



City of Santa Ana
20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701
Staff Report
June 6, 2023

TOPIC: Fiscal Year 2023-24 Housing Authority Annual Plan

AGENDA TITLE

Public Hearing: Approve the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Housing Authority Annual Plan

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Conduct a public hearing in consideration of the approval and submission of the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Housing Authority Annual Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
2. Adopt a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Housing Authority Annual Plan and authorize the Executive Director of the Housing Authority to submit the Annual Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

DISCUSSION

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires housing authorities that administer a Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program to have an Annual Plan for the management and operation of the program. The general purpose of the Annual Plan is to advise HUD, program participants, applicants, and members of the public on the Housing Authority's policies, programs, operations, and strategies for meeting local housing needs and goals. Specifically, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Housing Authority Annual Plan provides information on the following topics: (1) new activities to be undertaken by the Housing Authority in the next fiscal year; (2) findings from the most recent fiscal year audit; and (3) annual progress the Housing Authority has made in meeting the goals and objectives described in the Five-Year Plan for FY 2020-25 (Exhibit 1). This Annual Plan is for the fourth year of the Housing Authority's Five-Year Plan for FY 2020-25.

As required by HUD, three ad hoc Resident Advisory Board meetings were held on February 16, 2023 with HCV participants who receive housing assistance from the Housing Authority. The meetings were conducted in three languages: English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. All active participants in the HCV Program who reside in the City of Santa Ana were mailed a survey and an invitation to participate on the Resident Advisory Board. The comments from the Resident Advisory Board and survey were incorporated into the Annual Plan.

Staff analyzed all of the recommendations from the Resident Advisory Board and survey responses by: (1) considering the feasibility of each recommendation; (2) discussing as a team the opportunity for the Santa Ana Housing Authority to implement each recommendation; and (3) making a determination on which recommendation(s) could be implemented or considered for future implementation. All of the recommendations were taken into consideration by staff and incorporated into the Annual Plan.

HUD regulations require a 45-day public comment period. On February 16, 2023, a legal notice was published in the Orange County Register, Nguoi Viet, and La Opinión, advising the public that a draft of the Annual Plan was available for public review and comment and a public hearing would be held on April 4, 2023. The public comment period ended on April 1, 2023. However, a software error occurred with the legal notice in the Orange County Register, and the English legal notice was not published on February 16, 2023, as intended. As a result, the public hearing scheduled for April 4, 2023 was cancelled.

On April 7, 2023, a new legal notice was published in the Orange County Register, Nguoi Viet, and La Opinión, advising the public that a draft of the Annual Plan was available for public review and comment and a public hearing would be held on June 6, 2023 (Exhibit 3). During this public review and comment period, the Annual Plan was made available on the Housing Authority's website and in the Housing Authority lobby. The 45-day public comment period ended on May 22, 2023. All public comments received will be included in the Annual Plan submitted to HUD.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

EXHIBIT(S)

1. FY 2023-24 Housing Authority Annual Plan
2. Resolution
3. Proofs of Publication

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