

# Agenda Report

MARCH 22, 2010

**TO: PASADENA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**FROM: HOUSING DEPARTMENT**

**SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING: APPROVAL AND SUBMITTAL OF THE PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY ANNUAL PLAN (2010) 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 (2010) 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 COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**

On March 11, 2010, the Community Development Committee recommended that the Commission approve the Public Housing Agency ("PHA") Plan and its submission to HUD.

## **BACKGROUND**

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 (2010), the City's total federal appropriation for the rental assistance programs is \$11.9 million, including \$10.8 million appropriated for the Section 8 HCV Program and \$1.1 million for the Supportive Housing Programs. The creation of the PHA Plan provides additional information regarding the effective management of the rental assistance programs.

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. The purpose of the PHA Plan is to provide for more flexible use of Federal assistance to public housing agencies; facilitate mixed income communities; decrease concentrations of poverty; increase accountability and reward effective management; and create incentives and economic opportunities for residents assisted. The Commission's PHA Plans were submitted and approved annually beginning in 1999 to present. In addition, PHA Five-Year Plans were submitted and approved in 2000, 2005 and 2009.

The Public Housing Agency Annual Plan (2010), "PHA Plan" was submitted to the Resident Advisory Board (RAB) on January 27, 2010, Northwest Commission on February 11, 2010, and Housing Sub-Committee on March 3, 2010. All of these advisory bodies reviewed and concurred with the recommendation that the PHA Plan be approved.

### **2010 PHA PLAN**

The Commission's 2010 PHA Plan provides details about the agency's rental assistance program operations, program participants, programs and services and strategy for handling operational concerns, program participant concerns, and needs for the upcoming fiscal year. Through the years 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 19, 2010, through January 26, 2010. No public comments have been received.

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

The Commission's Rental Assistance Programs provide subsidized affordable housing units/beds to 1,465 very low and low-income individuals and families. Of this number, 711 are 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.

**COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION**

By assisting families and individuals with obtaining housing, the PHA Plan supports the City Council's Strategic Plan goal of supporting quality of life.

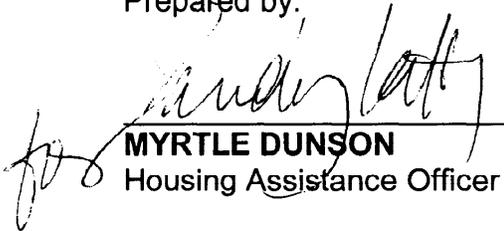
**FISCAL IMPACT**

Submission of the PHA Plan to HUD will ensure compliance with HUD-stipulated regulations for the Commission's receipt of federal funds in excess of \$11.9 million to administer and provide rental subsidies. The Commission's Rental Assistance Programs provide an average \$688 in financial subsidy per month toward the rental of dwelling units by approximately 1,465 very low and low-income households.

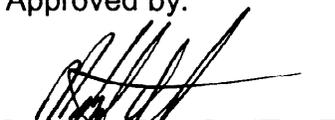
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