



AGENDA

Garden Grove Housing Authority

Tuesday,
February 27, 2024

6:30 PM

Community Meeting Center 11300
Stanford Avenue Garden Grove
California 92840

Kim B. Nguyen-Penaloza
Chair

George S. Brietigam
Vice Chair

Carol Beckles
Commissioner

Joe DoVinh
Commissioner

Steve Jones
Commissioner

Stephanie Klopfenstein
Commissioner

Tan Nguyen
Commissioner

John R. O'Neill
Commissioner

Cindy Tran
Commissioner

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AGENDA

Open Session

6:30 PM

ROLL CALL: COMMISSIONER BECKLES, COMMISSIONER DOVINH, COMMISSIONER JONES, COMMISSIONER KLOPFENSTEIN, COMMISSIONER T. NGUYEN, COMMISSIONER O'NEILL, COMMISSIONER TRAN, VICE CHAIR BRIETIGAM, CHAIR K. NGUYEN-PENALOZA

1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

2. CONSENT ITEMS

(Consent Items will be acted on simultaneously with one motion unless separate discussion and/or action is requested by a Housing Authority Commissioner.)

2.a. Receive and file the Housing Authority Status Report for January 2024.
(Action Item)

2.b. Receive and file minutes from the meeting held on January 23, 2024.
(Action Item)

3. MATTERS FROM CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS AND DIRECTOR

4. ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Housing Authority Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California 92840.

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Lisa L. Kim From: Ursula Luna-Reynosa
Dept.: Director Dept.: Economic Development and Housing
Subject: Receive and file the Housing Authority Status Report for January 2024. (*Action Item*) Date: 2/27/2024

OBJECTIVE

For the Housing Authority Commissioners to receive and file the January 2024 Housing Authority Status Report.

BACKGROUND

The Housing Choice Voucher Program assists low-income families, senior citizens, and handicapped persons in the payment of their monthly rent. Under this program, a qualified participant pays a portion of his/her adjusted household income for rent. The remainder of the rent is paid by the City's Housing Authority utilizing funds received from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The units rented under the program are inspected on a biennial basis to ensure that they are decent, safe, sanitary, and have no code violations. Approximately 2,362 senior citizens, disabled persons, and families are funded by the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program.

In September of 2023, the Housing Authority was awarded with 9 new Housing Choice Vouchers, as authorized by the Consolidated Appropriation Act 2023. The new vouchers increased the total allocation of the Housing Authority Section 8 Voucher Program to 2,362.

In October of 2022, the Housing Authority was awarded with 16 new Housing Choice Vouchers, also known as Fair Share Vouchers, under the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2022. These vouchers increased the total authorized allocation of the Housing Authority Section 8 Voucher Program to 2353.

In May 2021, the Housing Authority was awarded with 117 Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs) and funding from HUD, as authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The EHVs are provided to help assist individuals and families who are (1) homeless, (2) at risk of homelessness, (3) fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, or (4) recently homeless. The initial award amount is \$1,744,368 with the effective

date July 1, 2021. To ensure that the EHVs assist families who are most in need, the Housing Authority will work with community partners to determine the best use and targeting for the vouchers along with other resources available in the community.

In November 2020, the Housing Authority was awarded with 75 new Mainstream vouchers and funding from HUD, as authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act. The Mainstream vouchers are provided to help respond to coronavirus related housing needs in the community.

DISCUSSION

The following is a status report for the month of January 2024:

Program Eligibility: All participants of the Housing Choice Voucher Program must be income eligible. Applicants are ranked on the Waiting List by local preferences. When an applicant is next on the Waiting List, they have an Initial Qualifying (IQ) interview where their eligibility is verified. If they are eligible, they receive a program briefing and their voucher. The Authority replaces those families who terminate from the program as a part of normal turnover. Once on the program, they are re-certified for eligibility at least annually and their portion of the rent adjusted according to their income.

INITIAL QUALIFICATION (IQ) INTERVIEWS: Staff conducted 3 Initial Qualification interviews (IQ's) from the Waiting List and the following:

- (a) Emergency Housing Vouchers - 0
- (b) Referred by a Garden Grove Homeless Shelter - 0
- (c) Incoming Portability - 2
- (d) Mainstream Vouchers - 0

Briefings and New Program Admissions: One (1) briefing was conducted this month, 13 vouchers were issued, and 14 families were admitted to the program.

Re-certifications: Staff conducted 281 re-examination interviews with participants to determine continued eligibility. Ninety-seven (97) were interviewed who had interim changes in income, which necessitated an adjustment in their portion of the rent.

Moves: Staff met with 17 tenants currently on the program that were moving and were briefed on move procedures.

Terminations: There were 10 families who terminated from the program during the month.

FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM (FSS): Assists families to become employed and no longer dependent on public assistance. The Family Self-Sufficiency Program enables Voucher participants to enter into contracts making available support services such as education, training, and career development.

Status of FSS participants this month:

There were four FSS participants interviewed for the month of January. There were four FSS contracts enrolled. There was one FSS contract graduated. There are a total of 415 families who have signed contracts for the FSS program. Thirty-seven contracts are active. Eight update meetings via phone and email were held with FSS participants. One hundred and forty-three families have completed their FSS goals and 70 of these are self-sufficient and no longer need housing assistance. Eight families have purchased houses. There are 20 escrow accounts. Fifteen escrow accounts are active with monthly deposits. The Garden Grove Housing Authority has paid out a total of \$1,284,937.96 in escrow funds to tenants who have completed their contract obligations. Each graduate that successfully completes his or her family obligations on the contract after [October 21, 1998](#), reduces the minimum program size. The original program size of 140 is now reduced to 2.

UNIT INSPECTIONS: All units that are leased under the Housing Choice Voucher program must pass an initial Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspection before the Housing Assistance Payments contract is signed and must pass a biennial HQS inspection to continue to receive rental assistance payments. HQS inspections determine that the unit is decent, safe and sanitary, and has passed City building codes.

New Leases: There were 40 requests for new lease approvals with 20 units passing and 20 units failing.

Annuals: There were 180 annual inspections conducted this month. Eighty-three (83) units passed and 97 failed to meet Housing Quality Standards (HQS) and code requirements. The owners were requested to make the necessary repairs.

Re-inspections: There were 119 re-inspections conducted on units that failed their first inspection.

Move-out: There were no move-out inspections conducted.

Specials: There were no special inspections conducted.

Quality Control: There were 4 quality control inspections conducted this month. These inspections are required by HUD to ensure that field staff is in compliance with inspection requirements and are conducted by supervisory staff.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Housing Authority Commissioners:

- Receive and file the January 2024 Housing Authority Status Report.

ATTACHMENTS:

| Description | Upload Date | Type | File Name |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Statistical report - January 2024 | 2/20/2024 | Backup Material | Statistical_Report_-_January_2024.pdf |

GARDEN GROVE HOUSING AUTHORITY
"STATISTICAL REPORT"
January 2024

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|---|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| I. <u>LEASED FAMILIES</u> | <u>NUMBER</u> | | | | | <u>FAMILIES</u> | | |
| Total Participating Families: | 2748 | | | | | 100% | | |
| Elderly: | 1777 | | | | | 65% | | |
| Disabled: | 826 | | | | | 30% | | |
| Female Head of Household: | 1564 | | | | | 57% | | |
| Employed: | 1012 | | | | | 37% | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| II. <u>UNITS UNDER LEASE</u> | <u>UNITS LEASED</u> | <u>TOTAL UNITS ALLOCATED</u> | <u>% LEASED</u> | <u>PORT IN ADMINISTERED</u> | | | | |
| HCV | 2246 | 2362 | 95% | 319 | | | | |
| EHV | 108 | 117 | 92% | | | | | |
| Mainstream | 71 | 75 | 95% | | | | | |
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| III. <u>CURRENT PAYMENT STANDARD</u> | <u>1-BEDROOM</u> | <u>2-BEDROOM</u> | <u>3-BEDROOM</u> | <u>4+BEDROOM</u> | | | | |
| | \$2,344 | \$2,783 | \$2,769 | \$4,467 | | | | |
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| IV. <u>RENTS AND INCOME</u> | <u>VOUCHERS</u> | | | | | | | |
| Average HAP Payment: | \$1,464 | | | | | | | |
| Average Tenant Rent: | \$480 | | | | | | | |
| Average Contract Rent: | \$1,998 | | | | | | | |
| Average Annual Income: | \$23,071 | | | | | | | |
| Hard to House: | 8 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| V. <u>TOTAL NUMBER OF UNITS LEASED BY BEDROOM SIZE</u> | <u>1-BEDROOM</u> | <u>2-BEDROOM</u> | <u>3-BEDROOM</u> | <u>4+BEDROOM</u> | <u>MOBILE HOME</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> | | |
| | 1807 | 726 | 171 | 25 | 19 | 2748 | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| VI. <u>NEW ADMISSION BY UNIT SIZE</u> | <u>0-BEDROOM</u> | <u>1-BEDROOM</u> | <u>2-BEDROOM</u> | <u>3-BEDROOM</u> | <u>4+BEDROOM</u> | <u>MOBILE HOME</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> | |
| | 0 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 14 | |

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Lisa L. Kim From: Teresa Pomeroy
Dept.: Director Dept.: Secretary
Subject: Receive and file minutes Date: 2/27/2024
from the meeting held on
January 23, 2024. (*Action
Item*)

Attached are the minutes from the meeting held on January 23, 2024, recommended to be received and filed as submitted or amended.

ATTACHMENTS:

| Description | Upload Date | Type | File Name |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Minutes | 2/22/2024 | Minutes | ha-min_01_23_2024.pdf |

MINUTES

GARDEN GROVE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Community Meeting Center

11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

CONVENE MEETING

At 6:37 p.m., Chair Brietigam convened the meeting in the Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL PRESENT: (8) Commissioners O’Neill, Tran, Jones, DoVinh,
Klopfenstein, Nguyen, Vice Chair Nguyen-
Penzloza, Chair Brietigam

ABSENT: (1) Commissioner Beckles

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Speakers: None.

REORGANIZATION (F: VIP)

It was moved by Commissioner Klopfenstein, seconded by Vice Chair Nguyen-Penaloza that:

Vice Chair Nguyen-Penaloza be selected as Chair.

The motion carried by an 8-0-1 vote as follows:

Ayes: (8) O’Neill, Tran, Jones, DoVinh, Klopfenstein,
Nguyen, Nguyen-Penaloza, Brietigam
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (1) Beckles

It was moved by Commissioner O’Neill, seconded by Commissioner DoVinh that:

Chair Brietigam be selected as Vice Chair.

The motion carried by an 8-0-1 vote as follows:

Ayes: (8) O'Neill, Tran, Jones, DoVinh, Klopfenstein,
Nguyen, Nguyen-Penaloza, Brietigam
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (1) Beckles

RECEIVE AND FILE THE HOUSING AUTHORITY STATUS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2023 (F: H-117.2)

It was moved by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner O'Neill that:

The November 2023 Housing Authority Status Report, be received and filed.

The motion carried by an 8-0-1 vote as follows:

Ayes: (8) O'Neill, Tran, Jones, DoVinh, Klopfenstein,
Nguyen, Brietigam, Nguyen-Penaloza
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (1) Beckles

RECEIVE AND FILE THE HOUSING AUTHORITY STATUS REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2023 (F: H-117.2)

It was moved by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner O'Neill that:

The December 2023 Housing Authority Status Report, be received and filed.

The motion carried by an 8-0-1 vote as follows:

Ayes: (8) O'Neill, Tran, Jones, DoVinh, Klopfenstein,
Nguyen, Brietigam, Nguyen-Penaloza
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (1) Beckles

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY BYLAWS TO ACCURATELY REFLECT THE NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS AND APPOINTMENT OF TENANT COMMISSIONERS (F: H-127.1)

It was moved by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner O'Neill that:

Resolution No. 187-24 entitled: A Resolution of the Garden Grove Housing Authority adopting revised bylaws to update the number of Commissioners and the provisions for the appointment of tenant commissioners, be adopted.

The motion carried by an 8-0-1 vote as follows:

Ayes: (8) O'Neill, Tran, Jones, DoVinh, Klopfenstein,
Nguyen, Brietigam, Nguyen-Penaloza
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (1) Beckles

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, ACTING IN ITS CAPACITY OF HOUSING SUCCESSOR,
RECEIVE AND FILE THE GARDEN GROVE HOUSING AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 (JOINT ACTION ITEM WITH THE CITY COUNCIL)
(F: 128.1)

HOUSING AUTHORITY ACTION

It was moved by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner O'Neill that:

The Housing Authority Annual Report and as Housing Successor for Fiscal Year 2022-23, be received and filed.

The motion carried by an 8-0-1 vote as follows:

Ayes: (8) DoVinh, Jones, Klopfenstein, T. Nguyen,
O'Neill, Tran, Brietigam, Nguyen-Penaloza
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (1) Beckles

CITY COUNCIL ACTION

It was moved by Council Member Brietigam, seconded by Council Member DoVinh that:

The Housing Authority Annual Report as Housing Authority and as Housing Successor for Fiscal Year 2022-23, be received and filed.

The motion carried by a 7-0 vote as follows:

Ayes: (7) Brietigam, O'Neill, DoVinh, Klopfenstein,
Nguyen-Penaloza, Tran, Jones
Noes: (0) None

APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CALOPTIMA HEALTH,
ORANGE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY, ANAHEIM HOUSING AUTHORITY, AND
SANTA ANA HOUSING AUTHORITY (F: H-55.CalOptima)

It was moved by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner O'Neill that:

The Memorandum of Understanding by and between CalOptima Health, Orange County Housing Authority, the Anaheim Housing Authority, and the Santa Ana Housing Authority, to provide referrals for supportive services through the Cal-AIM program, be approved; and

The Executive Director be authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding, including any minor modifications as appropriate, and any other pertinent documents necessary to effectuate and/or implement the Agreement, on behalf of the Garden Grove Housing Authority.

The motion carried by an 8-0-1 vote as follows:

Ayes: (8) O'Neill, Tran, Jones, DoVinh, Klopfenstein,
Nguyen, Brietigam, Nguyen-Penalozza
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (1) Beckles

RECEIVE AND FILE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 28, 2023
(F: Vault)

It was moved by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner O'Neill that:

Minutes from the meeting held on November 28, 2023, be received and filed.

The motion carried by an 8-0-1 vote as follows:

Ayes: (8) O'Neill, Tran, Jones, DoVinh, Klopfenstein,
Nguyen, Nguyen-Penalozza, Brietigam
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (1) Beckles

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:40 p.m., Chair Nguyen-Penalozza adjourned the meeting. The next Regular Housing Authority Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California.

Teresa Pomeroy
Secretary