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To Adopt Emergency Regulations to Amend the HCVP Limited Local Preferences for Arthur Capper Senior I

Summary

The District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA) desires to respond to the urgent need to provide housing options for families who need to be housed based on emergency conditions which have arisen, or other threat to life, health or safety in the existing unit. DCHA seeks to authorize an allocation of federal vouchers to address a significant fire which occurred at the Arthur Capper Senior I ("Capper Senior I") which is part of DCHA's HOPE VI revitalization plan. Capper Senior I contain 162 senior housing units subsidized with Annual Contributions Contract (ACC).

This resolution authorizes the adoption of emergency regulations to create a new limited local preference for DCHA to utilize vouchers to assist in relocation efforts in order house the residents of Capper Senior I.

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WHEREA, the District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA) desires to respond to the urgent need to provide housing options for families who need to be housed based on emergency conditions which have arisen due to threat to life, health or safety; and

WHEREAS, DCHA seeks to authorize an allocation of federal vouchers to address a significant fire which occurred at the Arthur Capper Senior I ("Capper Senior I") on September 19, 2018, The Capper Senior I development is part of DCHA's HOPE VI revitalization plan. Capper Senior I contains 162 senior housing units subsidized with Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, DCHA seeks to assist in the relocation of the residents by authorizing federal vouchers to be used to provide housing options in other developments in the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, DCHA wishes to assist in coordinating such housing options, which may include units in DCHA traditional public housing developments, including units which comply with Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards and arrangements with other owners of units. DCHA seeks authority to utilize federal vouchers to facilitate appropriate housing options for the residents of Capper Senior I; and

WHEREAS, DCHA seeks to adopt emergency regulations to create a new limited local preference under the regulations set forth in Section 6125 of Title 14 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR) to add an HCVP limited local preference to issue vouchers in efforts to rehouse residents of Capper Senior I; and

WHEREAS, based on the urgent and critical need for housing, DCHA seeks to establish this new HCVP limited local preference by adopting regulations on an emergency basis. Under the emergency regulations, DCHA will be authorized to issue up to 161 vouchers to facilitate housing options for the residents of Capper Senior I;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the adoption of emergency regulations to establish a limited local preference under the Housing Choice Voucher Program to facilitate housing **RESOLUTION 18-30**

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options for current residents of the Arthur Capper Senior I HOPE VI housing development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the allocation of up to 161 federal vouchers which may be issued under the new limited local preference under 14 DCMR Section 6125.15; said vouchers will be used to facilitate housing options for residents of Arthur Capper Senior I HOPE VI housing development.

ADOPTED, by the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia Housing Authority and signed in authentication of its passage the 24th day of September, 2018.

ATTEST:

APPROVAL:

Tyrone Garrett Executive Director Neil Albert Chairman

APPROVED FOR FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Kenneth S. Slaughter General Counsel

ATTACHMENT TO RESOLUTION 18--30

14 DCMR Section 6125 is amended to add a new subsection 6125.15:

6125.15 Limited Local Preference for Current Residents of Arthur Capper Senior I. HOPE VI Housing Development. DCHA seeks to coordinate and facilitate housing options for residents of the Arthur Capper Senior I HOPE VI housing development. Applicants are included under this preference if the applicant was a resident of the Arthur Capper Senior I HOPE VI development as of September 19, 2018. In addition, DCHA may utilize such vouchers to facilitate housing options for such Arthur Capper Senior I residents under contractual arrangement with owners of housing units. Up to 161 vouchers are authorized for this purpose.