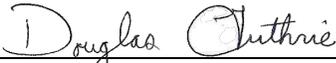
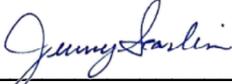


## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

May 26, 2022

**RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CEO, OR DESIGNEE, TO ACCEPT TWO (2) CLEAN CALIFORNIA LOCAL GRANT PROGRAM GRANTS AWARDED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$10 MILLION TO BE USED TOWARD LITTER ABATEMENT AND BEAUTIFICATION ACTIVITIES AT THREE PUBLIC HOUSING SITES – JORDAN DOWNS, IMPERIAL COURTS, NICKERSON GARDENS, AND FIVE ASSET MANGEMENT SITES, AND TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING ANY AGREEMENTS AND VARIOUS VERIFICATIONS AS REQUIRED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO INITIATE WORK UNDER THE AWARD**

  
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 Douglas Guthrie  
 President & Chief Executive Officer

  
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 Jenry Scanlin  
 Chief Development Officer

**Purpose:** To authorize the President & CEO to execute two (2) contracts with the California (“State”) Department of Transportation (“Caltrans”) for two (2) Clean California Local Grant Program (“Clean California”) grant awards totaling \$10 million, and all necessary supplemental documents, certifications and verifications including, but not limited to, required Caltrans forms and agreements with implementing partners on roles and responsibilities for Clean California grant implementation. The Clean California grants consist of two awards of \$5 million each for two different projects:

- **Project 1** (the “Jordan Downs Beautification and Litter Abatement” project) will use funds toward the build out of four park spaces in the Jordan Downs redevelopment, adding new public trash bins across the site, installing two public murals, and the creation of a Green Ambassador Program to support litter abatement programming.
- **Project 2** (the “South Los Angeles Rising” project) will use funds to support building new litter abatement infrastructure at the Nickerson Gardens public housing site, Imperial Courts public housing site, and five other sites in HACLA’s South Los Angeles asset management portfolio. Additionally, Project 2 will also have its own Green Ambassador Program to support litter abatement programming across these selected sites.

**Regarding:** No prior actions have been taken by the Board of Commissioners in relation to this item.

**Issues:** HACLA applied in FY2022 for Clean California funding for two projects for a total award of \$10 million dollars on February 1, 2022. On March 1, 2022 HACLA was notified that both of the Clean California grant submissions were accepted and funded at the full amounts of \$5 million each for a total of \$10 million. A requirement of the grant is resolution authority from HACLA’s Board of Commissioners to accept the award and proceed to completion of the projects.

*Clean California  
Local Grant  
Program*

On December 1, 2021, Caltrans released a Call for Projects called the Clean California Local Grant Program (“Clean California”) for up to \$5 million per grant submission. Caltrans developed Clean California to provide approximately \$296 million in funds to local communities to beautify and improve local streets and roads, tribal lands, parks, pathways, and transit centers to clean and enhance public spaces. The goals of the Clean California Local Grant Program are to: (1) Reduce the amount of waste and debris in public spaces; (2) Enhance, rehabilitate, restore, or install measures to beautify and improve public spaces and mitigate the urban heat island effect; (3) Enhance public health, cultural connection, and community placemaking by improving public spaces for walking and recreation; and (4) Advance equity for underserved communities. The Clean California grant is a two-year award and all work was drafted to be completed by June 30, 2024.

HACLA submitted two applications for two different projects on February 1, 2022. Project 1 was submitted in collaboration with HACLA’s development partners BRIDGE Housing and The Michaels Organization and proposed a comprehensive plan for revitalizing and investing in the redevelopment of park spaces at Jordan Downs, installation of new trash bins across the site, creation of public murals, and creating a Green Ambassador Program to support programming that encourages litter abatement. Project 2 will be implemented by HACLA through its Housing Services and Community Engagement departments with assistance from onsite service partners and proposed building out new trash bins and enclosures at Nickerson Gardens, Imperial Courts, and five asset management sites in South Los Angeles as well as the same Green Ambassador Program for the Jordan Downs site to encourage litter abatement.

Securing both of the Clean California grants are an important milestone in the redevelopment of Jordan Downs and supporting litter abatement efforts at Nickerson Gardens, Imperial Courts, and the five HACLA asset management sites in South Los Angeles. The grant awards will support the overall health of HACLA residents.

***Project 1: Jordan Downs***

This project contains four components that will have a high impact on existing and future community members:

1. *Development of four parks totaling 2.7 acres:* Three new parks will be constructed across the campus, and a fourth park will receive an expansion. The parks are: Freedom Tree Park (1.1 acres), B Park (.5 acres), Turtle Park expansion (.5 acres), and Century Gateway Park (.6 acres). The parks will include grassy areas, drought tolerant landscaping, shade trees, seating areas, and play structures. These parks are absolutely critical to beautify Jordan Downs and to address the social inequities caused by lack of park space in disadvantaged communities. The parks will provide recreation opportunities as well as gathering space. Their cleanliness will be a barometer of the changes taking place at Jordan Downs.

2. Installation of 52 Bigbelly “smart” trash bins along public streets and in the new parks at Jordan Downs. These trash bins will greatly contribute to the reduction of trash because of their secure lids and their remote monitoring capabilities to ensure they don’t overflow. Using solar-powered compaction, Bigbelly bins hold up to 5X the waste volume

of traditional bins. Bigbelly's CLEAN cloud-based management console alerts allow teams to maximize collection efficiency, planning routes and collecting bins only when necessary. The Bigbelly system helps public spaces to achieve sustainability goals by introducing public space recycling infrastructure, measuring & reporting on Recycling Diversion rates, reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from waste collection, reducing plastic material use, and providing a platform for community engagement sustainability education.

3. Public art installation: Two murals will be constructed along new residential components being built at Jordan Downs right now. The murals will be built along the side of the new residential buildings, and they will celebrate the deep history and cultural significance of Watts. A decorative fence of approximately 110 linear feet will also be constructed in the place of chain link. The fence will contain design elements that celebrate the eclectic architectural history of the area. Finally, the Bigbelly trash bins will have the opportunity to be wrapped with artwork from local artists.

4. Community outreach and engagement: To promote ownership and pride in the community, HACLA proposes to develop and implement a Green Ambassador program that will empower residents through community activities to take ownership of the trash issue and solve it permanently. Providing culturally relevant education on why recycling and proper trash disposal is important, and providing the appropriate resources to make this happen, will be beneficial to the community. To accomplish this, HACLA will first develop an educational campaign that will be developed with local residents. The messaging and educational components of this curriculum will be used to develop campaigns in the community as well as serve as the foundation for training HACLA's proposed group of up to ten local Green Ambassadors. HACLA will provide stipends to the Ambassadors and ensure there is sufficient diversity in age, gender and ethnicity. These residents will be committed to working with their fellow residents to maintain a home they can be proud of. With training from the HACLA staff they will be able to inform, motivate, mobilize, and reach the residents at Jordan Downs. The output will be four quarterly events per year for two years, plus seven campaigns that vary in frequency. There will also be an online component of content on Facebook and Instagram, as well as targeted ad buys across all platforms to spread the word.

The intended outcomes of these proposed components are high impact and measurable. HACLA intends to have 70 percent of existing residents at Jordan Downs attend an event or participate in a cleanup day. HACLA wants 90 percent of residents to attend one of the new parks within one year of their opening. And HACLA wants a 90% reduction in litter and blowing trash over the two-year outreach period.

***Project 2: Nickerson Gardens, Imperial Courts, and Five of HACLA's Asset Management Sites in South Los Angeles***

HACLA's main goal for this project is to reduce the amount of debris and waste at these sites through new trash enclosures, trash bins, and a Green Ambassador Program. The existing waste at the sites to clean up includes large bulky items, excess construction materials, homeless encampment trash excess, and loose litter scattered throughout the site from the open-aired trash bins. To tackle these challenges, HACLA first proposes creating trash enclosures at all the sites, 83 at Nickerson Gardens, 38 at Imperial Courts, and 6 at the other five smaller multi-family buildings which will house all the community

trash bins. The enclosures will ensure that no loose debris is floating across the sites. The second is to replace all the trash bins with large bins reducing the overflow of existing trash.

HACLA's project outcomes for installing the trash enclosures and new trash bins will satisfy the litter abatement category. For the output of litter collected within the grant period, HACLA's goal is to collect a total of 78,121 cubic yards of trash and clean 4,520,240 square feet of public space across all seven sites. For the output of waste bins, HACLA will add 123 trash bins between the Nickerson Gardens and Imperial Courts project sites.

HACLA's Green Ambassador program will support these infrastructure updates by laying the foundation for trash abatement behavior change. HACLA residents expressed the need for behavior changes in HACLA's public engagement survey. 55% of residents agreed the project should include a trash clean-up, anti-trash, and anti-dumping campaign. One resident stated in the survey, "we need to remind residents this is their home and it needs to be taken care of" while another stated, "create an incentive program for participating in cleaning the sites up."

Acting on the resident's suggestions, HACLA is creating a Green Ambassador program across all of the HACLA project sites. The program will hire 23 total community members/residents, ten at Nickerson Gardens, ten at Imperial Courts, and three across HACLA's other five multi-family properties, to support monthly trash abatement campaigns and quarterly beautification events.

Like the Jordan Downs Green Ambassadors, these Green Ambassadors will be responsible for: 1) organizing monthly campaigns; 2) conducting community outreach (e.g. social media, door-to-door, flyers) to promote residents' involvement in keeping the community clean; 3) supporting the HACLA on-site maintenance crew to ensure the trash enclosures and trash bins are emptied and clean; and 4) ensuring sufficient resident participation in the quarterly trash abatement and beautification events. The Green Ambassador Programs incorporated in both of these grants will be supported by the Community Engagement Department and funds are made available to hire a Community Resource Assistant and two Administrative Interns II to assist with grant implementation. We are still working with the state on the final administrative budgets and the approach to these positions may change.

**Vision Plan: PLACE Strategy #2: Increase functionality and effectiveness of Asset Management portfolio**

The Clean California grants will provide HACLA the opportunity to provide community enhancement and partial rehabilitation of five of HACLA's Asset Management sites in South Los Angeles.

**PEOPLE Strategy #3: Implement community-building strategies across HACLA sites and programs sites and programs.**

Both Clean California grants will fund a Green Ambassador Program across all the selected sites – Jordan, Nickerson, Imperial, and the five asset management sites. The Green Ambassador Program will act like the successful Community Coach program

allowing residents across all sites to connect for discussion, advocacy, and community organizing around litter abatement and beautification.

**PEOPLE Strategy #11: Improve community stewardship.**

The Clean California grant funded programs will empower residents and partners to be stewards of the community to improve the success of property management and maintenance and to prepare residents for future ownership and rental properties. The both projects seek instilling behavior change of residents on their view on litter and community cleanliness.

**PLACE Strategy #5: Expand HACLA’s role in the broader communities it serves to improve neighborhood-wide health and well-being.**

The Clean California grant funded programs are consistent with this strategy and call to action to pursue resources to build and invest in neighborhood-wide improvements and support the larger community’s interest in improvements to safety, health, education and economic equity.

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

*Source of Funds:* Although no leverage or match is required by Clean California, HACLA has agreed to commit \$3,848,618 in already secured leveraged resources for the Clean California Jordan Downs Project 1. This leverage is already secured and broken out as follows: TCC/IGG (\$2,205,000), HACLA (\$260,863), Jordan Downs Community Partners LLC (\$882,067), and Choice Neighborhood Initiative (\$500,868) which support the development of the parks at Jordan Downs. These funds will be obligated over the two-year duration of the grant starting in FY2022. For Project 2, all of the source of funds will be provided through the awarded grant total of \$5 million for the two-year duration of this grant starting in FY2022.

*Budget and Program Impact:* Of the \$10 million awarded, HACLA will be the direct beneficiary of all of the total funds received with \$8,579,719 for direct infrastructure improvements, \$595,907 for the Green Ambassador Programs and \$824,374 for administration.. As final plans for all grant components are finalized, HACLA will review the grant administrative staffing and requirements to be successful and may modify the staffing plan.

**Environmental**

**Review:** All individual projects referenced and included in the Clean California applications must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, §21000) (“CEQA”) and CEQA guidelines. HACLA is the Lead Agency on the two projects identified herein..

Project 1: On April 17, 2013, the City of Los Angeles City Council certified the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Jordan Downs Specific Plan (SCH #20100021007) (“EIR”). The EIR evaluated potential environmental impacts that could occur as a result of implementing the Jordan Downs Specific Plan (“Project”) and/or alternatives and provided applicable mitigation to reduce the intensity of potential environmental impacts. This included evaluation of implementing the Jordan Downs Master Plan, which proposes to rebuild and transform Jordan Downs into a mixed-

use, transit-oriented development with new homes, jobs, schools, parks, and social facilities.

Since certification of the EIR and approval of the Project, HACLA now proposes to accept the Clean California Grant funding described herein. The Jordan Downs Beautification and Litter Abatement project activities, as described above, are a part of the Jordan Downs Specific Plan as evaluated in the previously certified EIR, and pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21166 and State CEQA Guidelines section 15162, approval of this Resolution will result in no new or more severe impacts requiring additional environmental review of the approval action.

Project 2: The South Los Angeles Rising project consists of using funds from the a Clean California Grant to support building new litter abatement infrastructure at the Nickerson Gardens public housing site, Imperial Courts public housing site, and five other sites in HACLA's South Los Angeles asset management portfolio. In addition, the project will have its own Green Ambassador Program to support litter abatement programming across these selected sites. This project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15303 [Class 3] because it involves the construction and installation of limited number of new small trash enclosures, as an accessory or appurtenant to the public housing sites. Moreover, none of the exceptions to the categorical exemption provided in State CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply here.

**Section 3:**

Although not required by Caltrans, HACLA will apply its Section 3 Policy and Compliance Plan to promote local hire and Section 3 Business contracting opportunities with the implementation of the People Plan and Clean California Critical Community Investments in the South Los Angeles area. The Section 3 priority tiers will focus on the primacy of public housing residents and community for new jobs, and Section 3 and local businesses in the area for contracting opportunities.

**Attachment:**

1. Two (2) Resolutions

**ATTACHMENT 1.**

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CEO, OR DESIGNEE, TO ACCEPT THE CLEAN CALIFORNIA LOCAL GRANT PROGRAM GRANT AWARDED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$5 MILLION TO BE USED TOWARD LITTER ABATEMENT AND BEAUTIFICATION ACTIVITIES AT JORDAN DOWNS, AND TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING ANY AGREEMENTS AND VARIOUS VERTIFICATIONS AS REQUIRED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO INITIATE WORK UNDER THE AWARD, AND MAKING CEQA-RELATED FINDINGS**

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (“HACLA”) is a public body, corporate and politic, organized and existing under the Housing Authorities Law (commencing at Section 34200 of the California Health and Safety Code and, specifically, Section 34311), and authorized to transact business and exercise the powers of a housing authority pursuant to action of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority (the “Board”);

**WHEREAS**, HACLA is eligible to receive State funding for certain transportation related work through the California Department of Transportation;

**WHEREAS**, on December 1, 2021, the California (“State”) Department of Transportation (“Caltrans”) released a Call for Projects for the Clean California Local Grant Program (“Clean California”), through which approximately \$296 million in State funds were committed to go to local communities to beautify and improve local streets and roads, tribal lands, parks, pathways, and transit centers to clean and enhance public spaces, with the goal of enhancing communities and improving spaces for walking and recreation;

**WHEREAS**, on February 1, 2022, HACLA submitted an application to Caltrans for Clean California Grant funding to be used toward the Jordan Downs Beautification and Litter Abatement project (“Project”), a comprehensive plan for revitalizing and investing in the redevelopment of park spaces at the Jordan Downs public housing site, installation of new trash bins across the site, creation of public murals, and creating a Green Ambassador Program to support programming that encourages litter abatement;

**WHEREAS**, on March 1 2022, Caltrans notified HACLA of its selection as an awardee of \$5 million in funding under the Clean California Grant to be used for the Project;

**WHEREAS**, a Board Resolution is required for HACLA to accept the grant and the obligations associated with receipt of such funding, and enter into the Clean California Grant Agreement with Caltrans; and

**WHEREAS**, HACLA is required to enter into a Clean California Local Grant Program Restricted Grant Agreement with Caltrans, as well as execute various other documents, committing to meet the State’s standards as a grantee before such funds can be claimed through the Clean California Local Grant Program.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), the City of Los Angeles City Council certified the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Jordan Downs Specific Plan (SCH #20100021007) on April 17, 2013 (“EIR”), which evaluated potential environmental impacts of

rebuilding and transforming Jordan Downs into a mixed-use, transit-oriented development with new homes, jobs, schools, parks, and social facilities;

**WHEREAS**, CEQA requires that when taking subsequent discretionary actions in furtherance of a project for which an EIR has been certified, the lead agency is required to review any changed circumstances to determine whether any of the circumstances under Public Resources Code section 21166 and State CEQA Guidelines section 15162 require additional environmental review; and

**WHEREAS**, HACLA staff evaluated the Project in light of the standards for subsequent environmental review outlined in Public Resources Code section 21166 and State CEQA Guidelines section 15162 and determined that the EIR fully analyzed and mitigated, where feasible, all potentially significant environmental impacts, if any, that would result from the Project, and therefore no subsequent EIR or mitigated negative declaration is required.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the President and CEO, or his designee (“Designated Officers” as defined below): (i) to accept the Clean California Local (“Clean California”) Grant awarded by the California Department of Transportation (“Caltrans”) in the total amount of \$5 million to be used toward litter abatement and beautification at the Jordan Downs public housing community, known as the Jordan Downs Beautification and Litter Abatement project; (ii) to obligate HACLA to the terms and conditions associated with the receipt of such funding; (iii) to execute any agreements, forms, verifications as required by Caltrans, and any amendments thereto, including the Clean California Local Grant Program Restricted Grant Agreement, as approved by legal counsel; and (iv) to undertake various actions reasonably necessary to effectuate the terms of the Clean California Grant Agreement and this Resolution, including but not limited to, negotiating, executing, approving, and delivering any related and ancillary documents and agreements as well as sub-contracts, loan documents and agreements, all with the advice and/or approval of legal counsel.

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
Douglas Guthrie	President and Chief Executive Officer
Marlene Garza	Chief Administrative Officer
Jenny Scanlin	Chief Development Officer
Margarita Lares	Chief Programs Officer

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners has reviewed and considered the EIR and finds that it contains a complete and accurate reporting of all of the environmental impacts associated with the Project. Moreover, and based on the substantial evidence in the record, including, but not limited to the EIR, the Board of Commissioners finds that, based on the whole record before it, none of the conditions under State CEQA Guidelines section 15162 requiring subsequent environmental review have occurred because the Project:

(a) will not result in substantial changes that would require major revisions of the EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects ;

(b) will not result in substantial adverse changes with respect to the circumstances under which the Project is developed that would require major revisions of the EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of the previously identified significant effects; and

(c) does not present new information of substantial importance that was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the EIR documents were certified or adopted, as applicable, showing any of the following: (i) that the modifications would have one or more significant effects not discussed in the earlier environmental documentation; (ii) that significant effects previously examined would be substantially more severe than shown in the earlier environmental documentation; (iii) that mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects, but the applicant declined to adopt such measures; or (iv) that mitigation measures or alternatives considerably different from those analyzed previously would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but which the applicant declined to adopt.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners directs HACLA staff to cause a Notice of Determination to be filed and posted with the County Clerk within five working days of approval of the proposed Project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference and constitute a material part of this Resolution.

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

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Cielo Castro, Chairperson

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

James Johnson, General Counsel

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

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**WHEREAS**, HACLA is eligible to receive State funding for certain transportation related work through the California Department of Transportation;

**WHEREAS**, on December 1, 2021, the California (“State”) Department of Transportation (“Caltrans”) released a Call for Projects for the Clean California Local Grant Program (“Clean California”), through which approximately \$296 million in State funds were committed to go to local communities to beautify and improve local streets and roads, tribal lands, parks, pathways, and transit centers to clean and enhance public spaces, with the goal of enhancing communities and improving spaces for walking and recreation;

**WHEREAS**, on February 1, 2022, HACLA submitted an application to Caltrans for Clean California Grant funding to be used toward the South Los Angeles Rising project (“Project”), to support building new litter abatement infrastructure at the Nickerson Gardens public housing site, Imperial Courts public housing site, and five other sites in HACLA’s South Los Angeles asset management portfolio;

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 2022, Caltrans notified HACLA of its selection as an awardee of \$5 million in funding under the Clean California Grant to be used for the Project;

**WHEREAS**, a Board Resolution is required for HACLA to accept the grant and the obligations associated with receipt of such funding, and enter into the Clean California Grant Agreement with Caltrans;

**WHEREAS**, HACLA is required to enter into a Clean California Local Grant Program Restricted Grant Agreement with Caltrans, as well as execute various other documents, committing to meet the State’s standards as a grantee before such funds can be claimed through the Clean California Local Grant Program;

**WHEREAS**, a Restricted Grant Agreement is needed to be executed with the California Department of Transportation before such funds can be claimed through the Clean California Local Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, HACLA wishes to delegate authorization to execute these agreements and any agreements thereto;

**WHEREAS**, the Project discussed herein is subject to evaluation under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA").

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the President and CEO, or his designee ("Designated Officers" as defined below): (i) to accept the Clean California Local ("Clean California") Grant awarded by the California Department of Transportation ("Caltrans") in the total amount of \$5 million to be used toward the litter abatement and beautification activities at Nickerson Gardens, Imperial Courts, and, five of HACLA's South Los Angeles asset management sites, and creation of a Green Ambassador Program across all the selected sites, known as the South Los Angeles Rising project; (ii) to obligate HACLA to the terms and conditions associated with the receipt of such funding; (iii) to execute any agreements, forms, verifications as required by Caltrans, and any amendments thereto, including the Clean California Local Grant Program Restricted Grant Agreement, as approved by legal counsel; and (iv) to undertake various actions reasonably necessary to effectuate the terms of the Clean California Grant Agreement and this Resolution, including but not limited to, negotiating, executing, approving, and delivering any related and ancillary documents and agreements, all with the advice and/or approval of legal counsel.

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, based on the entire record before the Board of Commissioners, including all written and oral evidence presented, the Board of Commissioners finds that the approval of the Project is categorically exempt from further CEQA review under State CEQA Guidelines section 15303, which applies to the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. Here, the Project is categorically exempt under Section 15303 as it consists of the construction and location of limited numbers of trash enclosures, as an accessory or appurtenant to the public housing sites. None of the exceptions to the categorical exemption applies, and therefore this action is exempt from further CEQA review.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners directs HACLA staff to file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk within five (5) days from the adoption of this Resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference and constitute a material part of this Resolution.

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

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Cielo Castro, Chairperson

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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