



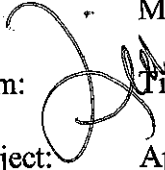
Berkeley Housing Authority

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Item 6B
NEW BUSINESS
June 10, 2010

To: Honorable Chairperson and
Members of the Berkeley Housing Authority

From:  Tia Ingram, Executive Director

Subject: Approve a resolution establishing a LIPH Relocation Advisory Committee, with up to seven members, approving a selection process, and authorizing the LIPH Feasibility Committee to appoint one member each from the legal community, the housing community, the City of Berkeley, and the faith community and three members that are current public housing residents.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve a resolution establishing a seven member LIPH Relocation Advisory Committee, and a selection process, and authorizing the LIPH Feasibility Committee to appoint one member each from the legal community, the housing community, the City of Berkeley, and the faith community and three members that are current public housing residents.

BACKGROUND

On April 23, 2010, BHA facilitated a comprehensive discussion during the LIPH Disposition Workshop regarding the Relocation Advisory Committee. A long-standing commitment of the Board has been transparency, resident engagement, and community involvement. To that end, a decision was made to appoint an advisory committee of various stakeholders who could, armed with detailed information and facts, share valuable input/comments on the project, including the processes used to ensure the goals and outcomes and principles for process adopted by the Board are met.

STATUS

We are recommending that the LIPH Feasibility Committee be authorized to act on behalf of the Board in seating and working with the Advisory Committee within the constraints listed below:

1. The committee consist of up to seven members.
2. A dual system of pre-determined appointments and invitations for membership. We are recommending the following appointments, subject to their acceptance:
 - a. Michael Mc Bride, as the representative from the Faith Committee;
 - b. Lisa Grief, Bay Area Legal Aid serve as the representative from the legal community;

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- c. Jane Micallef, City of Berkeley Housing Director appoint someone from her staff as the City Representative;
- d. Janney Castillo as the representative from the housing community.

We recommend extending a written invitation to every current resident in any of the 75 units encouraging their constructive participation for the remaining three seats. We suggest seeking representation from families with the following characteristics:

- (1) A family at Flat Rent. This would provide the perspective of the families with higher incomes, and those who may not be eligible for admission to the Section 8 program;
- (2) A family with a positive rent amount. This would provide the perspective of the typical family that is housed in an appropriately sized unit with earned income or stable benefits and would likely be eligible to remain in tenancy; and
- (3) A family that is over-housed. This would provide the perspective of a family that may not qualify for re-housing post disposition, and may be required to move to a private market unit with Section 8 rental assistance.

If more than one family responds within the categories listed above, we recommend that the LIPH feasibility committee, with the appointed Advisory Committee members, evaluate the requests and appoint members to who best represent the range of residents, and can work with the committee to achieve the desired goals.

We recognize the limits of this recommendation, but believe it is a fair and reasonable way to achieve the goal of educating and obtaining input from the stakeholders, and realizing a better project, because it will incorporate constructive feedback from those on the committee with an interest in achieving the greater good of the project.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None. No stipends are envisioned for participation on this Advisory Committee

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Attachment: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 10-_____

ESTABLISHING A LIPH REPOSITIONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WITH UP TO SEVEN MEMBERS, APPROVING A SELECTION PROCESS, AND AUTHORIZING THE LIPH FEASIBILITY COMMITTEE TO APPOINT ONE MEMBER EACH FROM THE LEGAL COMMUNITY, THE HOUSING COMMUNITY, THE CITY OF BERKELEY, THE FAITH COMMUNITY, AND THREE MEMBERS THAT ARE CURRENT PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Housing Authority is engaged in a project to end its participation in the Low Income Public Housing Program and Rental Housing Construction Program ("Repositioning"); and

WHEREAS, Berkeley Housing Authority is committed to providing maximum protections to existing residents and has adopted a set of "Goals and Outcomes" and "Principles for Process"; and

WHEREAS, the Board has requested that an Advisory Committee be established to provide input, perspective and constructive feedback on the project to staff and the consultants; and

WHEREAS, the LIPH Feasibility Committee, a committee of the Board, has been established and charged to work with staff and the consultants on the project; and

WHEREAS, careful consideration has been given as to how to constitute the Advisory Committee, including identification of a clear and objective process for inviting representation from our stakeholders and evaluating interest in serving.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Housing Authority Board establishes a LIPH Repositioning Advisory Committee of up to seven members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the LIPH Feasibility Committee is authorized to appoint up to seven members in accordance with the criteria established in the attached report.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of the Berkeley Housing Authority on June 10, 2010 by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Attest: _____
Tia M. Ingram, Secretary