RESOLUTION 2016-05-25(2)

Date:

May 25, 2016

To:

THA Board of Commissioners

From:

Michael Mirra

Executive Director

Re:

Moving to Work (MTW) Contract Extension

This resolution would authorize Tacoma Housing Authority's Executive Director to sign and return the letter that THA received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) extending its Moving to Work (MTW) contract to 2028.

Background

THA and the other thirty-eight (38) Moving to Work (MTW) housing authorities across the nation have been negotiating with HUD for over two years regarding the terms of a ten-year extension to our MTW contracts. A ten-member Steering Committee of MTW Executive Directors represented all MTW agencies in these negotiations. Before those negotiations resulted in an agreement, the Congress, as part of the 2016 appropriation act, directed HUD to extend the contracts to 2028 without change. The language also provided some protections of MTW HUD funded reserves.

On April 14, 2016, HUD sent a letter to each MTW agency memorializing the extension. The letter also includes the congressional reserve language with some changes. A copy of the letter is attached. HUD explains that Congress's action and its letter accomplishes the extension without any signature from the housing authorities. The attorneys representing the MTW agencies in these negotiations advise that housing authorities wishing to accept the terms of the letter add the langue below to the bottom of the letter and its own signature:

"THA accepts the modification of its Moving to Work Agreement specified in the content of the second paragraph of the letter dated April 14, 2016 from Nani A. Coloretti, Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, to Michael Mirra, Executive Director, of the Tacoma Housing Authority."

Recommendation

Approve Resolution 2016-05-25(2) authorizing THA's Executive Director to sign the attached letter as an amendment to the THA MTW Contract. The amendment will extend the contract to 2028 on the terms stated in the letter.



RESOLUTION 2016-05-25(2) (Moving to Work Contract Extension)

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma

WHEREAS, Tacoma Housing Authority's (THA's) Moving to Work contract is set to expire December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has provided a letter to THA restating the 2016 HUD appropriations act language to extend the contract to 2028; and

WHEREAS, signing the letter will show THA's explicit acceptance of the contract extension; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma, Washington as follows:

THA's Executive Director is authorized to sign the attached letter as an amendment to THA's MTW Contract and to return the letter to HUD. The amendment will extend the contract to 2028.

Approved: May 25, 2016