



Yolo County Housing

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DATE: July 14, 2011

TO: YCH Board of Commissioners

FROM: Lisa A. Baker, Executive Director

SUBJECT: **Receive and File Correspondence from the Housing Authority of the City of Oakland on its tour of West Village and YCH properties**

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

That the Board of Commissioners:

1. Receive and file the Correspondence

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The YCH has received correspondence from the Oakland Housing Authority, thanking YCH for arranging the tour of the UC Davis West Village development and for our tour of a portion of YCH's housing stock. Oakland was impressed with the diversity of housing options provided by YCH, as well as our innovations and partnership in mental health housing and the quality of maintenance of our properties. YCH was pleased to host our larger housing "sister" agency and also appreciated the information exchange on development and sustainability.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None at this time.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that the Board receive and file the correspondence.

Attachment: Correspondence from the Housing Authority of the City of Oakland



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RE: Yolo County Housing and Westlake Village Property Tour

Lisa
Dear Ms. Baker:

Thank you so much for arranging the tour of West Village at U.C. Davis, and also taking the time to show us the incredibly diverse housing you develop and oversee in Yolo County. While I and my staff truly appreciated the green innovations UC Davis is pioneering at West Village, on the ride back we were all struck more profoundly with what Yolo Housing is providing.

Of particular note is your relationship and partnership in linking housing to mental health services. I know of nowhere in the country where anyone is doing more in this area, and feel you have lessons we could all learn in managing the housing and relationships that enable Yolo County Housing to reach so effectively this underserved population.

Anna Kaydanovskaya, our Acting Director of Property Operations, and I, were also both struck by how well maintained your conventional public housing is. As you know we both have years of public housing property management in our backgrounds, and know the challenges of keeping the sites and units in the condition that you do giving the never ending funding limitations. We also discussed the innovated reuse of the school into a senior site development, which is something we may want to replicate in the coming years in Oakland, as our school district begins to close schools and those properties become available to OHA for possible adaptive reuse.

Finally, I wanted to share how encouraged it was to see your community rooms and buildings being actively used by services providers and residents. At both

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Caesar Chavez Plaza and Eleanor Roosevelt Circle, I felt the minute I walked in that these community buildings were not just buildings, but the center of the community, and they felt like home. This is a testament to both your staff and your service providers that result in residents living healthier and more engaged lives within their communities.

Thank you again, and please share our gratitude with your staff and to UC Davis for making time to help us learn from your innovative work you both are doing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "J".

Eric Johnson
Executive Director

cc: Patricia Ison
Anna Kaydanovskaya