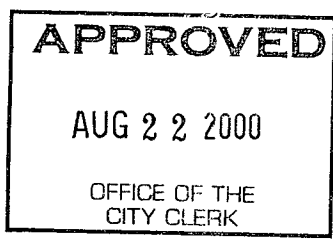


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**Sacramento
Housing &
Redevelopment
Agency**

August 16, 2000



City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: TASK FORCE ON RESIDENTIAL HOTELS

LOCATION & COUNCIL DISTRICT - Citywide

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the attached resolution, which authorizes the Executive Director or her designee to appoint a Task Force on Residential Hotels.

CONTACT PERSONS

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: August 22, 2000

SUMMARY

The Housing Element of the City of Sacramento recently adopted by City Council included an action item to appoint a Task Force on Residential Hotels. This report establishes its purpose and recommends participants, a scope of work, and a schedule of reporting back to the City Council.

COMMISSION ACTION

At its meeting August 16, 2000, it is anticipated that the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Commission will adopt a motion recommending approval of the attached resolution. In the event they fail to do so, you will be advised prior to your August 22, 2000 meeting.

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BACKGROUND

The Housing Element of the City of Sacramento, adopted on June 27, 2000, established an action plan and strategies through which the City plans to meet its obligations under state law for the provision of housing for its current and future residents. One of the strategies was the appointment of a task force to study downtown residential hotels, also known as single room occupancy (SRO) hotels, and make recommendations on their preservation and/or the development of alternative housing.

Staff of the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency and City Planning recommend that the purpose of the task force be as follows:

- Evaluate the preservation of existing SROs, the efficacy of acquisition and rehabilitation, and the possibilities of new construction.
- Review and make recommendations on the City's role in providing replacement housing for SRO residents.
- Review the needs for services among the SRO population, using documentation from local surveys and existing programs serving residential hotel tenants. Studies shall include the 1999 field survey of the City and County Board on Homelessness conducted under the auspices of the School of Social Work of the California State University at Sacramento in 1998.
- Develop a strategy and identify funding sources to provide housing for persons typical of those living in residential hotels, recognizing that housing must be affordable to extremely low income residents and accessible to jobs and services by public transportation.
- Investigate rental housing assistance programs to develop a more stable income stream for residential hotels, including programs affecting persons on General Assistance with SSI applications pending.

The following participants are recommended, although other parties may be asked to advise:

- Sacramento Housing Alliance
- Real Estate Professional (Developer, Lender or Real Estate Broker)
- Downtown Partnership
- Residential Hotel Owner
- Residential Hotel Tenant
- Representative of the City and County Board on Homelessness
- Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Commissioner

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- Sacramento Rental Property Association
- Social Service Provider
- Representative of the City of Sacramento
- Representative of SHRA
- Representative of Downtown Development

The Task Force will report back to the City Council no later than six months from its appointment with preliminary recommendations on housing programs, including rental assistance and supportive services, and their funding.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The report presents no financial impacts. The appointment of the Task Force does not require amendment to Agency or City budgets.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The appointment of the Task Force on Residential Hotels carries out activities adopted in the Housing Element.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed action does not constitute a project under CEQA per Guidelines §15378 (b) (3), nor a federal undertaking pursuant to NEPA.

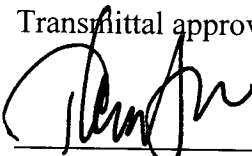
M/WBE CONSIDERATIONS

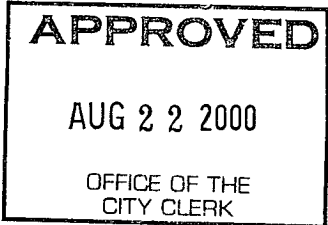
M/WBE considerations do not apply to formation of a task force.

Respectfully submitted,


ANNE M. MOORE
Executive Director

Transmittal approved,


ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager



RESOLUTION NO. 2000-492

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF

TASK FORCE ON RESIDENTIAL HOTEL

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

Section 1. The Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency ("SHRA"), by action of its Executive Director, is authorized to take all actions necessary to establish a Task Force on Residential Hotels for the following purposes and activities:

- a. To evaluate the preservation of existing SROs, the efficacy to acquisition and rehabilitation, and the possibilities of new construction.
- b. To review the needs for services among the SRO population, using documentation from local surveys and existing programs serving residential hotel tenants.
- c. To develop a strategy and identify funding sources to provide housing for persons typical of those living in residential hotels.
- d. To investigate rental housing assistance programs as a more stable income stream for residential hotels, including programs affecting persons on General Assistance with SSI applications pending.

Section 2. The Task Force is to report back to the City Council no later than six months from its appointment with preliminary recommendations on housing programs, including rental assistance and supportive services, and their funding.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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