



**Housing Authority of the County of San Diego
Resident Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 1st, 2022, 10:00AM-11:30AM
Microsoft Teams**

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Housing Authority: (12) N. Martinez, A. Ricciardi, J. Warlick, M. Mercier, R. Ramirez, S. Moore, J. King, C. Alvarez, M. Yamamoto, J. Mendez, J. Gilham, N. Cornejo Choy

Resident Advisory Board: D. Simpson, A. Acosta, S. Rodriguez, R. Jacobs, M. McKell

Visitors: Twenty-two members of the public including Housing Authority Residents and participants identified either by meeting name or telephone number

Meeting Called to Order at 10:11 AM by Chairperson Darlene Simpson affirming a quorum. Five members present.

Agenda

- I. Presentation: Agency Plan Development Overview and Comment Solicitation (Monique Mercier)**
 - a. Administrative Plan:** Discretionary policy flexibilities for vulnerable households
 - i. HUD Waivers:**
 1. Additional 60 days in addition to the 180-day max voucher term
 2. Payment Standard increases applied anytime during the term of the HAP contract
 3. Payment standards may be increased up to 120% as reasonable accommodation
 - ii. Poll:** Should the Housing Authority continue to apply for HUD waivers. Yes- 66% Neutral- 33%.
 - b. New Voucher Priorities:** HACSD was awarded with 78 new vouchers and must decide how they will meet the needs of the community. HACSD submitted an interest letter to HUD to apply for special purpose vouchers to address homelessness.
 - i. Poll:** Should incremental vouchers be used to assist people from the wait list or targeted to specific vulnerable populations? vulnerable populations-55%, waiting list-33%, and neutral-11%.
 - ii. Poll:** Which vulnerable populations should be prioritized? Elderly - 37%, Persons fleeing human trafficking or domestic violence -37% , Persons experiencing homelessness - 25%.

- c. **Agency Strategies:** Housing Needs (maximize eligible assistance, ensure correct voucher unit sizes, and deconcentrate poverty by supporting housing navigation in areas of higher economic opportunities with the use of small area fair market rate payment standards. (SAFMR)
 - i. **Poll:** What barriers do you experience when trying to move to a higher economic opportunity area? Moving expenses -33%, Cost of living - 25%, Childcare needs - 16% , Transportation - 8%, Job opportunities - 8%, Other - 8% .
 - ii. **Poll:** How have landlords responded to SB 329, the Source of Income state law? N/A - 57%, More accepting - 28%, No change experienced - 14%.
Comments received regarding payment standards, high rents and barriers they believed they faced from landlords when trying to apply for a new unit. The Housing Authority provided fair housing resources and information about AB 1482 rent cap law and how to access payment standards charts.
 - iii. **Poll:** What is your preferred notification method for Housing Authority announcements? Email - 53%, USPS -23%, Website - 15%, Community meetings -7% .
Discussion- Additional methods of mass communication.

- II. **Informational Item Update: Public Housing Repositioning (Jeremy Warlick)**
- III. **Informational Item Update: Family Self-Sufficiency Program (Skyler Moore)**
- IV. **Informational Item Update: Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Program (Skyler Moore)**
- V. **Public Comment/Questions/Resources**
 - a. **Poll:** How were you notified of today’s meeting? Email – 100%
 - b. **Poll:** Should future RAB meetings be held virtually, in-person, or a combination? Virtual - 100%
 - c. **Poll:** Informational topics of interest for 2023: Tenant rights - 41%, Homeownership - 25%, Unit moves - 25%, Employment preparation - 8%.
 - d. Resources
 - i. HACSD website: www.sdhcd.org
 - ii. [HCDS RA Ombudsperson.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:HCDS_RA_Ombudsperson.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov)

Meeting Adjourned by Chairperson Simpson at 11:09 AM

Next meeting date to be determined and posted on the designated HCDS webpage for the Resident Advisory Board.