



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION/  
HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
of the County of Los Angeles

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October 16, 2018

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

The Honorable Board of Commissioners  
Community Development Commission  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Dear Supervisors/Commissioners:

**ADOPT RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENTION TO MERGE THE RIGHTS, POWERS, DUTIES  
AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WITH THE COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTE)**

**SUBJECT**

This letter recommends adoption of a resolution by the Board of Supervisors and also acting as the Board of Commissioners of the Community Development Commission (Commission), to declare the Board of Supervisors' (Board) intention to merge and vest the rights, powers, duties, and responsibilities of the commissioners of the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (Housing Authority) into the Commission.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Adopt and instruct the Chair to sign a resolution declaring the intention to for the Commission to be vested with the rights, powers, duties and responsibilities of the commissioners of the Housing Authority.
2. Find that adoption of the resolution is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the action is not defined as a project under CEQA.

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

24 October 16, 2018

CELIA ZAVALA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:**

1. Authorize the Executive Director, or her designee, to take all necessary actions to provide the necessary notifications to the U.S. Department Housing and Urban Development, bondholders, as well as notice to all conducting business with the Housing Authority regarding the Board's intention to merge the Housing Authority with the Commission.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to adopt a resolution declaring the Board intention to merge the rights, powers, duties and responsibilities of the Housing Authority with the Commission. The resolution would also authorize the Commission and direct its Executive Director, or her designee, to take all necessary actions to provide the necessary notifications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, bondholders, as well as to notice to all conducting business with the Housing Authority regarding the Board's intention.

This recommended action does not officially merge the two entities, but begins the process by declaring the Board's intention and instructing the Commission to move forward with the requisite noticing to all affected entities, bondholders and those conducting business with the Housing Authority. We will return to your Board in early 2019 with a resolution that would make the merger official as well as an amendment to Chapter 2.58 vesting the Commission the rights, powers, duties and responsibilities of the commissioners of the Housing Authority.

Further, the recommended action is in line with the rebranding that the agency will be undertaking, in an effort to come together as one agency, with one voice, one vision and one culture. The decision to merge was not taken lightly, and has been an extensive process, including vetting within the Housing Authority and externally with its partners. Presentations on the proposed merger have been made to the Housing Commissioners, Board Deputies and Board Offices. In addition, utilizing philanthropic resources, the Executive Director of the Commission is currently engaging in an external stakeholder outreach process. Thus far, the proposed organizational restructure and rebranding has been met with extremely positive feedback.

Ultimately, merging into one entity will afford the opportunity for the Commission to rebrand itself as what it is: a strong, progressive, and unified entity within the County, with a rich history of providing a multitude of services to residents and businesses, be it through programs offered by the Commission or the Housing Authority. The merger of the Housing Authority with the Commission will not affect the level of service; rather, we expect that less confusion will occur as residents, clients and external stakeholders will only be working with one agency, which functions as an industry leader in the affordable housing, community development, and economic development sectors. It is expected that the merger will lead to increased integration of Commission and Housing Authority programs, with synergies that will ultimately benefit the residents and businesses that both entities serve.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There is no impact on the County General Fund.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Board created the Housing Authority by resolution on March 29, 1938, and created the Commission by ordinance on February 13, 1976. Although they are separate legal entities, the Housing Authority and the Commission have operated jointly since 1982, with a single Executive Director, and staff performing work for both agencies. The programs and clientele of the two agencies also share significant overlap.

Health and Safety Code Section 34118 permits a community development commission to operate and govern the housing authority and declare that the community development commission shall be vested with the rights, powers, duties, and responsibilities of the commissioners of the housing authority. This requires an amendment to Chapter 2.58 ordinance to vest the Commission the rights, powers, duties and responsibilities of the commissioners of the Housing Authority.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This action is exempt from the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) pursuant to 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 58, Section 58.34 (a)(3) because it involves administrative activities that will not have a physical impact on or result in any physical changes to the environment.

This action is not a project pursuant to CEQA because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378 (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines. The proposed action is an administrative activity of the government which will not result in direct or indirect physical change to the environment.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The recommended action is the first step to the eventual merging of the Housing Authority with the Commission. This merger will streamline operations and enhance service delivery to clients presently served by both agencies.

Respectfully submitted,



MONIQUE KING-VIEHLAND  
Executive Director

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Enclosures

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
DECLARING INTENTION TO MERGE AND VEST THE RIGHTS, POWERS, DUTIES  
AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WITH THE  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS  
ANGELES**

**WHEREAS**, on March 29, 1938, by resolution, the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the County of Los Angeles ("County") created the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles ("Housing Authority");

**WHEREAS**, on February 13, 1976, by ordinance, the County created the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles ("Commission");

**WHEREAS**, the Board of the County of Los Angeles act also as the commissioners of the Housing Authority and the Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Health and Safety Code Section 34118 permits a community development commission to operate and govern the housing authority and declare that the community development commission shall be vested with the rights, powers, duties, and responsibilities of the commissioners of the housing authority.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and also acting as the Board of Commissioners of the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles as follows:

1. The Board of the County of Los Angeles hereby declares its intent to merge the rights, powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Commissioners of the Housing Authority into the Commission and vest the rights, powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Commissioners of the Housing Authority into the Commission.
2. Authorize the Commission and direct its Executive Director, or her designee, to take all necessary actions to provide the necessary notifications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, bondholders, as well as notice to all conducting business with the Housing Authority regarding the Board's intention to merge the Housing Authority with the Commission.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: *Supervisors Solis, Ridley-Thomas, Hahn, Barger and Kuehl*

NOES: *NONE*

ABSENT: *NONE*

ABSTAIN: *NONE*

By *Shirley Kuehl*  
Chair of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

CELIA ZAVALA,  
Executive Officer-Clerk  
of the Board of Supervisors

By: *Lachelle Smithman*  
Deputy



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARY C. WICKHAM,  
County Counsel

By: *Behnaz Jostad*  
Deputy