

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-0001

Adopted by the Housing Authority of the City of Sacramento

January 31, 2017

INITIATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE 2017 PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY ANNUAL PLAN TO ESTABLISH A LIMITED HOMELESS PREFERENCE FOR PUBLIC HOUSING UNITS AND HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAMS

BACKGROUND

- A. Despite increased collaboration and funding, homelessness in Sacramento is more visible and widespread, and impacts of unsheltered homelessness are being felt in communities throughout the City and County.
- B. In May, 2016, the City Council and County Board of Supervisors formed the Homeless “Two by Two” to collaboratively address issues related to homelessness.
- C. Recognizing that homelessness is an issue that impacts communities without regard to geographic or political boundaries and for which there is no single answer or approach, the Housing Authority of the City of Sacramento wishes to coordinate existing efforts and collaborate on new solutions.
- D. Existing programs coordinated through Sacramento Steps Forward offer outreach, assessment and housing for people experiencing homelessness, but do not have the capacity or capability to provide the level of support necessary to re-house some of the most vulnerable and chronically homeless individuals in the community.
- E. To reach those more vulnerable and disconnected persons, many of whom are already involved in City crisis response systems, more intensive outreach, case management and housing supports must be offered with a housing first, client centered approach.
- F. The Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA), on behalf of the Housing Authorities of the City and County of Sacramento, is one of the largest landlords in Sacramento County, controlling over 15,000 affordable housing units and subsidized housing. SHRA is a critical partner in ensuring access to safe, affordable and stable housing for people exiting homelessness.
- G. Approximately 650 Housing Choice Vouchers and 255 Public Housing Units turn over annually through attrition.

- H. The *2017 Public Housing Agency Annual Plan* consists of the *City and County of Sacramento Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy* for both Housing Authorities for public housing units, and the *Administrative Plan for the Housing Choice Voucher Program* which is under the jurisdiction of the Housing Authority of the County of Sacramento. These policy and plans are administered by SHRA on behalf of the City and County Housing Authorities.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency is directed to work with City staff to initiate an amendment to the *City and County of Sacramento Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy* to establish a special waitlist(s) for all of the public housing units under the control of the Housing Authority of the City of Sacramento to add a local homeless preference for all of the turnover units for a twenty four month period, which is expected to create 200 housing units annually to house homeless persons and families. Priority for these units will be for literally homeless households and households who are at imminent risk of homelessness, including those currently on the existing waitlist(s).
- Section 2. The Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency to return to the City Council within 45 days to report back on the implementation of the amendment process.
- Section 3. The Housing Authority of the County of Sacramento is hereby requested to take action to direct the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency to initiate an amendment to the *Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan* to add a local preference for homeless households, with the expectation that 600 vouchers would become available annually for a twenty-four month period to house homeless persons and families. Priority for these vouchers will be for literally homeless households and households who are at imminent risk of homelessness, including those currently on the existing waitlist(s).
- Section 4. SHRA is directed to consult with Resident Advisory Boards (RABs), program participants, families on the waiting lists, service providers, Legal Services of Northern California, and the general public as may be required to amend the *City and County of Sacramento Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy* to establish a local homeless preference for all of the turnover units of the Housing Authority of the City of Sacramento for a twenty-four month period.

Adopted by the Housing Authority of the City of Sacramento on January 31, 2017, by the following vote:

Ayes: Members Ashby, Carr, Guerra, Hansen, Harris, Jennings, Schenirer, Warren and Mayor Steinberg

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Attest:

Shirley Concolino

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