

## **NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ IS TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019 AT 11:30A.M. AT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OFFICES LOCATED AT 2160 41<sup>st</sup> AVENUE, CAPITOLA CALIFORNIA 95010

### **HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ** **AGENDA OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

1. Roll Call
2. Consideration of Late Additions and Changes to the Agenda
3. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 27, 2019

Motion to Approve as Submitted

4. Oral Communications (All oral communications must be directed to an item not listed on this agenda and must be within the jurisdiction of the Board. Presentations must not exceed three minutes in length. The Board will not take action or respond immediately to any Oral Communication presented, but may choose to follow up at a later time or schedule item for a subsequent agenda. The Board may limit the total amount of time allowed for oral communication). Anyone addressing the Board of Commissioners is asked to complete a card and leave it with the Board secretary so that their names may be accurately recorded in the Minutes.
5. Unfinished Business
6. New Business

A. Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018

Motion to Approve the Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018 for the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Cruz and Brommer Street Transitional Housing Enterprise Fund

B. Public Hearing, Review and Consideration of Draft Agency Plan for the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Cruz

Receive Public Comment

Annual PHA Plan for the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Cruz

Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 2019-02: Authorizing Execution of PHA Certification of Compliance with PHA Plans and Related Regulations; Board Resolution to Accompany the Annual PHA Plan for the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Cruz

C. Contract for Exterior Painting of Low Income Public Housing Sites

Motion to Approve Bid and Authorize Executive Director to Execute Contract with D&T Painting

7. Written Correspondence
8. Report of Executive Director
9. Reports from Board Members  
(Board members may report on meetings attended, if any, or other items of interest.)
10. Closed Session  
(The Board will recess to discuss those items listed, if any.)
11. Report on Closed Session
12. Adjournment

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*Agendas can be obtained from the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Cruz Administration Department.*

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1**

Roll Call

Vice Chairperson Schiffrin called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. Members present Commissioners Berg, Eligio, Garcia, Pomerantz and Schiffrin

**Members Absent**

Commissioner Brunner (excused)

(Commissioner Schmale entered the meeting at 11:38 a.m.)

**Staff Present**

Jenny Panetta and Courtney Byrd of the Housing Authority

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2**

Consideration of Late Additions or Changes to the Agenda

None.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3**

Consent Agenda

Vice Chairperson Schiffrin asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Berg moved for approval of the Consent Agenda; Commissioner Eligio seconded the motion and it was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Berg, Eligio, Garcia, Pomerantz and Schiffrin

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Brunner and Schmale

ABSTAIN: None

Agenda Item 3A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 23, 2019

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

Oral Communications

None.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

Unfinished Business

None.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6A**

Draft Agency Plan

Secretary Panetta brought before the Board for review the Draft Annual Agency Plan for the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Cruz. She noted that the Draft Annual Agency Plan is available for public review on the Housing Authority website and in our lobby. The public hearing, for the discussion of said Agency Plan, will take place at the March 20, 2019 Special Meeting. This meeting date is being published in a Public Notice in the Santa Cruz Sentinel, Registered Pajaronian and the Hollister Freelance. Secretary Panetta and the Board went through the changes to the Agency Plan that was

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included in this month's Board Packet. A discussion followed. The Board of Commissioners had several changes to the Agency Plan that they would like incorporate. The changes will be incorporated as directed by the Board and an updated draft Agency Plan will be brought before the Board at the March 20, 2019 Special Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6B**                      Application for Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) and California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program (CESH) grant

Secretary Panetta informed the Board that on January 18, 2019, the County of Santa Cruz and the Homeless Action Partnership released a Request for Proposals for the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) and California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program (CESH). The combined application due date was set for February 22, 2019. The Request for Proposals invited applications for the full spectrum of homeless housing services including capital purchases and improvements as well as landlord incentives and move-in assistance. The Housing Authority has submitted an application for \$396,715 to Santa Cruz County and the Homeless Action Partnership for the combined HEAP and CESH grant. Most of the incentives and benefits included in the grant application would be funded through HEAP, and would be exclusively available to voucher holders who are currently experiencing homelessness.

These benefits include landlord bonuses for landlords who enter into a lease with a homeless voucher holder, reimbursement to bring a unit into compliance with HUD standards for landlords willing to rent that unit to a homeless voucher holder, free credit reports for homeless voucher holders searching for landlords who will accept a voucher, and renters insurance for homeless tenants housed with a voucher for their first year of tenancy. Additionally, the application includes security deposit assistance. A discussion followed.

Commissioner Berg moved to Retroactively Authorize Resolution No. 2019-01; Commissioner Eligio seconded the motion and it was passed by the following vote:

- AYES:              Commissioners Berg, Eligio, Garcia, Pomerantz, Schiffrin and Schmale
- NOES:             None
- ABSENT:          Commissioner Brunner
- ABSTAIN:        None

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**                      Written Correspondence

Secretary Panetta congratulated Commissioner Garcia on her reappointment to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and thanked her for serving another term.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

Report of Executive Director

Executive Director Panetta gave the Board a legislative update.

Executive Director Panetta updated the Board on the Housing Authority process of preparing for a software conversion to the new program that will be used to administer all of our waiting lists, programs, and financials. The new product (Yardi Voyager) has capability beyond our existing product, and will result in improvements to customer service and staff efficiency through online portals for applicants, participants and landlords, as well as a more streamlined and robust platform. Our IT staff, finance staff, and program staff are all deeply involved in a series of test conversions, data validations, and training that will keep staff very busy through the “go live” date of July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Executive Director Panetta informed the Board that staff is still in the process of working to establish the new Section 8 HCV waiting lists after receiving applications this winter. Duplicate applications have been removed, leaving 12,272 applicants on the new Santa Cruz County waiting list and 8,823 applicants on the new Hollister / San Juan Bautista waiting list.

Executive Director Panetta informed the Board that she attended the annual conference of the California Association of Housing Authorities (CAHA).

Executive Director Panetta informed the Board that the Housing Authority participated in 2020 Complete Count Committee kick-off events organized by both the City of Watsonville and the County of Santa Cruz. The Housing Authority will continue to participate in the Complete Count Committee and help to conduct outreach to promote the Census among the Housing Authority program participants.

Executive Director Panetta informed the Board that the financials through January 2019 and a comparison against our approved budget (s) FY 2018-2019 is included in this month’s Board Packet.

Deputy Executive Director Failor entered the meeting at 1:23 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

Reports from Board Members

Commissioner Garcia informed the Board that she was a panelist at the Women’s Council of Realtors of Santa Cruz event that was held Feb. 13 at the Dream Inn. One of the many topics that were discussed was creating affordable housing at the Capitola Mall.

The Board entered closed session at 1:26 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10**

Closed Session

A. Lease Negotiations for 2931 Mission

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**AGENDA ITEM NO.11**

Report on Closed Session

Commissioner Garcia moved to Authorize the Executive Director to Execute a New Lease with Toadal Fitness for the Entire Building at 2931 Mission Street, Santa Cruz, CA, with an amendment to include a shared parking agreement; Commissioner Eligio seconded the motion and it was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Berg, Eligio, Garcia, Pomerantz, Schiffrin and Schmale  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Commissioner Brunner  
ABSTAIN: None

The Board exited closed session at 1:51 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 12**

Adjournment

The Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

I hereby certify that these minutes were approved by the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Cruz, on the Twentieth of March, 2019.

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Chairperson of the Authority

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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**MEETING DATE:** March 20, 2019

**ITEM NUMBER:** 6A

**FROM:** Executive Director

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**SUBJECT:** Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018 for the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Cruz and Brommer Street Transitional Housing Enterprise Fund

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### **BACKGROUND SUMMARY:**

The financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 were prepared for the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Cruz and Brommer Street Transitional Housing Enterprise Fund in the format prescribed by the requirements of the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

The Agency's auditor, Harn & Dolan, CPAs, has issued an unmodified (clean) opinion for each report after conducting an audit in accordance with Government Auditing Standards. The auditor opined that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the agency as of June 30, 2018.

The Financial Data Schedule, which typically appears at the end of the agency-wide audit report in the "Supplementary Information" section, will be distributed to the Board of Commissioners on the day of the meeting. The Financial Data Schedule is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is included for HUD reporting purposes.

Once the Board has approved the audit reports, they will be submitted to the appropriate regulatory bodies and will be available on the agency's website for other interested parties.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018 for the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Cruz and Brommer Street Transitional Housing Enterprise Fund.

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## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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**MEETING DATE:** March 20, 2019

**ITEM NUMBER:** 6B

**FROM:** Executive Director

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**SUBJECT:** Public Hearing, Review and Consideration of Draft Agency Plan for the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Cruz

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**RECOMMENDATION:** **Adopt Resolution No. 2019-02** Adopt Resolution No. 2019-02: Authorizing Execution of PHA Certification of Compliance with PHA Plans and Related Regulations; Board Resolution to Accompany the Annual PHA Plan for the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Cruz

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### **BACKGROUND SUMMARY:**

An Agency Plan has been prepared for the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Cruz in accordance with HUD requirements. The purpose of the Agency Plan is to provide an easily identifiable source by which public housing residents (LIPH), participants in the tenant based assistance program (Housing Choice Voucher holders), and other members of the public may locate basic PHA policies, rules and requirements concerning the PHAs operations, programs and services.

As we discussed last month, the Housing Authority is nearing the completion of the process leading to the adoption of our Agency Plan. In December 2018 the Agency Plan was drafted. The following month, the Resident Advisory Board (RAB) convened to review and comment on the Plan. The RAB engaged in a productive discussion of the draft revisions, and offered no specific comments regarding the contents of the plan or revisions. A copy of the Agency Plan and associated documents was made available to the public in the offices of the Housing Authority, and the draft documents were posted on the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Cruz website. For the past six weeks, a public notice regarding the opportunity to review the Agency Plan, soliciting comments and stating the time, date and place of the public hearing to consider the plan, was published in the Santa Cruz Sentinel, the Register-Pajaronian, and the Hollister Free Lance.

During the February meeting of the Board of Commissioners the draft changes to the plans were reviewed and discussed. Additional changes were suggested by the Board, which are reflected in the attached documents, highlighted in yellow. The Housing Authority Board of Commissioners may consider mid-year changes to the Agency plan. Discretionary or administrative amendments consonant with the Authority's mission and basic objectives will not be considered a significant amendment or substantial deviation to the Agency Plan.

The plans will not be considered complete until after the Board of Commissioners receives all public comment on the Plans, the Board makes any modifications they deem appropriate and the Chairperson is authorized to execute resolutions authorizing Execution of PHA Certifications of Compliance with PHA Plan and Related Regulations for Standard and Streamlined PHA Plans.



These resolutions and certifications are now recommended to be adopted by the board.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt Resolution No. 2019-02: Authorizing Execution of PHA Certification of Compliance with PHA Plans and Related Regulations; Board Resolution to Accompany the Annual PHA Plan for the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Cruz

**Certifications of Compliance with  
PHA Plans and Related Regulations  
(Standard, Troubled, HCV-Only, and  
High Performer PHAs)**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Office of Public and Indian Housing  
OMB No. 2577-0226  
Expires 02/29/2016

**PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plan and Related Regulations including  
Required Civil Rights Certifications**

*Acting on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Public Housing Agency (PHA) listed below, as its Chairman or other authorized PHA official if there is no Board of Commissioners, I approve the submission of the \_\_\_ 5-Year and/or X Annual PHA Plan for the PHA fiscal year beginning 2019, hereinafter referred to as "the Plan", of which this document is a part and make the following certifications and agreements with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in connection with the submission of the Plan and implementation thereof:*

1. The Plan is consistent with the applicable comprehensive housing affordability strategy (or any plan incorporating such strategy) for the jurisdiction in which the PHA is located.
2. The Plan contains a certification by the appropriate State or local officials that the Plan is consistent with the applicable Consolidated Plan, which includes a certification that requires the preparation of an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, for the PHA's jurisdiction and a description of the manner in which the PHA Plan is consistent with the applicable Consolidated Plan.
3. The PHA has established a Resident Advisory Board or Boards, the membership of which represents the residents assisted by the PHA, consulted with this Resident Advisory Board or Boards in developing the Plan, including any changes or revisions to the policies and programs identified in the Plan before they were implemented, and considered the recommendations of the RAB (24 CFR 903.13). The PHA has included in the Plan submission a copy of the recommendations made by the Resident Advisory Board or Boards and a description of the manner in which the Plan addresses these recommendations.
4. The PHA made the proposed Plan and all information relevant to the public hearing available for public inspection at least 45 days before the hearing, published a notice that a hearing would be held and conducted a hearing to discuss the Plan and invited public comment.
5. The PHA certifies that it will carry out the Plan in conformity with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Housing Act, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.
6. The PHA will affirmatively further fair housing by examining their programs or proposed programs, identifying any impediments to fair housing choice within those programs, addressing those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available and work with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdiction's initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA's involvement and by maintaining records reflecting these analyses and actions.
7. For PHA Plans that includes a policy for site based waiting lists:
  - The PHA regularly submits required data to HUD's 50058 PIC/IMS Module in an accurate, complete and timely manner (as specified in PIH Notice 2010-25);
  - The system of site-based waiting lists provides for full disclosure to each applicant in the selection of the development in which to reside, including basic information about available sites; and an estimate of the period of time the applicant would likely have to wait to be admitted to units of different sizes and types at each site;
  - Adoption of a site-based waiting list would not violate any court order or settlement agreement or be inconsistent with a pending complaint brought by HUD;
  - The PHA shall take reasonable measures to assure that such a waiting list is consistent with affirmatively furthering fair housing;
  - The PHA provides for review of its site-based waiting list policy to determine if it is consistent with civil rights laws and certifications, as specified in 24 CFR part 903.7(c)(1).
8. The PHA will comply with the prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of age pursuant to the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.
9. The PHA will comply with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 and 24 CFR Part 41, Policies and Procedures for the Enforcement of Standards and Requirements for Accessibility by the Physically Handicapped.
10. The PHA will comply with the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Employment Opportunities for Low-or Very-Low Income Persons, and with its implementing regulation at 24 CFR Part 135.
11. The PHA will comply with acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24 as applicable.
12. The PHA will take appropriate affirmative action to award contracts to minority and women's business enterprises under 24 CFR 5.105(a).

13. The PHA will provide the responsible entity or HUD any documentation that the responsible entity or HUD needs to carry out its review under the National Environmental Policy Act and other related authorities in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58 or Part 50, respectively.
14. With respect to public housing the PHA will comply with Davis-Bacon or HUD determined wage rate requirements under Section 12 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.
15. The PHA will keep records in accordance with 24 CFR 85.20 and facilitate an effective audit to determine compliance with program requirements.
16. The PHA will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act, the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, and 24 CFR Part 35.
17. The PHA will comply with the policies, guidelines, and requirements of OMB Circular No. A-87 (Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments), 2 CFR Part 225, and 24 CFR Part 85 (Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State, Local and Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments).
18. The PHA will undertake only activities and programs covered by the Plan in a manner consistent with its Plan and will utilize covered grant funds only for activities that are approvable under the regulations and included in its Plan.
19. All attachments to the Plan have been and will continue to be available at all times and all locations that the PHA Plan is available for public inspection. All required supporting documents have been made available for public inspection along with the Plan and additional requirements at the primary business office of the PHA and at all other times and locations identified by the PHA in its PHA Plan and will continue to be made available at least at the primary business office of the PHA.
22. The PHA certifies that it is in compliance with applicable Federal statutory and regulatory requirements, including the Declaration of Trust(s).

The Housing Authority of the County of Santa Cruz

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PHA Name

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PHA Number/HA Code

Annual PHA Plan for Fiscal Year 2019/2020

5-Year PHA Plan for Fiscal Years 20\_\_\_\_ - 20\_\_\_\_

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I hereby certify that all the information stated herein, as well as any information provided in the accompaniment herewith, is true and accurate. **Warning:** HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802).  
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Name of Authorized Official

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Title

Sonja Brunner

Chairperson

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Signature

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Date

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**MEETING DATE:** March 20, 2019

**ITEM NUMBER:** 6C

**FROM:** Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** Contract for Exterior Painting of Low Income Public Housing Sites

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Bid and Authorize Executive Director to Execute Contract with D&T Painting

### BACKGROUND SUMMARY:

Every five to eight years it is necessary to repaint the exterior of our low income public housing complexes and office buildings. The last exterior paint job was completed in 2011. There are a total of 20 apartment complexes and one commercial office building that is being considered for painting this year. The Housing Authority placed a public notice in the local newspapers to advertise the painting project. The painting project was also placed on the Housing Authority website. Sealed bids were due February 23, 2019 at 10:00 AM.

The bid package was broken out into priorities, base bid and alternate. The properties listed under the base bid line item (all public housing sites) was work that the Housing Authority required to be completed under this contract. The property listed under the alternate line item (one commercial building) was work that might be considered. When evaluating the bids, HA Staff compared the base bid pricing.

We received a total of 11 bids; however one bid was received after the 10 AM deadline and was not considered. Of the 10 bids considered, HA staff reviewed the two lowest bid packages for accuracy and completeness and conducted reference checks. After reviewing the bids and references, HA Staff recommends that we accept the bid from D&T Painting and enter into a contract with this vendor. Listed below is a summary of the bids received.

Exterior Repainting Project 2019 - Bids Received			
Bidder Name	Base Bid	Alternate	Total (base + alternate)
D&T Painting	\$ 532,000.00	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 580,000.00
D&D Painting Co	\$ 549,700.00	\$ 29,100.00	\$ 578,800.00
Horizon Bros (HB) Restoration	\$ 643,914.03	\$ 17,490.69	\$ 661,404.72
Brajas Construction Inc.	\$ 727,700.00	\$ 22,300.00	\$ 750,000.00
A Plus Painting	\$ 735,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 790,000.00
Pacific Contractors Group Inc.	\$ 830,000.00	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 970,000.00

Pro-Ex Construction, Inc	\$ 928,500.00	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 933,200.00
Color New Painting	\$ 990,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 1,006,000.00
Athens Painting & Commercial Coatings, Inc.	\$ 1,049,458.00	\$ 48,232.00	\$ 1,097,690.00
Vera's Painting	\$ 1,921,000.00	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 1,984,000.00
Cam Painting	\$ 2,138,500.00	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 2,167,500.00

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Bid and Authorize Executive Director to Execute Contract with D&T Painting

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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**MEETING DATE:** March 20, 2019

**ITEM NUMBER:** 8

**FROM:** Executive Director

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**SUBJECT:** Executive Director's Report – March 20, 2019

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Receive Report

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### **BACKGROUND SUMMARY:**

Please call or e-mail me with questions you might have on any of the Agenda Items for the March 20, 2019 meeting. I would be happy to give you additional background or answer any of your questions in advance of the meeting. My direct line is 454-5931 and my email address is [jennyp@hacosantacruz.org](mailto:jennyp@hacosantacruz.org).

**Legislative Update:** On March 11, the Trump Administration announced its proposed Fiscal Year 2020 budget. The announcement states a “commitment to fiscal restraint” which is manifested in significant cuts to the Housing Choice Voucher Program, the Low Income Public Housing Capital and Operating Funds, and elimination of the CDBG program. The proposal also includes rent reforms and work requirements similar to those proposed last year in the “Making Affordable Housing Work” bill. As with the last two administration budgets, this proposal is unlikely to be well received by Congress, who will be drafting their own bills in the coming months. In the meantime, we eagerly await our final funding notification for the current fiscal year. HUD has sixty days after the approval of the budget to provide PHAs with specific information about our level of funding and our inflation factor. Therefore, we should receive this information by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**HEAP / CESH Grants:** Last month, we discussed an application submitted for HEAP / CESH funding for landlord bonuses, minor unit repairs, and other move in assistance primarily for homeless voucher holders. We have been informed that funding decisions will be announced on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**CDBG Eligibility:** Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) are intended to support the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and through expanding economic opportunities, principally, for persons of low- and moderate-income. The CDBG entitlement program provides annual grants on a formula basis to eligible cities and counties based on population. In addition to CDBG entitlement communities, who

receive funding directly from HUD, funding is also issued to states, which administer their own programs and allows states to award grants to smaller units of general local government. These grants, issued by the California Department of Housing and Community Development, are available only to cities and counties. While a Public Housing Authority may be a sub-recipient, a PHA may not directly apply for CDBG funds.

**List of Special Voucher Types:** Your packets today include a list of special voucher types, including the number of vouchers of each type, and the current utilization of each voucher type.



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## Summary of Special Program Tenant Based Voucher Utilization March, 2019

Voucher Type	Vouchers Available	Vouchers in Use
Santa Cruz County Regular Vouchers	3,471	3,365
Veterans Assisted Supportive Housing (VASH) <sup>1</sup>	352	246
Hollister / San Juan Bautista Regular Vouchers	344	308
Family Unification Program (FUP) <sup>2</sup>	181	108
Disabled and Medically Vulnerable (DMV)	120	103
Disabled Vouchers	138	102
Mainstream Vouchers	100	80
Medicaid Waiver Vouchers	27	19
Welfare to Work Vouchers	24	24
Disabled Transitioning from Institutions (DTI)	12	10
<b>Total Special Tenant Based Vouchers</b>	<b>4,769</b>	<b>4,365</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes the addition of 29 new VASH vouchers awarded 3/1/2019

<sup>2</sup> Includes the addition of 58 new FUP vouchers awarded 1/1/2019