RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEDICATION OF THIRTY-SEVEN (37) SECTION 8 PROJECT-BASED VOUCHERS TO THE JORDAN DOWNS PHASE S5 REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS IN THE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2016 AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CEO, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL CONTRACTS/DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR DEDICATION OF THE VOUCHERS

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Purpose: To provide thirty-seven (37) project-based vouchers ("PBVs") to the Jordan Downs Phase S5 Redevelopment Project (the "Project") pursuant to the Housing Opportunities Through Modernization Act of 2016 ("HOTMA"). The dedication of PBVs lends needed operating subsidy and leverage to the development partnership, Jordan Downs Phase S5, LP (the “Owner” or “Partnership”), and provides the opportunity to include replacement housing units for Jordan Downs public housing residents and additional methods to provide deeper affordability on a percentage of non-replacement units in the Project.

The Project, comprised of eighty-four (84) units, will be developed on a 1.187 acre parcel located on 101st Street, south of the S3 Project and immediately east of the S4 project site (see Attachment).

Regarding: On June 28, 2012, by Resolution 8969, HACLA’s Board of Commissioners ("BOC") unanimously authorized the President and CEO to execute a Master Development Agreement ("MDA") with Jordan Downs Community Partners, LLC, ("Master Developer"), a joint venture of the BRIDGE Housing Corporation ("BRIDGE") and The Michaels Development Company I, L.P., a New Jersey limited partnership ("Michaels"), for the redevelopment of Jordan Downs. The MDA between HACLA and the Master Developer was executed on August 1, 2012 and subsequently amended with Board approval on December 22, 2016, by Resolution 9327 and on April 28, 2016, by Resolution 9282.

On December 17, 2020, by Resolution 9670, the BOC adopted an updated Administrative Plan for Section 8, incorporating new HOTMA standards that allow HACLA to non-competitively award project-based vouchers to developments where HACLA is both an owner of the underlying fee title and where Section 9 public housing units are incorporated or are being converted.

Issues: Background
HACLA desires to continue to transform the Jordan Downs public housing community into an environmentally friendly, vibrant, urban village, conducive to healthy living and economically
progressive conditions. The redevelopment plan for Jordan Downs is intended to ignite a renewal in the greater South Los Angeles community. HACLA initiated a long-range plan to redevelop Jordan Downs in 2008. These efforts included acquiring an adjacent site, establishing the Jordan Downs Community Advisory Committee in 2008, and preparing a Community-Based Master Plan in 2009, which ultimately led to the drafting and adoption of a Specific Plan and Environmental Impact Report (“EIR”) in 2011.

Since 2012, HACLA and the Master Developer have been working closely to implement the vision of a redeveloped Jordan Downs. This collaboration has involved creating a site plan and architectural studies and pursuing competitive and non-competitive financing for each phase. Phase 1A was completed by BRIDGE, delivered 115 apartment units to the community, and is now 100% occupied. Michaels completed Phase 1B, a 135-unit residential development, in October 2020, which will finalize lease up in June 2021. Area H, an 80-unit residential development and Phase S3, a 93-unit residential development are under construction with tentative completion projected in November 2021 and March 2022 respectively. Phase S2 has completed demolition and is expected to achieve a financial closing by June 25, 2021 with expected construction start date of July 2021 and completion in March 2023.

In addition to the affordable housing phases, Primestor’s Phase 1C commercial development, Freedom Plaza, a 115,000 square foot commercial retail shopping center, was completed in November 2019. It is currently 93% leased up with a variety of tenants which serve Jordan Downs residents and the larger Watts Community.

**PBV Authority:**

On October 30, 2017, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) issued Notice PIH 2017-21 which provided guidance to public housing agencies (“PHAs”) regarding changes to the Project-Based Voucher (“PBV”) program made by “HOTMA”. HOTMA section 8(o)(13) (N) allows a PHA to attach PBV assistance to units in a project in which the PHA has an ownership interest or over which the PHA has control without following a competitive process. In order to exercise this authority, the PHA must be engaged in an initiative to improve, develop, or replace a public housing property or sites. Attachment L to PIH Notice 2017-21 and HACLA’s Section 8 Administrative Plan describe the conditions for a non-competitive award. The following conditions must be met:

(a) The PHA must be engaged in an initiative to improve, develop, or replace the public housing properties or sites. The public housing properties or sites may be in the public housing inventory or they may have been removed from the public housing inventory through any available legal removal within 5 years of the date on which the PHA entered into the AHAP or HAP pursuant to the non-competitive selection.

(b) A minimum threshold of $25,000 in hard costs per-unit is required for new construction.

(c) The PHA must explain in its Administrative Plan the work it plans to do on the property or site and how many units of PBVs it plans to add.

The Project meets the criteria to receive a non-competitive award of PBV assistance because (i) HACLA is the ground lessor under the Ground Lease, (ii) HACLA is engaged in the replacement of public housing units at the Project property, and (iii) the per-unit hard Project costs are greater
than $25,000. In addition, HACLA expects to participate in the Project ownership entity for the redevelopment of Jordan Downs Phase S5 and the commitment of PBVs as a source of subsidy for replacement and non-replacement units is included in the current Section 8 Administrative Plan.

This report recommends dedicating thirty-seven (37) Section 8 PBVs to Phase S5. This will include twenty-eight (28) PBVs for replacement units and an additional nine (9) vouchers for non-replacement units, which will assist in creating deeper affordability through low-income housing tax credits. The balance of the units on site include twelve (12) RAD replacement units, twenty-five (25) tax-credit only non-replacement units, eight (8) market rate units, and one manager’s unit, for a total of forty (40) replacement units and forty-four (44) non-replacement units. All replacement and non-replacement units will have access to onsite supportive services which will meet Section 8’s normal requirement for supportive services and reaching households at or below 50% AMI. Although HACLA will request Tenant Protection Vouchers from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (“HUD”), residents will be given the choice of taking those vouchers off-site or returning to the Project. Therefore, in order to expedite the Project’s reasonable assumptions of rental income received from vouchers and expedite delivery of units, staff recommends that the award of PBVs be made to the Owner of the Project.

**Developer/Ownership**

Pursuant to the MDA, Jordan Downs Community Partners, LLC has assigned its rights and obligations to develop and own Phase S5 to the Partnership. The current General Partner of the Partnership is Jordan S5-Michaels, LLC, a California limited liability company, whose manager is The Michaels Development Company I, LP. If approved by its Board of Directors, La Cienega LOMOD, Inc., a California nonprofit public benefit corporation (“La Cienega”), or another instrumentality of HACLA, will be admitted into the Partnership as the Managing General Partner (.0049% ownership share) and Jordan S5-Michaels, LLC will be admitted to the Partnership as the Administrative General Partner (.0051% ownership share).

**Vision Plan:** **PLACE Strategy #1: Stabilize the physical and financial viability of the conventional public housing portfolio.**

The development of Phase S5 will allow for the construction of eighty-four (84) new housing units. This will include forty (40) replacement housing units. This development will further HACLA’s goals of improving its affordable housing stock as well as improved ADA-compliant, modern, sustainably designed, and amenitized units. This action will help HACLA extend the life of critical, deeply affordable housing in the City of Los Angeles to serve existing public housing residents and future income-qualified households from HACLA’s active public housing and Section 8 wait lists as well as the community of Watts.

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

**Source of Funds:** PBVs are a component of HACLA’s Annual Contribution Contract (“ACC”) with HUD for the Housing Choice Voucher program.

**Budget and Program Impact:** Use of PBVs is an effective approach to maintain deeply affordable housing in public housing conversion projects and provides needed operating subsidy to address the extraordinary costs associated with maintaining significant new infrastructure and open
space improvements as well as providing extensive social services. The use of HACLA resources to support the preservation and expansion of affordable housing is aligned with HACLA’s budget and program goals.

Environmental Review:

**CEQA:** The City of Los Angeles is the lead agency for the Jordan Downs Redevelopment for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). The City of Los Angeles, acting through its City Planning Department, approved a larger project under the Jordan Downs Urban Village Specific Plan (1,800 residential units; up to 250,000 square feet of commercial/retail/office plus up to 20,000 square feet of community-service retail and services in mixed use buildings; a network of parks totaling 8.9 acres; and new community facilities), and its associated Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") and required findings on April 17, 2013 (ENV-2010-32-EIR). Two addendums to the EIR were prepared on January 11, 2016 and April 4, 2016 respectively to address additional impacts not considered in the EIR as the result of a proposed Specific Plan Amendment. On April 14, 2016, the City Planning Commission found based on the whole of the administrative record that no subsequent or supplemental EIR or negative declaration was required. The phase S5 redevelopment as contemplated in the current conceptual plans provided to HACLA is consistent with the Specific Plan and its Amendment (CPC-2015-3990-GPA-ZC-SP), however, the final plans will be reviewed by the BOC at such time as it considers the Ground Lease and Disposition and Development Agreement and a final design and construction drawings are complete to ensure consistency. Phase S5 will be subject to the imposition of various measures contained in the Specific Plan’s conditions of approval, including Mitigation Monitoring.

**NEPA:** Pursuant to 24 CFR Part 58, the City of Los Angeles, through its Housing and Community Investment Department ("HCIDLA"), serves as the environmentally responsible entity in preparation of the Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact (EA/FONSI) for the Jordan Downs Public Housing Community Project. The EA/FONSI was circulated for public review on June 13, 2014 through July 2, 2014. On December 22, 2015 a technical memorandum was prepared to review any changes to the project description. Based on this memorandum HCID/LA found that changes to the project description did not result in changes to the conclusion of the EA/FONSI. On February 11, 2016, HUD’s Field Office Director issued approval of HACLA’s Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification.

Section 3:

The Owner will ensure that the residents of Jordan Downs public housing, other low-income Watts neighborhood residents, participants of Youth-Build, and qualifying residents in the City of Los Angeles have the opportunity to share in the economic benefits generated by the proposed development. Local Hire and Section 3 requirements for the Owner and their General Contractor will require the use of best efforts to set aside at least thirty percent (30%) of all new construction and post-construction jobs generated by the redevelopment, first for residents of Jordan Downs, second for residents of Watts, third to HUD’s Youth-Build Program in the City, and finally to residents of the City to the maximum extent feasible. Furthermore, the Owner and their General Contractor shall strive and use best efforts to set aside at least ten percent (10%) of their overall 30% Section 3 commitment for disadvantaged workers. Additionally, the Owner is committed to providing 10% of the total dollar amount of building trades work for all
construction contracts and 3% of the total dollar amount of all non-construction contracts to Section 3 Businesses.

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Site Map
RESOLUTION NO.______________

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WHEREAS, HACLA and Jordan Downs Phase S5, LP (the “Partnership”), desire to develop eighty-four (84) apartments on a 1.187 acre parcel, located on 101st Street, known as Jordan Downs Phase S5 project (the “Project”);

WHEREAS, all residential units, other than eight (8) market rate units and the manager’s unit, will be restricted for occupancy by households of moderate, low, very low and extremely low-income;

WHEREAS, an award of thirty-seven (37) project-based vouchers to the Project will provide deeper affordability for twenty-eight (28) replacement units and nine (9) non-replacement units at Jordan Downs; and

WHEREAS, the Project meets the conditions and requirements described in HUD Notice PIH-2017-21 Attachment L for awarding project-based vouchers without following a competitive process to certain PHA projects where the PHA has an ownership interest, is engaged in an initiative to improve, develop, or replace the public housing properties or sites, and the minimum threshold of $25,000 in hard costs per-unit is met with respect to new construction as defined under Attachment L.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the President and CEO, or designee (“Designated Officers”), to execute any and all contracts or related documents, as approved by legal counsel, required for the project based voucher program and approves the dedication of thirty-seven (37) project-based vouchers to the Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Designated Officers of HACLA referred to above are as follows:

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles this 24th day of June 2021.

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

BY: ___________________________ 
GENERAL COUNSEL

BY: ______________________
CIELO CASTRO, CHAIRPERSON

DATE ADOPTED: ______________________
JORDAN DOWNS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT
PROJECT SUMMARY

MASTER PLAN

RESIDENTIAL
UNITs: 1569 TOTAL
REPLACEMENT: 700
HOMEOWNERSHIP: 150 (40 AFFORDABLE 110 MARKET RATE)
RENTAL: 1,419 (1,218AFFORDABLE 184 MARKET RATE
17 MANAGER UNITS)

OPEN SPACE
AREA: 9 ACRES

COMMERCIAL
115,000 SQ FT RETAIL CENTER
40,000 SQ FT GROUND FLOOR RETAIL

SCHEDULE
PHASE I STARTS MAY 2017
FINAL PHASE COMPLETE BY 2026 (IFCNI RECEIVED)

HACLA PROPERTY
AREA: 21 ACRES REMEDIATED PROPERTY
49 ACRES JORDAN DOWNS PUBLIC HSG SITE

REMEDICATION
21-ACRE SITE FULLY REMEDIATED
PHASE IA & IB HAVE RECEIVED NFA LTR
FINAL REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN CLOSED
COMMENT PERIOD 6 5 17
RAP CERTIFICATION WILL ALLOW HAC LA TO
PROCEED WITH DEVELOPMENT ON PHASE IC
FOR A RETAIL COMMERCIAL CENTER
VAPOR BARRIER AT RETAIL COMMERCIAL
CENTER HAS BEEN BUILT AND IS CURRENTLY
BEING ASSESSED AND TESTED
JORDAN DOWNS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT
PROJECT SUMMARY

PHASE I

RESIDENTIAL
UNITS: 250 (PHASE IA-115  PHASE IB-135)
AFFORDABILITY: 248 AFFORABLE 2 MANAGER’S UNITS
REPLACEMENT UNITS: 157 OUT OF 250
DEVELOPERS: BRIDGE HOUSING & MICHAELS DEV COMPANY
FUNDERS: HACLA, BANK OF AMERICA, CHASE BANK, AHSC CAP & TRADE
SCHEDULE: MAY 2017  JUNE 2020

COMMERCIAL
SIZE: 118,000 SQUARE FEET
TENANTS: SMART & FINAL FULL-SERVICE GROCERY
ROSS DRESS FOR LESS, NIKE, BLINK FITNESS,
BRIGHT NOW DENTAL, STARBUCKS, THE HABIT, JAMBA JUICE, ONE WEST BANK, LA NAILS. OTHERS TO BE ANNOUNCED
DEVELOPER: PRIMESTOR INC.
SCHEDULE: JUNE 2018  DECEMBER 2019

OPEN & COMMUNITY SPACE
AREA: 1.7 ACRES
COMMUNITY CTR: APPROXIMATELY 50,000 SQUARE FEET
SERVICES: COMMUNITY OUTREACH IS BEING PLANNED TO SEEK FEEDBACK FROM STAKEHOLDERS ON PROGRAMING AND SERVICES. ALSO MEETINGS WITH POTENTIAL OPERATOR PARTNERS ARE BEING PLANNED. PRELIMINARILY, HEALTH & FITNESS, FULL-SPECTRUM FAMILY SERVICES, EDUCATIONAL AND BUSINESS INCUBATOR SERVICES ARE BEING CONSIDERED.
SCHEDULE: FALL 2020  FALL/WINTER 2021
JORDAN DOWNS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT
PROJECT SUMMARY

INFRASTRUCTURE
CENTURY BLVD: 1/2-MILE OF NEW STREET CONNECTING CITY TO SOUTH GATE & LA RIVER
FUNDING: FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION GRANT THROUGH METRO, CITY OF LOS ANGELES CDBG, HACLA
SCHEDULE: MAY 2017 SEPTEMBER 2018

PHASE II

RESIDENTIAL
UNITS: 253 UNITS
AREA H - 80 UNITS
PHASE S2 - 81 UNITS
PHASE S3 - 92 UNITS
AFFORDABILITY: 250 AFFORDABLE 3 MANAGER’S UNITS
REPLACEMENT UNITS: 192 OUT OF 253
DEVELOPERS: BRIDGE HOUSING & MICHAELS DEV COMPANY
FUNDERS: HACLA, AHSC, IIG, AHP, CNI TAX CREDITS AND OTHERS TO BE DETERMINED
SCHEDULE: WINTER 2020 WINTER/SPRING 2022

OPEN SPACE:
AREA: APPROXIMATELY 2 ACRES
NORTHERN PART OF CENTRAL PARK
INTERNAL GREEN SPACES ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
SCHEDULE: LATE 2021 COMPLETION