

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO HOUSING AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023, 9:00 AM
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, ROOM 310
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

A. REGULAR SESSION: Meeting was called to order at 9:17 a.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Nora Vargas, Chair; Terra Lawson-Remer, Vice-Chair; Joel Anderson; Jim Desmond; Bianca Berry; also, Ryan Sharp, Assistant Clerk of the Board of Commissioners.

ABSENT: Commissioner Nilsa Higgins; (District 4 Seat Vacant)

B. Statement (just cause) and/or Consideration of a Request to Participate Remotely (emergency circumstances) by a Commissioner, if applicable.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953, Commissioner Anderson participated remotely due to just cause for the following reason: childcare or care giving need of a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse or domestic partner. Commissioner Anderson stated no one over the age of 18 was in the room with him.

C. Non-Agenda Public Communication: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Board on any subject matter within the Board's jurisdiction but not an item on today's agenda.

D. Approval of the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the meeting June 14, 2023.

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Desmond, the Board of Commissioners of the San Diego County Housing Authority approved the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the meeting of June 14, 2023.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond, Berry

ABSENT: Higgins, (District 4 Seat Vacant)

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.

Agenda Item

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Subject

1.

APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 HOUSING AUTHORITY BUDGET
ADJUSTMENT
[FUNDING SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT REVENUE]
(4 VOTES)

1. SUBJECT: APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 HOUSING AUTHORITY BUDGET ADJUSTMENT (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors established the Housing Authority of the County of San Diego (County Housing Authority) in 1975 in accordance with California law. The County Housing Authority is a local entity that administers housing assistance programs through funding provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The County Housing Authority serves approximately 23,000 low-income individuals (approximately 11,000 households) in the region each month.

Today's action requests the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners to increase appropriations in the County Housing Authority budget by \$9.3 million based on federal funding from HUD for housing assistance programs. This appropriation increase is necessary, in part, due to the increased cost of housing assistance payments, driven primarily by the overall increase in the private residential rental market experienced in the San Diego County region over the past year.

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 that address root cause and upstream prevention strategies.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY DIRECTOR

Ratify an increase in appropriations of \$9,300,000 within the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Housing Authority of the County of San Diego budget for increased expenditures in housing assistance payments, based on U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development revenue. **(4 VOTES)**

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Housing Authority of the County of San Diego (County Housing Authority) administers various rental subsidy programs funded by the 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, at least 75% of applicants must qualify as an extremely low-income family earning 30% of area median income or less (\$33,100 for a family of two and/or \$41,350 for a family of four) and the remaining applicants must not exceed low-income amount of 50% of area median income or less (\$55,150 for a family of two and/or \$68,900 for a family of four). The County Housing Authority has established local preferences for waiting list applicants to ensure the most vulnerable populations receive priority for assistance. To provide equitable access for communities who have historically suffered from inequalities and inequities, the County Housing Authority gives highest priority to applicants who live or work in the County Housing Authority's 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 May 2023, the leased participant distribution includes:

Household Profile*	Family Members*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43% are elderly and/or disabled single tenants • 12% are single parents with children in the household • 32% of participants have children in the household • 66% of households where head or spouse is either elderly and or disabled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23% are elderly • 31% are disabled • 31% are under the age of 18

*Total does not equal 100% due to overlapping categories.

The County Housing Authority is committed to advancing equitable access and opportunity for assisted households to live in safe and affordable housing. 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, the County Housing Authority provides higher payment standards to allow participants to move outside areas of high poverty to neighborhoods with greater opportunity.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today’s action contributes to the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal #2 of providing just and equitable access. The inclusion of tenant commissioners brings a lived experience lens to the governing body of the Housing Authority of the County of San Diego when approving program activities such as the Public Housing Agency Plan, the annual budget requests for funding, changes in program administration, and implementation of housing programs. These programs serve to remove barriers from low-income families seeking to live in areas of greater economic opportunity.

FISCAL IMPACT

If approved, this request will result in an increase in appropriations of \$9,300,000 in Fiscal Year 2022-23 in the Housing Authority of the County of San Diego. The funding source is the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development revenue. 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 increased budget will provide rental income to landlords participating in housing assistance programs.

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Vargas, seconded by Commissioner Berry, the Board of Commissioners of the San Diego County Housing Authority took action as recommended.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond, Berry
 ABSENT: Higgins, (District 4 Seat Vacant)

There being no further business, the Board of Commissioners of the San Diego County Housing Authority adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners
of Housing Authority

Notes By: Perez

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.

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