RESOLUTION 14-45

TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT A CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE IMPLEMENTATION GRANT APPLICATION TO HUD FOR BARRY FARM / WADE APARTMENTS

WHEREAS, Barry Farm (432 units) and Wade Apartments (12 units) are District of Columbia Housing Authority ("DCHA"), public housing developments, built in 1943 and 1941, respectively, located in Ward 8;

WHEREAS, both developments exhibit the symptoms associated with severely distressed public housing;

WHEREAS, with the support of US Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") Choice Neighborhood Initiative ("CNI") planning grant, DCHA has been working with the Barry Farm/Wade Apartments residents, community stakeholders, anchor institutions and the District of Columbia's ("District") Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development ("DMPED") for the past two years to create a plan for the CNI funded transformation of Barry Farm/Wade Apartments, and overall transformation of the broader community;

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2014, HUD issued a Notice of Funding Availability ("NOFA") for FY2014/FY2015 CNI for Implementation Grants, in an aggregate amount of approximately $76 million;

WHEREAS, eligible applicants are public housing authorities (PHAs), local governments, nonprofits, tribal entities and for-profit developers that apply jointly with a public entity;

WHEREAS, applications are due February 8, 2015;

WHEREAS, Choice Neighborhoods has as its focus the transformation of an entire neighborhood, which must, by definition, include distressed public housing and/or HUD-assisted housing; and

WHEREAS, DCHA intends to apply for a CNI Implementation Grant not to exceed $30 million to begin implementation of the community transformation plan for the Barry Farm/Wade Apartments neighborhood;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the DCHA Board of Commissioners hereby authorize: 1) Executive Director, and, as required, the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of District of Columbia Housing Authority ("DCHA") to execute and submit to the US Department of Housing and Community Development ("HUD") a Choice

Neighborhood Initiative Implementation Grant application for the Barry Farm/Wade Apartments neighborhood, and to take all such actions and to execute and submit any and all such supporting documents, certifications and materials as HUD may require; and 2) if awarded the Choice Neighborhoods Implement Grant to execute the Grant Agreement with HUD.

ADOPTED, by the Board of Commissioners and signed in authentication of the passage the 10th day of December 2014.

ATTEST:

Adrianne Todman
Executive Director, Secretary

APPROVAL:

Pedro Alfonso
Chairman

APPROVED FOR FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Kenneth S. Slaughter
Interim General Counsel

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