

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-052

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE ENCOURAGING THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO TO CONSIDER THE USE OF CERTAIN STRATEGIES IN THE ALLOCATION OF TURNOVER VOUCHERS IN THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, as authorized and funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, is the federal government's major program for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market; and

WHEREAS, in Sacramento County, including all cities and unincorporated areas, the Housing Authority of the County of Sacramento has authority over the allocation of vouchers granted under the HCV program; and

WHEREAS, the County of Sacramento Board of Supervisors also serves as the Housing Authority of the County of Sacramento; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the County of Sacramento relies on the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA), a joint powers authority of the City of Sacramento and the County of Sacramento, to administer the HCV Program; and

WHEREAS, the HCV program offers around 12,000 vouchers annually, with a turnover of approximately 600 vouchers annually; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2017, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors considered an item that included various options to address homelessness throughout the County, including consideration of a homeless preference for the Housing Authority's various waitlists; and

WHEREAS, at that meeting, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors directed SHRA to perform outreach and collect input from the public and various stakeholders related to a change in preference for the HCV waitlists; and

WHEREAS, City staff subsequently met with SHRA and evaluated the impact of potential changes to the preference system and allocation of turnover vouchers under various strategies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove hereby finds the proposed strategies exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (Section 21000, et. seq. of the California Public Resources Code, hereafter CEQA) pursuant to the following finding:

Finding: The proposed strategies are exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

Evidence: The proposed strategies are exempt from CEQA under the General Rule (State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)) that CEQA only applies to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The proposed strategies allocate vouchers for funding housing and do not cause the construction of any new development projects. Therefore, the proposed strategies qualify under the general rule and no further review is required.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove hereby encourages the Housing Authority of the County of Sacramento to consider use of the following strategies for the allocation of up to fifty percent (50%) of the turnover vouchers in the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program:

- Limited preference allocation of vouchers to homeless households;
- Increasing the number of project-based vouchers, especially for projects dedicated to serving homeless households; and
- Providing "move on" vouchers to households currently in permanent supportive housing but no longer in need of intensive supportive services.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove this 8th day of March 2017.




STEVE LY, MAYOR of the
CITY OF ELK GROVE

ATTEST:



JASON LINDGREN, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



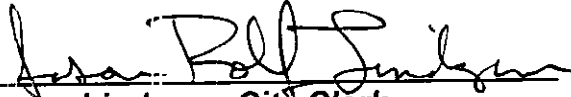
JONATHAN P. HOBBS,
CITY ATTORNEY

CERTIFICATION
ELK GROVE CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2017-052

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO) ss
CITY OF ELK GROVE)

I, Jason Lindgren, City Clerk of the City of Elk Grove, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove at a regular meeting of said Council held on March 8, 2017 by the following vote:

- AYES :** **COUNCILMEMBERS:** **Ly, Detrick, Hume, Nguyen, Suen**
- NOES:** **COUNCILMEMBERS:** **None**
- ABSTAIN:** **COUNCILMEMBERS:** **None**
- ABSENT:** **COUNCILMEMBERS:** **None**



Jason Lindgren, City Clerk
City of Elk Grove, California