

CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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July 29, 2020

HONORABLE HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSION City of Long Beach California

RECOMMENDATION:

Temporarily Suspend Termination of Housing Assistance Payments from March 4, 2020 through September 30, 2020.

DISCUSSION

On March 17, 2020 the Long Beach 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.

In furtherance of both the 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 September 30, 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.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS:

Action on this item is requested on July 29, 2020 in order to extend the temporary suspension policy.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

APPROVED:

DIRECTOR