



TACOMA HOUSING AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION 2016-08-24(8)

Date: August 24, 2016
To: THA Board of Commissioners
From: Michael Mirra
Executive Director
Re: Alternative Use of Public Housing Homes

Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to authorize the executive director to seek Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approval to use two (2) scattered site public housing homes for use by community partners to provide housing to unaccompanied youth. This use would last up to three years by when we hope THA will help these partners find a permanent site.

Background

Tacoma Housing Authority (THA) has identified unaccompanied homeless youth and young adults as some of Tacoma and Pierce County's citizens most in need:

- McKinney-Vento homeless counts continue to grow within our schools;
- Point-in-Time (PIT) counts show continued high numbers of unaccompanied youth and young adults. There were 90 unaccompanied youth and young adults counted in the 2016 PIT (this population is undercounted in organized PIT studies);
- Of the 6,400 children in foster care in 2014, 1,019 were in Pierce County;
- The rate of children entering out of home care in Pierce County in 2014 was 5.10%, as opposed to 2.64% in King County (this rate represents the number of children who entered out-of-home care per 1,000 children in the general population);
- There are not enough foster homes to house the youth in need;
- THA programs are not readily available to young adults and completely inaccessible to unaccompanied youth;
- THA relies on strong partnerships to provide the specialized services these young people need.

CYS has secured \$341,000 year in operational funding to operate a six (6) bed CRC in Tacoma to be open by November 1st. We have identified a single family public housing home that will fit this use.

We will continue to work with CYS, the City of Tacoma, and Pierce County over the next (up to) three years to plan, design and build a larger 12-bed CRC on THA property. The planned property for the permanent site is THA's Arlington Drive parcel at Salishan.

Recommendation

Authorize THA's Executive Director to seek HUD approval to use two (2) scattered site public housing homes for use by community partners to provide housing to unaccompanied youth for up to three years.



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A **RESOLUTION** of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma authorizing the THA Executive Director to negotiate with HUD regarding the alternative use of two public housing units.

WHEREAS, THA owns and manages single family public housing; and


WHEREAS, THA is interested intervening in the crisis of unhoused foster and other unaccompanied youth; and

WHEREAS, THA will partner with high-capacity partners for services; now, therefore, be it

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

The Board authorizes THA's Executive Director to seek HUD approval to use two (2) scattered site public housing homes for use by community partners to provide housing to unaccompanied youth for up to three years.

Approved: August 24, 2016



Dr. Arthur C. Banks, Chair