

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, December 4, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Richmond Housing Authority was called to order at 6:35 p.m., by Chairperson Thomas K. Butt, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Jovanka Beckles, Ben Choi, Jael Myrick, Ada Recinos, Vice Chair Melvin Willis, Chairperson Thomas K. Butt, and Tenant Commissioners Jaycine Scott and Tanise Smith. **Absent:** Commissioner Eduardo Martinez arrived after the roll was called.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Jackie Thompson requested that future Housing Authority meetings be extended for more than five minutes on the agenda. Ms. Thompson expressed concerns regarding the lack of Housing Advisory Commission meetings on a regular basis.

AGENDA REVIEW

Item E-1 was removed from the Consent Calendar.

HOUSING AUTHORITY CONSENT CALENDAR

(The request to remove item E-1 from the Consent Calendar was withdrawn).

On motion of Commissioner Beckles, seconded by Commissioner Recinos, the item marked with an (*) was approved by the unanimous vote of the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners:

*E-1. Approved the minutes of the November 13 and 20, 2018, special Richmond Housing Authority meetings.

STUDY AND ACTION SESSION

F-1. The matter to receive a presentation on the three policy options regarding the future of the Richmond Housing Authority (RHA); and provide direction to staff to explore an option to transition the RHA Section 8 program to a well-managed housing authority and to reposition the RHA public housing assets was introduced by Acting RHA Executive Director Gabino Arredondo. City Manager's Office Administrative Chief LaShonda White, Community and Economic Development Director Shasa Curl, Finance Director Belinda Warner, and Mike Andrews of Structure Development Advisors presented a Powerpoint that highlighted the following: acknowledgements; overview; RHA assets and Section 8 Program; Public Housing Authority Recovery and Sustainability (PHARS) Agreement; financial status; staff resources; three policy options recommended by the United States Department of

Housing (HUD) and the staff recommendation of Policy Option 1 to transfer Section 8 operations to a well-managed housing authority and reposition the RHA assets and public housing operations; and next steps. Discussion ensued. The Commission requested representation from the City of Richmond on any new housing board concerning RHA tenants; reassignment of RHA staff; transition provisions to prevent tenants from being displaced; and reimbursement from HUD for City of Richmond staff time allocated to the RHA. The following speakers gave comments: Lisa Fishman, Carol Hegstrom, Jackie Thompson, and Millie Cleveland. A motion was made by Commissioner Beckles, seconded by Commissioner Recinos, to accept the staff recommendation and direct staff to include a budget for the proposed policy option. Further discussion ensued. The Commission requested ongoing communication with tenants and community input throughout the process. The motion passed by the following vote: **Ayes:** Commissioners Beckles, Choi, Martinez, Myrick, Recinos, Vice Chair Willis, and Chair Butt. **Noes:** Tenant Commissioner Smith. **Absent:** None. **Abstained:** Tenant Commissioner Scott.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

Chairperson