

DATE: MARCH 27, 2006
TO: PASADENA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
FROM: CYNTHIA J. KURTZ, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING: APPROVAL AND SUBMITTAL OF THE PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY ANNUAL PLAN (2006-2007) TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Pasadena Community Development Commission ("Commission"), after a public hearing, approve the Public Housing Agency Annual Plan (2006-2007) and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute any and all documents regarding its submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

ADVISORY BODIES

The Public Housing Agency Annual Plan (2006-2007) (the "PHA Plan") was submitted to the Resident Advisory Board (RAB) on February 8, 2006, Housing Sub-Committee on March 1, 2006, and the Community Development Committee (CDC) on March 23, 2006. Upon review the advisory bodies concurred with recommending the Commission approve the PHA Plan and its submission to HUD.

BACKGROUND

Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act

In 1998, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) enacted the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act that called for the creation of a public housing agency annual plan (PHA Plan). The Commission's 2006 PHA Plan, which follows the format prescribed by HUD, provides details about the program's operations, program participants, programs and services for the upcoming fiscal year and represents an update of the previous Plans.

Rental Assistance Program

The City of Pasadena Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Programs, principally the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, and Supportive Housing Program provide 1,465 units/beds of affordable housing to very low and low-income households. This represents assistance for approximately three percent of the households residing within the City of Pasadena. For the fiscal year of 2006-2007, the total appropriation for the rental assistance programs will be \$12.6 million, of which \$9.9 million will be appropriated for the Section 8 HCV Program.

PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY PLANS

The PHA Plan establishes mechanisms for addressing the housing needs of low-income households in the City of Pasadena. In particular, the "Statement of Housing Needs" (page 6 of the PHA Plan) summarizes the number of low income families at a prescribed income level within the City of Pasadena. It is not an exact number of families in need of housing. This formula is utilized by HUD as a representative sampling of potential housing needs and is based upon the U.S. Census Bureau 2000 data. The PHA Plan also provides a framework for the various rental assistance programs to implement effective, coordinated, neighborhood and community development strategies. HUD prescribes the format for submission of the plan, attachments and related documents.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC REVIEW

The PHA Plan has been developed in response to a broad range of public input from local residents, property owners, businesses, and organizations with interest in housing and community development issues. Draft copies of the PHA Plan were made available to the general public at all public libraries and five community centers (Jackie Robinson Center, Pasadena Senior Center, Villa-Parke Community Neighborhood Center, Victory Park Center, and El Centro de Accion Social) for a 45-day public review and comment period. Public notices were placed in the Pasadena Star News, Pasadena Journal News and La Opinion from January 24, 2006, through January 26, 2006. The PHA Plan was submitted to the RAB, Housing Sub-Committee for review and to the Community Development Committee for its recommendation to the Commission.

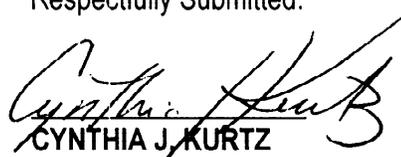
CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY IMPACT

The City's Rental Assistance Programs provides 1,465 beds/units of subsidized affordable housing to very low and low-income individuals/families. Of this number, 709 are families with children and youth. The approval of the PHA Plan establishes HUD mandated policies and procedures for these households to access available federal resources. It sets forth the mechanism and initiatives to provide affordable, decent, safe and sanitary housing that will enable seniors, disabled, children, youth, and families to live comfortably in a stable environment and receive appropriate supportive services.

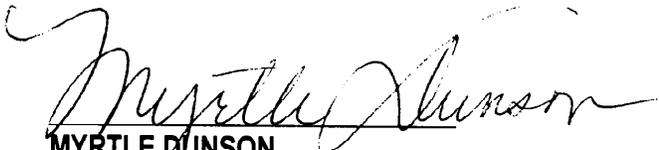
FISCAL IMPACT

Submission of the PHA Plan to HUD will ensure compliance with HUD-stipulated regulations for the City's receipt of federal funds in excess of \$12.6 million for local rental assistance programs. The City's Rental Assistance Programs provide an average \$629.00 in financial subsidy per month toward the rental of dwelling units by approximately 1,465 very low and low-income households.

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