

RESOLUTION 15-28

TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO HUD FOR THE DEMOLITION AND/OR DISPOSITION OF PUBLIC HOUSING UNITS AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS

WHEREAS, in 2005 the District of Columbia (the "District") Council named Lincoln Heights a New Communities Initiative site;

WHEREAS, in 2005 the District Government, District of Columbia Housing Authority ("DCHA"), and the residents of Lincoln Heights community ("Lincoln Heights") convened to develop a plan for the revitalization of Lincoln Heights and the surrounding Deanwood neighborhood;

WHEREAS, that process produced the *Lincoln Heights & Richardson Dwellings New Communities Initiative Revitalization Plan* (the "Revitalization Plan"), which the Council of the District adopted in late 2006;

WHEREAS, the Revitalization Plan envisions the transformation of Lincoln Heights and the surrounding neighborhood into a mixed-income, mixed-use community, where public housing residents and new community residents would have access to a variety of high quality affordable housing options - including one-for-one replacement of public housing units (on the Lincoln Heights footprint or elsewhere in the Deanwood neighborhood), "work force" housing, and market rate units for purchase or rental;

WHEREAS, DCHA is refining its plans for the phased redevelopment of Lincoln Heights, including new resident consultations and new development phasing and financing plans;

WHEREAS, to facilitate this redevelopment, pursuant to Board of Commissioners Resolution 13-28, DCHA submitted to HUD an application for authority to demolish and/or dispose of the entire 440-unit Lincoln Heights site;

WHEREAS, By letter dated August 19, 2015, HUD agreed to table consideration of that application, and, in the interim, to consider DCHA's amended application to demolish walk-up buildings (407, 411 and 413 50th Street, NE; and 5015 Fitch Place, NE) and townhouse dwellings (5017-5027 Fitch Place, NE) at DCHA's Lincoln Heights Development ("Lincoln Heights"), comprising thirty-three (33) public housing units (the "Demo Units"), the continued presence of which poses public safety issues;

WHEREAS, DCHA proposes to apply to HUD for the authority to demolish the Demo Units; and

WHEREAS, the Demo Units are obsolete, vacant and post a public safety issue under applicable HUD regulations, justifying the proposed demolition.


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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners hereby adopts Resolution 15-28 to authorize the Executive Director of District of Columbia Housing Authority ("DCHA") to take all necessary steps to submit to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") an application for the demolition of the Demo Units.

ADOPTED, by the Board of Commissioners and signed in authentication of its passage the 12th day of November 2015.

ATTEST:



Adrienne Todman
Executive Director/Secretary

APPROVAL:



Terr Thompson
Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



Kenneth S. Slaughter
General Counsel

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