

## **District of Columbia Housing Authority**

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

September 26, 2018

The Honorable Phil Mendelson Chairman Council of the District of Columbia 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 504 Washington, DC 20004-3003

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

I have enclosed for consideration and approval by the Council of the District of Columbia proposed emergency legislation, the "Local Rent Supplement Program Contract No. 2016-LRSP-01A Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Act of 2018" and the accompanying declaration resolution to approve the Agreement to Enter Into a Long Term Subsidy Contract ("ALTSC") between the District of Columbia Housing Authority ("DCHA") and St Elizabeths I LP ("Owner") and approve payment of rental subsidy payments from DCHA under the ALTSC for services to be received.

Council action is necessary to approve the ALTSC, which commits DCHA to provide rental subsidy payments for thirteen (13) affordable housing units in the initial amount of \$202,860.00 annually commencing once the construction of the building is complete and units are ready for occupancy. The affordable units will be occupied by eligible extremely low-income households with incomes at 30% or less of the area median income. The operating subsidy will be provided to Owner for a multi-year term of fifteen (15) years, subject to annual appropriations from the District, in support of the District's Local Rent Supplement Program ("LRSP") to provide affordable housing units at The Residences at St. Elizabeth's East Apartments located at 1201 Oak Drive SE.

DCHA's Chief Financial Officer has certified that funding is available for FY2019 at the time of the contract execution.

As always, I am available to discuss any questions you may have regarding the proposed ALTSC. In order to facilitate a response to any questions concerning this ALTSC, please have your staff contact me at (202) 535-1513.

I look forward to favorable consideration of this proposed ALTSC agreement.

Sincerely,

Tyrone Garrett

Executive Director, District of Columbia Housing Authority

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cc: Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

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Chairman Phil Mendelson at the request of District of Columbia Housing Authority A PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to approve an agreement to enter into a long term subsidy contract for 15 years in support of the District's Local Rent Supplement Program to fund housing costs associated with affordable housing units for Contract No. 2016-LRSP-01A with St Elizabeths I LP for program units at The Residences at St. Elizabeth's East Apartments, located at 1201 Oak Drive, S.E. RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Local Rent Supplement Program Contract No. 2016-LRSP-01A Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2018". Sec. 2. (a) In 2007, the District passed Title II of the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Support Act of 2006 ("BSA") to provide funding for affordable housing for extremely low-income households in the District. The passage of the BSA created the Local Rent Supplement Program ("LRSP"), a program designed to provide affordable housing and supportive services to extremely low-income District residents, including those who are homeless or in need of 

supportive services, such as elderly individuals or those with disabilities, through project-based,

tenant-based, and sponsored-based LRSP affordable housing units. The BSA provided for the

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- 1 District of Columbia Housing Authority ("DCHA") to administer the LRSP on behalf of the 2
- 3 (b) In 2016, the DCHA participated in a request for proposals issued by the District of
- 4 Columbia Department of Housing and Community Development. Of the total proposals
- 5 received, 10 developers were chosen to work with DCHA and other District agencies to develop
- 6 affordable housing and permanent supportive housing units for extremely low-income families
- 7 making zero to 30% of the area's median income, as well as the chronically homeless and
- 8 individuals with mental or physical disabilities. Upon approval of the contract by the Council,
- 9 DCHA will enter into an agreement to enter into a long-term subsidy contract ("ALTSC") with
- 10 the selected housing providers under the LRSP for housing services.
- 11 (c) There exists an immediate need to approve the long term subsidy contract with St 12 Elizabeths I LP under the LRSP in order to provide long-term affordable housing units for 13 extremely low-income households for units located at 1201 Oak Drive, S.E.
  - (d) The emergency legislation to approve the contract will authorize an ALTSC between the District of Columbia Housing Authority and St Elizabeths I LP with respect to the payment of a rental subsidy and allows the owner to lease the rehabilitated units at The Residences at St. Elizabeth's East Apartments and house extremely low-income households with incomes at 30%
  - Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Local Rent Supplement Program Contract No. 2016-LRSP-01A Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2018 be adopted after a single reading.

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1	Sec. 4. Pursuant to section 451 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved
2	December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 803; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.51), and section 202 of the
3	Procurement Practices Reform Act of 2010, effective April 8, 2011 (D.C. Law 18-371; D.C.
4	Official Code § 2-352.02), the Council approves the ALTSC with St Elizabeths I LP to provide
5	an operating subsidy in support of 13 affordable housing units in an initial amount not to exceed
6	\$202,860 annually.
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8	Sec. 5. Transmittal.
9	The Council shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its adoption, to the District of
10	Columbia Housing Authority and the Mayor.
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12	Sec. 6. Fiscal impact statement.
13	The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Chief Financial Officer as the
14	fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
15	approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).
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17	Sec. 7. Effective date.
18	This resolution shall take effect immediately.