



Yolo County Housing

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DATE: March 5, 2009
TO: YCH Board of Commissioners
FROM: Lisa A. Baker, Executive Director
PREPARED BY: Brenda Lomeli-Rocha, Public Housing Supervisor
SUBJECT: **Review and Approve Resolution adopting Memorandum of Understanding with the Yolo County Sheriff's Department**

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

That the Board of Commissioners:

1. Review and approve resolution adopting Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Yolo County Housing and the Yolo County Sheriff's Department; and
2. Authorize the Executive Director to execute the MOU; and
3. Authorize the Executive Director to implement immediately.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires public housing authorities to track, report and work to prevent crime. In accordance with 24 CFR Part 902.43, public housing authorities are also required to enter into cooperative agreements with local law enforcement agencies in order to ensure that developments are safe environments for residents. A strong partnership with local law enforcement can benefit both agencies and prevent incidents from becoming a continuing problem. Through mutual support, both agencies can work together at decreasing crime in public housing.

YCH, the Sheriff's Department and Legal Services of Northern California have worked together to create this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will meet state and federal requirements and allow for improved information sharing between the Sheriff's Department and the Housing Authority while respecting the rights of our residents. The proposed MOU has been reviewed by legal counsel for the Agency and is to be executed by the Executive Director and the Yolo County Sheriff's Department.

FISCAL IMPACT

Not adopting the attached MOU with the Yolo County Sheriff's Department would result in non-compliance with the requirements of the Agency's Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with HUD for improved operations and continued point reduction in Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) and would have negative funding impacts which are unknown at this time.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that the Board adopt and implement the Memorandum of Understanding between the YCH and the Yolo County Sheriff's Department to avoid HUD sanctions, comply with HUD regulations and to maximize PHAS points.

Attachments: Resolution

MOU between YCH and the Yolo County Sheriff's Department

YOLO COUNTY HOUSING

RESOLUTION NO. 09 - _____

(Resolution Adopting the Memorandum of Understanding between Yolo County Housing and the Yolo County Sheriff's Department)

WHEREAS, the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") requires public housing authorities to track, report and work to prevent crime in order to ensure that developments are safe environments for residents; and

WHEREAS, public housing authorities are graded under the Public Housing Assessment System ("PHAS") Sub-Indicator 5: Security, S10200 on their adoption and implementation of a current cooperative system for tracking and reporting crime to local police authorities in accordance with 24 CFR Part 902.43.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, ORDERED AND FOUND by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the County of Yolo, as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. The Board of Commissioners hereby adopts by resolution the Memorandum of Understanding between the Housing Authority of the County of Yolo ("YCH") and the Yolo County Sheriff's Department.

EFFECTIVE DATES: This resolution shall take effect and be implemented from and after the date of its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the County of Yolo, State of California, this 5h day of March 2009, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Helen M. Thomson, Chair
Board of Commissioners of the
Housing Authority of the County of Yolo

Approved as to Form:

Agency Counsel

By _____
Sonia Cortes

Attest:
Ana Morales, Clerk
Board of Commissioners of the
Housing Authority of the County of Yolo

By _____
Deputy