RESOLUTION 14-18

To Approve Final Regulations to Provide a Special Allocation of Federal Housing Choice Vouchers to the District of Columbia Department of Human Services for Fiscal Year 2014

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA) administers the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) in the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, DCHA has adopted certain local preferences under HCVP; and

WHEREAS, DCHA recognizes the urgent and critical need to provide housing assistance to low income individuals/families who are homeless and temporarily housed in the District of Columbia shelter system to alleviate the current strain on shelter resources; and

WHEREAS, DCHA seeks to establish a preference for those individuals/families who meet the special eligibility requirements of the District's Department of Human Services (or such other District agency as designated by the Office of the Mayor), and who are otherwise eligible for the Housing Choice Voucher Program; and

WHEREAS, said individuals/families must be referred to DCHA by the District of Columbia Department of Human Services ("DHS") or some other District agency as designated by the Office of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, such vouchers will be available for issuance to individuals/families who are referred to DCHA by September 30, 2014 and any vouchers not issued to the referred families will no longer be available and will be returned to DCHA's general voucher inventory for issuance to individuals/families selected from the DCHA waiting list; and

WHEREAS, any extension of this allocation will be made at the sole discretion of DCHA's Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2014, the Board of Commissioners of DCHA adopted a resolution to approve emergency regulations for this special allocation of DHS vouchers: and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2014, the regulations to establish this special allocation for DHS vouchers were published in the District of Columbia Register; as emergency and proposed regulations; and

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WHEREAS, no comments have been received during the comment period;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the adoption of final regulations which 1) establish a special local preference under the Housing Choice Voucher Program for homeless persons who meet the eligibility requirements of DHS and are referred to DCHA by a DHS or some other District agency as designated by the Office of the Mayor; and 2) provide that up to 113 federal tenant-based vouchers are available under this special local preference.
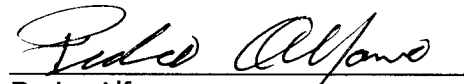
ADOPTED, by the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia Housing Authority and signed in authentication of its passage the 11th day of June, 2014.
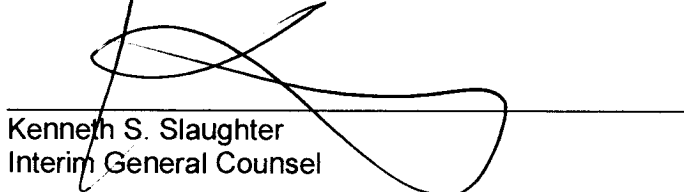
ATTEST:

APPROVAL:

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Adrianne Todman
Executive Director/Secretary

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Pedro Alfonso
Chairman

APPROVED FOR FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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Kenneth S. Slaughter
Interim General Counsel

ATTACHMENT TO RESOLUTION 14--18

14 DCMR Section 6125 is hereby amended to add a new subsection 6125.12

(f) Shelter System Relief—Applicants are included under this preference if an applicant is referred to DCHA by District of Columbia Department of Human Services or some other District agency as designated by the Office of the Mayor as a homeless individual or family temporarily housed in a shelter and such applicant meets the DHS eligibility requirements in addition to the DCHA HCVP program requirements. Up to **113** vouchers are authorized for this purpose. Such vouchers will be available for issuance to individuals/families that are referred to DCHA by September 30, 2014 and any vouchers not issued to the referred families will no longer be available and will be returned to DCHA's general voucher inventory for issuance to individuals/families selected from the DCHA waiting list. Any extension of this allocation will be made at the sole discretion of DCHA's Executive Director.

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