

Berkeley Housing Authority

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Item 6C

NEW BUSINESS
October 11, 2018

To:

Honorable Chairperson and

Members of the Berkeley Housing Authority Board

From:

William F. Wilkins, Executive Directo

Subject:

CalPERS - Employer Paid Member Contribution

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize a resolution authorizing the Berkeley Housing Authority (BHA) to participate in the Tax-Deferred payroll deduction plan for all miscellaneous employees and implement the provisions of IRC section 414(h)(2) by making employee contributions for service credit purchases pursuant to the California State Government Code on behalf of its employees who are members of CalPERS and who have made a binding irrevocable election to participate in the Tax-Deferred payroll deduction plan.

BACKGROUND

IRC section 414 (h) plans permit public governmental employees of any State, political subdivision, agency or instrumentality thereof to save for retirement without paying income taxes on contributions to the 414h plan, or on any earnings until it is withdrawn.

The Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) at the April 1996 meeting approved a Tax-Deferred payroll deduction plan for service credit purchases under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) section 414(h)(2).

STATUS

BHA has an employee who opted to participate in service credit purchase and pays his contribution through a bi-weekly payroll deduction. CalPERS notified BHA that we do not have the required resolution in place to participate in the Tax-Deferred payroll deduction plan for all miscellaneous employees.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

None.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachment:

1. CalPERS Resolution (CalPERS format)

Attachment 1

CalPERS ID: 7762492041

BERKELEY HOUSING AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION #18-____

EMPLOYER RESOLUTION TAX DEFERRED DEDUCTION PLAN FOR SERVICE CREDIT PURCHASES

- WHEREAS, the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) at the April 1996 meeting approved a Tax-Deferred payroll deduction plan for service credit purchases under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) section 414(h)(2);
- WHEREAS, the Berkeley Housing Authority has the authority to implement the provisions of IRC section 414(h)(2) and has determined that even though implementation is not required by law, the tax benefit offered by this section should be provided to those employees who are members of CalPERS; and
- WHEREAS, the Berkeley Housing Authority elects to participate in the Tax-Deferred payroll deduction plan for all employees in the following CalPERS employee groups or classifications (i.e., miscellaneous, safety, police, fire, etc.):

MISCELLANEOUS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- I. That the Berkeley Housing Authority will implement the provisions of IRC section 414(h)(2) by making employee contributions for service credit purchases pursuant to the California State Government Code on behalf of its employees who are members of CalPERS and who have made a binding irrevocable election to participate in the Tax-Deferred payroll deduction plan. "Employee contributions" shall mean those contributions reported to CalPERS which are deducted from the salary of employees and are credited to individual employee accounts for service credit purchases, thereby resulting in tax deferral of employee contributions.
- II. That the contributions made by the Berkeley Housing Authority to CalPERS, although designated as employee contributions, are being paid by the Berkeley Housing Authority in lieu of contributions by the employees who are members of CalPERS.
- III. That the employees shall not have the option of choosing to receive the contributed amounts directly instead of having them paid by the Berkeley Housing Authority to CalPERS.
- IV. That the Berkeley Housing Authority shall pay to CalPERS the contributions designated as employee contributions from the same source of funds as used in paying salary, thereby resulting in tax deferral of employee contributions.

- V. That the effective date for commencement of the Tax-Deferred payroll deduction plan cannot be any earlier than the date the completed resolution is received and approved by CalPERS.
- VI. That the governing body of the Berkeley Housing Authority shall participate in and adhere to requirements and restrictions of the Tax-Deferred payroll deduction plan by reporting Tax-Deferred payroll deductions when authorized by CalPERS for those employees of the above stated employee groups or classifications who have elected to participate in this plan.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the governing body of the Berkeley Housing Authority this 11^{th} day of October, 2018.

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	(Signature of Official)	
	(Title of Official)	