

RESOLUTION NO. 2000

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO REVISE THE PUBLIC HOUSING FLAT RENT SCHEDULE IN RESPONSE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT INCREASED 2015 FAIR MARKET RENT RATES

WHEREAS, Federal Regulations provide that Housing Authorities establish Public Housing Flat Rent Schedules that comply with the requirement that all flat rents be set at no less than 80 percent of the applicable Fair Market Rent (FMR) adjusted, if necessary, to account for reasonable utilities costs; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority's revised Flat Rent Schedule will apply to all new program admissions effective July 1, 2015, and for current program participants that pay the flat rental amount, the new flat rental amounts will be offered, as well as the income-based rental amount, at the next annual recertification; and

WHEREAS, currently the Housing Authority's Flat rents are well below 80 percent of the applicable Fair Market Rents, with the proposed Senior/ Disabled two-bedroom flat rent at 62% of the applicable Fair Market Rent and the proposed Family two-bedroom flat rent at 68% of the applicable Fair Market Rent; and

WHEREAS, as provided by the federal regulations, the Housing Authority has opted to place a cap on any increase in a family's rental payment that exceeds 35 percent, as a result of changes to the flat rental amounts; and

WHEREAS, this process will allow the Housing Authority to gradually increase the Flat Rent Schedule over time until full compliance with the statutory changes contained within Public Law 113-76 of the Fiscal Year 2014 Appropriation Act requiring that all flat rents be set at 80 percent of the applicable Fair Market Rents has been met; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends the Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution authorizing the Housing Authority to revise the Public Housing Flat Rent Schedule (proposed amounts attached to this resolution) effective July 1, 2015 to ensure continual compliance with Public Law 113-76 of the Fiscal Year 2014 Appropriation Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THAT:

The Executive Director is authorized to revise the Public Housing Program Flat Rent Schedule to ensure continual compliance with the statutory changes contained within Public Law 113-76 of the Fiscal Year 2014 Appropriation Act in response to the Department of Housing and Urban Development 2015 increased Fair Market Rent Rates. The Executive Director is hereby further authorized to take all actions necessary to implement the foregoing resolution.

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Richmond at a meeting thereof held on May 19, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Bates, McLaughlin, Pimplé, Vice Chairperson Myrick, Chairperson Butt, and Housing Authority Tenant Commissioners Johnson and Sutton.

NOES: Commissioner Martinez.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner Beckles.

TOM BUTT
Chairperson

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ATTEST:

PAMELA CHRISTIAN
Secretary

Approved as to form:

BRUCE GOODMILLER
Attorney

State of California }
County of Contra Costa : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 2000** finally passed and adopted at a Special Housing Authority Meeting held on May 19, 2015.