



INFORMATIONAL REPORT

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ATTENTION: Chair and Members of the San Diego Housing Commission
For the Agenda of February 5, 2021

SUBJECT: Workshop & Discussion: Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program

NO ACTION IS REQUIRED ON THE PART OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION

An informational workshop will be presented to provide an overview of the San Diego Housing Commission's (Housing Commission) Rental Assistance Division (RAD) Programs. With a budget of more than \$280 million in Fiscal Year 2021, the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program is the Housing Commission's largest program, providing rental assistance to more than 16,000 San Diego households every year. As one of the original 39 public housing authorities nationwide to receive a Moving to Work (MTW) designation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Housing Commission has designed innovative approaches for providing and administering housing assistance. Through the MTW program, the Housing Commission's Housing Choice Voucher Program has implemented initiatives that have resulted in successful programming and procedural changes that increased housing opportunities and program efficiency.

The workshop will include program eligibility requirements, the population served, and Housing Commission administrative responsibilities. The workshop will also provide an overview of MTW and Special Programs administered by RAD, such as Permanent Supportive Housing. These specialized programs are designed to provide rental homes for certain populations, including those experiencing homelessness, with supportive services to address additional barriers to housing and self-sufficiency.

In addition, the workshop will provide a review of other RAD initiatives. These include the Landlord Partnership Program, which provides incentives for landlords to lease units to HCV families; SDHC Achievement Academy programs, which emphasize career planning, job skills, job placement and personal financial education to help families become more financially self-reliant; and recent COVID-19 precautionary actions to maintain stable housing for low-income households.

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