RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO, OR DESIGNEE, TO PARTNER WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY TRANSITION PROJECT BY ENTERING INTO TWO CONTRACTS WITH THEIR LEAD ORGANIZATIONS, TO PROVIDE REFERRALS, CASE MANAGEMENT, AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR THE NED CATEGORY 2 HCV PROGRAM

**Purpose:** Authorize the President & CEO, or designee, to partner with the State Department of Health Care Services ("DHCS") pursuant to the California Community Transition ("CCT") Project by entering into two contracts with their lead organizations, to provide referrals, case management, and supportive services for forty (40) NED Category 2 HCV vouchers for an initial one-year term with four (4) one-year options to renew.

**Regarding:** Under Resolution 9277 dated April 28, 2016, the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles ("HACLA") accepted the voluntary transfer of budget authority and corresponding units for the NED Category 2 HCV program from the City of Pasadena and partnered with DHCS to refer and provide supportive services to the clients.

**Issues:** Since 2016, HACLA has administered the NED 2 HCV program. The City of Pasadena was authorized by HUD to voluntarily transfer its 40 NED Category 2 HCV vouchers to HACLA due to compelling business reasons. No HACLA funds are utilized in connection with administration of the program. The NED Category 2 HCV program enables non-elderly persons with disabilities to transition from nursing homes and other healthcare institutions into the community.

This program has successfully aided non-elderly persons with disabilities to transition from nursing homes and other healthcare institutions into permanent housing and become self-sufficient in cooperation with DHCS and its partnering agencies.

DHCS has long-term resources to provide the supportive services needed by the clients through its sub-contracts with local Intensive Case Management Services agencies that cover the entire City of Los Angeles and the population that is served by the NED Category 2 Program. HACLA is partnering with DHCS, through its pre-qualified lead organizations (designated CCT Lead Organizations), to administer these vouchers. DHCS engaged in a very extensive process to select their CCT Lead Organizations.
**Information from DHCS**

In January 2007, DHCS was awarded special federal grant number 1UCMS30149 to implement a Money Follows the Person (MFP) Rebalancing Demonstration, known as “California Community Transitions.” In 2019, the federal government extended the term of the MFP grant and appropriated additional funding for allocation to state grantees.

DHCS works with designated CCT Lead Organizations to identify eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries who have continuously resided in state-licensed health care facilities for a period of 90 consecutive days or longer. Facility stays for short-term rehabilitation services reimbursed by Medicare are not counted toward the 90-day required period.

CCT Lead Organizations employ or contract with transition coordinators who work directly with willing and eligible individuals, support networks, and providers to facilitate and monitor beneficiaries' transitions from facilities to the community settings of their choice. Eligible individuals of all ages with physical and mental disabilities have an opportunity to participate in CCT.

**Vision Plan:**

**PLACE Strategy #4 – Steward Efforts to reduce and alleviate homelessness**

With Board approval, this proposal will result in permanent housing for Non-Elderly persons with Disabilities who are in nursing homes or other healthcare institutions and therefore preventing and alleviating homelessness.

**PEOPLE Strategy #10 – Increase access to mental health services including peer-to-peer support**

The mental health services provided by the Department of Health Care Services will enable families to obtain and retain permanent housing.

**PEOPLE Strategy #13 – Improve access to physical health services**

The physical health services provided by the Department of Health Care Services will enable families to obtain and retain permanent housing.

**Funding:** The Chief Administrative Officer confirms the following:

**Source of Funds:** HUD will provide administrative fees to run the program.

**Environmental Review:** Not applicable.

**Section 3:** Not applicable.

**Attachments:** Resolution
RESOLUTION NO.______________

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WHEREAS, by Resolution 9277 dated April 28, 2016, the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (“HACLA”) accepted the voluntary transfer of budget authority and corresponding 40 units for the NED Category 2 HCV program (the “NED Program”) from the City of Pasadena and partnered with State Department of Health Care Services (“DHCS”) to refer and provide supportive services to the clients;

WHEREAS, the 40 NED Category 2 HCV vouchers enable non-elderly persons with disabilities to transition from nursing homes and other healthcare institutions into the community;

WHEREAS, the combination of Section 8 rental assistance and supportive services make the NED Program a highly effective means of assisting non-elderly persons with disabilities in locating permanent housing and assisting them in their efforts to become self-sufficient; and

WHEREAS, for the reasons set forth in the Report of the President and CEO of the same date herewith, HACLA desires to continue its participation in the NED Program through entering into two initial one-year term contracts, each with four one-year options to renew with the DHCS’s CCT’s Project lead organizations, to provide referrals, case management, and supportive services for the NED Category 2 Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the President & CEO, or designee, to enter into two initial one-year contracts, each with four one-year options to renew, with the DHCS’s CCT’s Project lead organizations, to provide referrals, case management, and supportive services for the NED Category 2 Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

By: __________________________   By: ___________________________
James Johnson, General Counsel Cielo Castro, Chairperson

DATE ADOPTED: ______________________