A. REGULAR SESSION: Meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Nathan Fletcher, Chair; Nora Vargas, Vice-Chair; Joel Anderson; Jim Desmond; Francisco Peñalosa; also, Ryan Sharp, Assistant Clerk of the Board of Commissioners.

ABSENT: Commissioners Terra Lawson-Remer and Wilma Bonds

(Members of the Housing Authority attended the meeting via teleconference and participated in the meeting to the same extent as if they were present, pursuant to Resolution No. 22-072, adopted June 14, 2022.)

B. Non-Agenda Public Communication: No Speakers

NOTICE: THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE ANY ACTION WITH RESPECT TO THE ITEMS INCLUDED ON THIS AGENDA. RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY COUNTY STAFF DO NOT LIMIT ACTIONS THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD NOT RELY UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE BOARD LETTER AS DETERMINATIVE OF THE ACTION THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE ON A PARTICULAR MATTER.

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OVERVIEW
The San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) established the Housing Authority of the County of San Diego (HACSD) in 1975 in accordance with California law. The HACSD is a local entity that administers housing assistance programs through funding provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The HACSD serves approximately 11,000 low-income households in the region each month.

Today’s action requests the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners to approve the HACSD recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23 and take related actions involving Housing Authority programs. The recommended budget will appropriate funds already under contract with HUD and approved by the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

The Housing Authority operates several housing programs that benefit low-income households in the unincorporated area of the county and in the participating cities of Chula Vista, Coronado, Del Mar, El Cajon, Escondido, Imperial Beach, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, Poway, San Marcos, Santee, Solana Beach, and Vista. All costs to operate these programs are revenue offset.

This item supports the County of San Diego’s (County) vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional Live Well San Diego vision of healthy, safe and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by providing permanent affordable housing and support to vulnerable residents and improving the lives of persons at-risk of and experiencing homelessness. In addition, this item supports the County’s Framework for Ending Homelessness by administering programs according to the Public Housing Agency Plan.

RECOMMENDATION(S)
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY DIRECTOR
1. Approve the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Housing Authority Recommended Budget.

2. Establish appropriations of $203,885,788 for the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Housing Authority of the County of San Diego.

3. Authorize the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the County of San Diego to transfer appropriations within the three program groupings of Housing Assistance, Other Housing Programs, and Public Housing for Fiscal Year 2022-23.
4. Authorize the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the County of San Diego, consistent with Housing Authority procurement policies, to negotiate and sign contracts needed to implement the Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget.

5. Adopt a Resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVING FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 HOUSING AUTHORITY BUDGET, INCLUDING PUBLIC HOUSING.

6. Authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners, acting on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, to certify the Public Housing Authority Board Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Housing Authority Recommended Budget.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT
The Housing Authority of the County of San Diego (HACSD) administers various rental subsidy programs funded by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) intended to assist very low-income families, the elderly, homeless veterans, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. As mandated by federal regulations, for FY 21-22 at least 75% of applicants must qualify as an extremely low-income family earning 30% of area median income or less ($31,250 for a family of two and/or $39,050 for a family of four) and the remaining applicants must not exceed low-income amount of 50% of area median income or less ($52,050 for a family of two and/or $65,050 for a family of four). The HACSD has established local preferences for waiting list applicants to ensure the most vulnerable populations receive priority for assistance. To ensure equitable access for communities who have historically suffered from inequalities and inequities, HACSD gives highest priority to applicants who live or work in the HACSD jurisdiction and have one or more of the following in the household: working applicant, elderly person, disabled person, dependent children, homeless applicant, veterans or surviving spouses of veterans.

As of April 2022, the leased participant distribution includes:

Household Profile
- 44% are Elderly and/or Disabled single tenants
- 12% are Single Parents with Children in the households
- 39% of participants have children in the household
- 66% of households where head or spouse is either Elderly and or Disabled

Family members
- 23% are Elderly
- 32% are Disabled
- 30% are under the age of 18

Rental assistance voucher holders have the opportunity to select housing in areas of their choosing that best fits their needs. In order to expand housing opportunities outside areas of poverty concentration, HACSD provides higher payment standards to allow participants to move outside areas of high poverty or neighborhoods with greater opportunity.
HACSD budget development is guided by the adopted Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan (April 6, 2022 HA01) in which a public review and comment period is required to guide housing authorities’ strategies for meeting local housing needs and goals. The PHA Plan must be approved by HUD which allows housing authorities to receive capital funds, operating funds, and other grants for special purpose uses in public housing and Housing Choice Voucher (“Section 8”) program. HACSD is continuing its commitment to transparency and open government through presentations to the Resident Advisory Board and tenant commissioners. The Resident Advisory Board meetings are advertised in multiple languages to over 10,000 HACSD program participants. For future budget development, HACSD plans to expand engagement through use of County websites and leveraging feedback from community stakeholders.

HACSD is committed to continue its efforts in providing rental assistance to households and advancing equitable access and opportunity for households served in these programs to live in safe and affordable housing.

**FISCAL IMPACT**
If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of $203,885,788 in Fiscal Year 2022-23 in the Housing Authority of the County of San Diego. The funding sources are the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Reserve Fund, Santee Successor Agency, Public Housing Operating Reserve Fund, Public Housing Rental Revenue, State grants, and other miscellaneous revenues. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**
This request will have a positive impact on the business community, as the recommended budget will provide rental income to landlords participating in housing assistance programs.

**ACTION:**
ON MOTION of Commissioner Desmond, seconded by Commissioner Vargas, the Board of Commissioners of the San Diego County Housing Authority took action as recommended, adopting Resolution no. 22-114, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVING FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 HOUSING AUTHORITY BUDGET, INCLUDING PUBLIC HOUSING.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Fletcher, Desmond, Penalosa,
ABSENT: Lawson-Remer, Bonds
There being no further business, the Board of Commissioners of the San Diego County Housing Authority adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners
of Housing Authority

Notes By: Vizcarra

NOTE: This Statement of Proceedings sets forth all actions taken by the County of San Diego Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority on the matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.