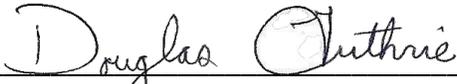


**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES’S RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD**



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**Purpose:** In accordance with 24 CFR § 903.13, HACLA is required to establish a Resident Advisory Board (RAB) to assist and make recommendations regarding the development of HACLA’s Annual Agency Plan, and any significant amendment or modification to the Annual Agency Plan. The membership of the RAB must consist of individuals who adequately reflect and represent the residents assisted by HACLA. With this Resolution, HACLA wishes to explicitly designate the members of its Housing Authority Resident Advisory Council (HARAC), members of its Resident Advisory Councils (RACs), and participants of its Section 8 Advisory Committee meetings as members of its RAB.

**Regarding:** Currently, HACLA has a RAB that consists of the RACs, the HARAC, and participants that come to HACLA’s Section 8 Advisory Committee meetings. With this resolution, HACLA is merely formalizing our longstanding practice.

**Issues:** The RAB provides HACLA and the residents with a forum for sharing information about HACLA’s Annual Agency Plan. Section 511 of the United States Housing Act and the regulations in 24 CFR part 903 require that HACLA establish one or more Resident Advisory Board(s) as part of the Agency Plan process. RAB membership is comprised of individuals who reflect and represent the residents assisted by HACLA. The role of the RAB is to assist HACLA in developing its Annual Agency Plan and in making any significant amendment or modification to the Plan.

24 CFR § 903.13(b) sets forth requirements to establish a RAB. Section 903.13(b) states in pertinent part the following:

- (1) If a jurisdiction-wide resident council exists that complies with the tenant participation regulations in part 964 of this title, the PHA shall appoint the jurisdiction-wide resident council or the council's representatives as the Resident Advisory Board. If the PHA makes such appointment, the members of the jurisdiction-wide resident council or the council's representatives shall be added or another Resident Advisory Board formed to provide for reasonable representation of families receiving tenant-based assistance where such representation is required under paragraph (b)(2) of this section.

(2) If a jurisdiction-wide resident council does not exist but resident councils exist that comply with the tenant participation regulations, the PHA shall appoint such resident councils or their representatives to serve on one or more Resident Advisory Boards. If the PHA makes such appointment, the PHA may require that the resident councils choose a limited number of representatives.

(3) Where the PHA has a tenant-based assistance program of significant size (where tenant-based assistance is 20% or more of assisted households), the PHA shall assure that the Resident Advisory Board (or Boards) has reasonable representation of families receiving tenant-based assistance and that a reasonable process is undertaken to choose this representation.

(4) Where or to the extent that resident councils that comply with the tenant participation regulations do not exist, the PHA shall appoint Resident Advisory Boards or Board members as needed to adequately reflect and represent the interests of residents of such developments; provided that the PHA shall provide reasonable notice to such residents and urge that they form resident councils per the tenant participation regulations.

HACLA currently does not have a jurisdiction-wide resident council as defined by the above regulations. HACLA has formed site-specific RACs at each of its public housing sites, in addition to a separate resident advisory council that has a member from each public housing site (HARAC). In addition, HACLA's Section 8 department holds 1-4 Advisory Committee meetings annually to obtain feedback from Section 8 participants regarding HACLA's policies, procedures, and practices, including HACLA's Annual Agency Plan.

HACLA's current practice is to consider all members of the HARAC and site-specific RACs, as well as participants of the Section 8 Advisory Committee meetings, as constituting the RAB. This resolution formalizes HACLA's longstanding practice and ensures HACLA's continued compliance with its regulatory responsibilities.

There are no plans currently for HACLA to disband or discontinue its Housing Authority Resident Advisory Council or any of its site-specific Resident Advisory Councils. However, in the event HACLA were in the future to disband, discontinue, or otherwise dissolve its Housing Authority Resident Advisory Council or any of its site-specific Resident Advisory Councils, HACLA may appoint Resident Advisory Boards or Board members as needed to adequately reflect and represent the interests of residents of HACLA's developments.

**Vision Plan: People Strategy #1 & #3 – Resident and Participant Leadership**

Designation of members of the HARAC, RAC, and Section 8 participants to serve on HACLA's Resident Advisory Board will expand opportunities for residents to engage in leadership activities. Participation in the RAB will also further HACLA's goal to implement

community building strategies across HACLA sites and programs, by allowing residents to take a larger role in program design.

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

No dedicated funding is required.

**Environmental Review:** Neither CEQA nor NEPA are triggered by this request.

**Section 3:** Not applicable.

**Attachment:**

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES'S  
RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (“HACLA”) is required to establish a Resident Advisory Board pursuant to 24 CFR § 903.13 to assist and make recommendations regarding the development of HACLA’s Agency Plan, and any significant amendment or modification to the Agency Plan;

**WHEREAS**, the membership of the Resident Advisory Board must consist of individuals who adequately reflect and represent the residents assisted by HACLA;

**WHEREAS**, with this Resolution, HACLA wishes to explicitly designate the members of its Housing Authority Resident Advisory Council and site-specific Resident Advisory Councils, and participants of its Section 8 Advisory Committee meetings as members of its Resident Advisory Board; and

**WHEREAS**, HACLA does not have a jurisdiction-wide resident council, as defined by 24 CFR § 964.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board hereby approves the designation of all members of its Housing Authority Resident Advisory Council and site-specific Resident Advisory Council, and participants of its Section 8 Advisory Committee meetings, as members of its Resident Advisory Board.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if HACLA creates a jurisdiction-wide resident council, as defined by 24 CFR § 964, those members will also serve on HACLA’s Resident Advisory Board.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if HACLA disbands, discontinues, or otherwise dissolves its Housing Authority Resident Advisory Council or any of its site-specific Resident Advisory Councils, HACLA may appoint Resident Advisory Boards or Board members as needed to adequately reflect and represent the interests of residents of HACLA’s developments.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
James Johnson, General Counsel

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cielo Castro, Chairperson

DATE ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_