units at time of FY beginning in 1.0 above)</b> Number of PH units: _____ Number of HCV units: <u>6,746</u>																										
3.0	<b>Submission Type</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5-Year and Annual Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Plan Only <input type="checkbox"/> 5-Year Plan Only																										
4.0	<b>PHA Consortia</b> <u>N/A</u> <input type="checkbox"/> PHA Consortia: (Check box if submitting a joint Plan and complete table below.)																										
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5.0	<b>5-Year Plan. Complete items 5.1 and 5.2 only at 5-Year Plan update.</b>																										
5.1	<b>Mission.</b> State the PHA's Mission for serving the needs of low-income, very low-income, and extremely low income families in the PHA's jurisdiction for the next five years: The mission of HACLB is to provide high quality housing assistance to Long Beach's low-income households through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effectively and efficiently utilizing resources;</li> <li>• Promoting a positive image through excellent customer services and clear and open communication; and,</li> <li>• Continually educating staff and clients.</li> </ul>																										
5.2	<b>Goals and Objectives.</b> Identify the PHA's quantifiable goals and objectives that will enable the PHA to serve the needs of low-income and very low-income, and extremely low-income families for the next five years. Include a report on the progress the PHA has made in meeting the goals and objectives described in the previous 5-Year Plan.  Within the scope of HACLB's mission, specific goals have been established: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HACLB will continue to improve management to better service customers;</li> <li>• HACLB will continue to reach out to additional property owners;</li> <li>• HACLB will continue to promote self-sufficiency and asset development of assisted households;</li> <li>• HACLB will continue to educate staff on changing regulations that pertain to policies and procedures that affect a family's eligibility and assistance;</li> <li>• HACLB will investigate any additional, available, and affordable rental subsidy programs that could address local housing needs;</li> <li>• Maintain a leasing rate that maximizes available funding for the HCV Program in order to maximize funding and assist as many families as possible; and,</li> <li>• HACLB will strive to use 98% to 100% of available funding for all other programs.</li> </ul> <p><i>**Please see Section 10 on page 3 for the progress HACLB has made in meeting the goals and objectives described in the previous 5-Year Plan.</i></p>																										
6.0	<b>PHA Plan Update</b> (a) Identify all PHA Plan elements that have been revised by the PHA since its last Annual Plan submission: <u>N/A</u> (b) Identify the specific location(s) where the public may obtain copies of the 5-Year and Annual PHA Plan. For a complete list of PHA Plan elements, see Section 6.0 of the instructions. HACLB's plan can be obtained from HACLB's office at 521 E. 4 <sup>th</sup> Street, Long Beach, CA 90802 and also at HACLB's website at <a href="http://www.HACLB.org">www.HACLB.org</a> .																										
7.0	<b>Hope VI, Mixed Finance Modernization or Development, Demolition and/or Disposition, Conversion of Public Housing, Homeownership Programs, and Project-based Vouchers.</b> <i>Include statements related to these programs as applicable.</i> HACLB will continue to explore and pursue the HCV Homeownership option and currently there are 3 homeowners on the Program. In addition, HACLB will continue to provide opportunities for financial literacy classes with the hope that more participants may qualify for the HCV Homeownership Program in the future. As stated in Section 6.0, HACLB continues to explore the use of project-based vouchers for the purpose of addressing various housing needs within the City of Long Beach.																										

8.0	<p><b>Capital Improvements.</b> Please complete Parts 8.1 through 8.3, as applicable. N/A</p>
8.1	<p><b>Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report.</b> As part of the PHA 5-Year and Annual Plan, annually complete and submit the <i>Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report</i>, form HUD-50075.1, for each current and open CFP grant and CFFP financing. N/A</p>
8.2	<p><b>Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan.</b> As part of the submission of the Annual Plan, PHAs must complete and submit the <i>Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan</i>, form HUD-50075.2, and subsequent annual updates (on a rolling basis, e.g., drop current year, and add latest year for a five year period). Large capital items must be included in the Five-Year Action Plan. N/A</p>
8.3	<p><b>Capital Fund Financing Program (CFFP).</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Check if the PHA proposes to use any portion of its Capital Fund Program (CFP)/Replacement Housing Factor (RHF) to repay debt incurred to finance capital improvements. N/A</p>
9.0	<p><b>Housing Needs.</b> Based on information provided by the applicable Consolidated Plan, information provided by HUD, and other generally available data, make a reasonable effort to identify the housing needs of the low-income, very low-income, and extremely low-income families who reside in the jurisdiction served by the PHA, including elderly families, families with disabilities, and households of various races and ethnic groups, and other families who are on the public housing and Section 8 tenant-based assistance waiting lists. The identification of housing needs must address issues of affordability, supply, quality, accessibility, size of units, and location.</p> <p>The Census documented a total of 176,032 housing units in Long Beach in 2010. As stated in the Long Beach Consolidated Plan for FY2013-2017, Long Beach's housing stock is comprised primarily of multi-family housing units (51%), while single-family homes made up 48% of total housing units in the City. The approximate breakdown of unit type is as follows: 40% detached single family homes, 53% multi-family units, including duplexes / triplexes / fourplexes, 6% single family attached units such as town homes and condominiums, and 1% mobile home units. During 1980, 1990 and 2000, the Census documented that 41% of Long Beach households were homeowners while 59% of residents were renters. In 2010, the Census found that 42% of the City's residents were homeowners and 58% were renters. According to the Consolidated Plan, the City has maintained a consistent level of homeownership, but the homeownership rate is still relatively low in comparison to Los Angeles County (48%) and the State (56%). However, it is particularly low among African American and Hispanic residents. The 2010 Census documents the following homeownership rates by race/ethnicity in Long Beach: 25% of African American households, 32% of Hispanic households, 41% of Asian households, and 56% of white households were homeowners in 2010.</p> <p>Long Beach is considered one of the most ethnically diverse major cities in the United States. As of 2010, the racial and ethnic composition of Long Beach is as follows: white, (29%), Hispanic (41%), African American (13%), Asian (13%), and other (4%). While Long Beach as a whole is an ethnically diverse community, patterns of ethnic concentration are present within particular areas. Concentrations of Hispanic residents are evident in numerous Long beach neighborhoods, including the majority of Central Long Beach, Downtown, and North Long Beach. The majority of neighborhoods with a concentration of Hispanic residents also exhibit concentrations of African American residents. African American households were disproportionately represented among extremely low-income households in comparison to 29% of all households in the City. Low-income households represented 24.6% of households citywide, yet comprised 29% of Hispanic households. African American and Hispanic minority groups were under represented among middle and upper income households, in contrast to White and Asian households who were over-represented in the highest income category.</p> <p>As stated on the City of Long Beach website, the current population in Long Beach is 465,000. Renter-households comprised 84% of all extremely low-income households in Long Beach between 2005 and 2007, with owners comprising the remaining 16%. Overall, 86% of extremely low-income households experienced housing problems, compared to 62% of all Long Beach households. In general, extremely low-income households had a disproportionate unmet need for affordable housing, especially rental housing, due to their limited incomes and the rising costs of housing. Low-income households also experienced a disproportionate unmet need for affordable housing. Renter-households comprised 76% of all low-income households, compared to owners who comprised 24%.</p> <p>Income is a key determinate of how much a household can afford to spend on housing. In Long Beach, a growing concern is the increasing gap between income and housing affordability. According to the 2006-2010 American Community Survey (ACS), households in Long Beach earned a median household income of \$31,173, below the \$55,476 median income for Los Angeles County. One-fourth of Long Beach households earned less than \$25,000. Many of the workers who make up the diverse fabric of Long Beach earn very limited incomes, and are faced with overcrowding or overpaying for housing to live in the community.</p> <p>HACLB's HCV Waiting List was last opened in May 2003. Currently, there are 2,797 eligible families listed. At this time, it is not known when HACLB may reopen the waiting list. However, when it is reopened, we plan to use an electronic format, which will make the process more efficient and easier for families to apply.</p>



9.1	<p><b>Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs.</b> Provide a brief description of the PHA's strategy for addressing the housing needs of families in the jurisdiction and on the waiting list in the upcoming year. Note: Small, Section 8 only, and High Performing PHAs complete only for Annual Plan submission with the 5-Year Plan.</p> <p>HACLB intends to continue addressing the needs of the Long Beach community utilizing the following strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximize the number of affordable units available by establishing payment standards that will enable families to rent in as broad a market area as possible. However, this must be balanced by controlling costs so as to serve the maximum number of families;</li> <li>• Utilize HUD's Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Program to provide housing assistance to more homeless veterans;</li> <li>• Utilize project-based vouchers as an alternative method of rental assistance in the City of Long Beach;</li> <li>• Employ various means of communication to market the program to owners / landlords;</li> <li>• Educate elected officials and property owners / landlords as to the value of the program and entice each to become more involved;</li> <li>• Within means available, provide counseling to the extremely low-income applicants who have a difficult time finding affordable housing, even with their voucher;</li> <li>• In an attempt to address the needs of certain segments of the local population, HACLB has implemented the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Adopted a preference for veterans and veterans' family members;</li> <li>B. Adopted a preference for families unable to work because of age or disability;</li> <li>C. Adopted a preference for those who live or work in the City of Long Beach; and,</li> <li>D. HACLB sets aside 25 vouchers per year that are targeted specifically for families who are homeless. An additional 5 vouchers are designated for families that are homeless due to acts of domestic violence.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• HACLB will continue to explore and pursue the HCV Homeownership option, keeping in mind the very high cost of ownership, and the very limited incomes of our participants; and,</li> <li>• HACLB hopes to maintain a leasing rate of between 96% and 98% for it's HCV Program based on current funding levels. If additional funding is available, we will pursue 100% lease up.</li> </ul>
10.0	<p><b>Additional Information.</b> Describe the following, as well as any additional information HUD has requested.</p> <p>(a) <b>Progress in Meeting Mission and Goals.</b> Provide a brief statement of the PHA's progress in meeting the mission and goals described in the 5-Year Plan.</p> <p>HACLB maintained an average leasing rate of 97% in FY13, as well as, the designation of "High Performer" under HUD's Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) certification. HACLB continues to assist homeless veterans with the VASH Program, in addition to the families assisted by the HCV Program. To increase customer satisfaction, improve HACLB's image in the community, and improve management functions, HACLB has implemented and continues to use the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ways to prevent common fill items are incorporated on the HACLB website in order to assist both owners and tenants with their inspections;</li> <li>• Tablet PCs for the Inspections Unit in order to allow for a faster and more efficient inspections process;</li> <li>• Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) Program to assist in the verification of income for HCV Program participants and to reduce fraud;</li> <li>• HACLB continues to utilize on-line services such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. E-mail notification of Housing Assistance Payments (HAP);</li> <li>B. Property owners / landlords can add or delete their property information for the listings at any time, via HACLB's website at <a href="http://www.HACLB.org">www.HACLB.org</a>;</li> <li>C. Owners / landlords, tenants and applicants may e-mail their questions and receive written responses;</li> <li>D. Applicants can check their waiting list status and submit a request to update their applicant information;</li> <li>E. Newsletters for owners / landlords and tenants that provide timely information; and,</li> <li>F. HACLB's website, which provides important dates and lists successes of HACLB's programs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• HACLB employs various means of communication, such as trade shows, on-line newsletters, Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) graduations and owner orientation meetings to market the program to owners / landlords and to educate and obtain participation of elected officials;</li> <li>• HACLB through its FSS Unit will continue to offer financial literacy classes;</li> <li>• HACLB partners with the City's Workforce Development Division for job training, and with non-profits such as Operation Hope and the Long Beach Community Action Partnership for the purpose of offering additional financial literacy classes, credit counseling, pre and post-purchase homeownership counseling and an Individual Development Account (IDA) Program to FSS participants; and,</li> </ul> <p>HACLB currently has 3 homeowners on its HCV Homeownership Program.</p> <p>(b) <b>Significant Amendment and Substantial Deviation/Modification.</b> Provide the PHA's definition of "significant amendment" and "substantial deviation/modification"</p> <p>HACLB does not have a "Significant Amendment" and/or a "Substantial Deviation/Modification" in regards the 5-Yr / 1-Yr Plan for 2015-2019.</p> <p>HACLB's definition of a "Significant Amendment and Substantial Deviation/Modification" is anything that may require a revision of the Administrative Plan and, considerably changes HACLB's operations.</p>

11.0	<p><b>Required Submission for HUD Field Office Review.</b> In addition to the PHA Plan template (HUD-50075), PHAs must submit the following documents. Items (a) through (g) may be submitted with signature by mail or electronically with scanned signatures, but electronic submission is encouraged. Items (h) through (i) must be attached electronically with the PHA Plan. Note: Faxed copies of these documents will not be accepted by the Field Office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Form HUD-50077, <i>PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations</i> (which includes all certifications relating to Civil Rights)</li> <li>(b) Form HUD-50070, <i>Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace</i> (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)</li> <li>(c) Form HUD-50071, <i>Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions</i> (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)</li> <li>(d) Form SF-LLL, <i>Disclosure of Lobbying Activities</i> (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)</li> <li>(e) Form SF-LLL-A, <i>Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Continuation Sheet</i> (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)</li> <li>(f) Resident Advisory Board (RAB) comments. Comments received from the RAB must be submitted by the PHA as an attachment to the PHA Plan. PHAs must also include a narrative describing their analysis of the recommendations and the decisions made on these recommendations.</li> <li>(g) Challenged Elements</li> <li>(h) Form HUD-50075.1, <i>Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report</i> (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)</li> <li>(i) Form HUD-50075.2, <i>Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan</i> (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)</li> </ul>
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## **Attachment #1**

### **Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)**

HACLB complies with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and recognizes that an incident or incidents of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking will not be construed as serious or repeated violations of the lease or other "good cause" for termination of the assistance, tenancy, or occupancy rights of a victim of abuse. In addition, criminal activity directly relating to abuse, engaged in by a member of a tenant's household or any guest or other person under the tenant's control, shall not be cause for termination of assistance, tenancy or occupancy rights, if the tenant or immediate family member of the tenant's family is the victim or threatened victim of that abuse. HACLB's activities, goals, and objectives with regards to VAWA are as follows:

- HACLB sets aside five vouchers per year for applicants of the HCV Program who are victims of domestic violence.
- HACLB provides priority moves/ports for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking.
- HACLB will provide individual briefing sessions for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking.
- HACLB will continue to educate staff on VAWA requirements.
- HACLB will continue to take steps to ensure that families participating on the HCV Program are aware of the protections and rights offered under VAWA.
- HACLB will continue to take steps to ensure that property owners participating on the HCV Program are aware of their responsibilities and the requirements related to VAWA, as stated in their Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) contract.

**Attachment #2**

**Significant Amendment and Substantial Deviation/Modification with regards to  
HACLB's 5-Yr /1-Yr Plan for 2015-2019**

HACLB does not have a "Significant Amendment" and/or a "Substantial Deviation/Modification" in regards the 5-Yr / 1-Yr Plan for 2015-2019.

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## **Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Agenda**

Housing Authority of the City of Long Beach

521 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Long Beach, CA 90802

Tuesday, June 04, 2014

5:00 – 6:30 PM

- I. Food and Refreshments
- II. Welcome & Introduction to Housing Authority Staff
- III. Purpose of the Resident Advisory Board (RAB)
- IV. Need for Subsidized Housing in Long Beach
- V. Strategy for Addressing Needs/Housing Authority Programs
  - a. Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher
  - b. Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS/HIV (HOPWA)
  - c. Shelter Plus Care
  - d. VASH (Veterans Initiative)
  - e. Project Based Vouchers
  - f. Family Self Sufficiency (FSS)
  - g. Homeownership
  - h. Homeless Assistance
- VI. Waiting List
- VII. Payment Standards & Subsidy/Occupancy Standards
- VIII. New Initiatives
- IX. Overview of Five-Year and One-Year Plans
- X. Comments & Questions
- XI. Approval of Proposed Plan

Housing Authority of the City of Long Beach  
Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting  
June 3, 2014

- Meeting began at 5:22 P.M.

**Attendees:**

Donald Marks  
Maria Tanzer  
Katherine Garza  
Anton Pearson  
Alma Whitehurst  
Christy Alvarez  
Francisco Hernandez

**Staff:**

Darnisa Tyler, Deputy Executive Director  
Elise Smith, Administrative Analyst  
Joi Dailey, Occupancy Coordinator  
Alison King, Housing Assistance Officer  
Laurie Sharp, Bureau Secretary

- Welcome by Deputy Executive Director
- Introduction of Staff
- PowerPoint Presentation

Questions were raised and discussions ensued regarding the items listed below:

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**EXHIBIT**  
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- Meeting began at 5:22 P.M.

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**Staff:**

Darnisa Tyler, Deputy Executive Director  
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