



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to conduct public hearing to review the proposed Five-Year Housing Plan (2019-2024) and the Annual Plan (2020) (Plans), receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the hearing; adopt resolution to certify the new Plans; and, authorize Deputy Executive Director to transmit the Plans to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). (Citywide)

This hearing is to review and adopt a new Five-Year 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 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 (2019-2024) 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 (2020) provides details about the Housing Authority's immediate operations, programs, and services, and is updated on an annual basis. The Annual Plan also addresses the Housing Authority's strategy for handling operational concerns, as well as residents' concerns and needs.

The Housing Authority will continue to review new requests for project-based voucher usage for housing special needs populations, as identified in the City's Consolidated Plan and Housing Element, as funding allows. As proposed in the Five-Year Plan, the Housing Authority will also revise and update the Administrative Plan to concur with all HUD Housing Federal Regulations.

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 Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) participants to take part in the RAB. The forum was held on April 17, 2019, and the RAB consisted of participants 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, and 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 on the Housing Authority's website, www.haclb.org, at all Long Beach Public Libraries and at the Housing Authority, located at 521 E. 4th Street, LB, CA 90802.

The attached Resolution updates and accompanies the Five-Year Housing Plan (2019-2024) and the Annual Plan (2020) for submission to HUD.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Taylor M. Anderson on June 26, 2019 and by Revenue Management Officer Geraldine Alejo on June 27, 2019.

Housing Authority Commission action is requested on July 16, 2019, as the Plans must be submitted to HUD no later than seventy-five days prior to the beginning of the Housing Authority's fiscal year.

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

Approve recommendation.

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH,
CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2019-2024 AND AN
ANNUAL PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

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