

**DATE:** MARCH 2, 2009

**TO:** PASADENA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

**FROM:** MICHAEL J. BECK, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**SUBJECT:** PUBLIC HEARING: APPROVAL AND SUBMITTAL OF THE PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY FIVE YEAR PLAN (2009-2013) AND ANNUAL PLAN (2009) 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 Five Year Plan (2009-2013) and Annual Plan (2009) 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 BODY RECOMMENDATION**

The Public Housing Agency Five Year Plan (2009-2013) and Annual Plan (2009) (collectively, the “PHA Plan”) was submitted to the Resident Advisory Board (RAB) on January 5, 2009, Housing Sub-Committee on January 7, 2009, and the Community Development Committee (CDC) on January 22, 2009. Upon review all advisory bodies concurred with recommending the Commission approve the PHA Plan and its submission to HUD.

The CDC’s action included a recommendation that future drafts of the 5 year plan take into consideration the link between mass transit and affordability so that residents in public housing can avail themselves to transit programs and thereby improve the quality of their lifestyle.

**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 purpose of the Plan is to provide for more flexible use of Federal assistance to public housing agencies (PHAs); facilitate mixed income communities; decrease concentrations of poverty; increase accountability and reward effective management of PHAs; create incentives and economic opportunities for residents assisted.

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The Commission's PHA Five-Year Plans were submitted and approved in 2000 and 2005; and its PHA Annual Plans were submitted and approved beginning 1999 to present.

### **Rental Assistance Programs**

The Rental Assistance Programs administered by the City's Housing Department, principally the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program and the Supportive Housing Program provide affordable housing to approximately 1,465 very low and low-income households. This represents assistance for approximately three percent of the households residing within the City of Pasadena. For the current fiscal year (2009), the total federal appropriation for the rental assistance programs is \$12.7 million, including \$11.6 million appropriated for the Section 8 HCV Program and \$1.1 million for the Supportive Housing Programs.

### **PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY FIVE YEAR PLAN AND ANNUAL PLAN**

The Commission's 2009 PHA Plan provides details about the agency's rental assistance program operations, program participants, programs and services and its strategy for handling operational concerns, program participant concerns, and needs for the upcoming fiscal year. Moreover, the PHA Plan establishes mechanisms for addressing the housing needs of the City of Pasadena. It provides a framework for the agency's rental assistance programs to be utilized as a part of effective, coordinated neighborhood and community development strategies. The PHA Plan was developed through a public process which solicited input from local residents, property owners, businesses, and organizations with an interest in housing and community development issues. Through the years the public input has consistently informed the Commission that its PHA Plan should support, as the agency's main focus, the provision of adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment free from discrimination.

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 forty-five day public review and comment period. Public notices were placed in the Pasadena Star News, Pasadena Journal News and La Opinion from January 1, 2009, through January 9, 2009. The PHA Plan was also submitted to the RAB, and the Housing Sub-Committee for review and comment.

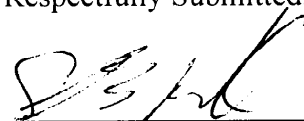
### **CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY IMPACT**

The City's Rental Assistance Programs provides subsidized affordable housing units/beds to 1,465 very low and low-income individuals and families. Of this number, 552 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.

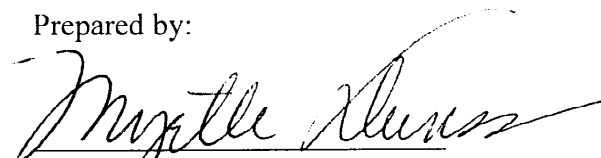
**FISCAL IMPACT**

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 \$12.7 million to administer and provide rental subsidies. The City's Rental Assistance Programs provide an average \$672 in financial subsidy per month toward the rental of dwelling units by approximately 1,465 very low and low-income households.


Respectfully Submitted,

  
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