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The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) administers Federal rental public housing funding and programs provided to the City by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These programs include Section 8 and Shelter Plus Care rental assistance programs in addition to public housing developments throughout the City. HACLA's administration of these funds is overseen by a seven-member Commission appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council.

Beginning in 2004, HUD has conducted numerous audits at HACLA and identified various problems and issues that must be resolved if the City is to continue to receive millions of dollars for vital affordable housing programs. The failure of HACLA to adequately address these issues over several years should be of serious concern to the City.

Currently, the Cooperation Agreement between the City and HACLA does not require Mayor or Council approval of funding or policy actions taken by the Commission. In contrast, the Oversight Ordinance governing the City's relationship with the Community Redevelopment Agency requires Council and Mayor approval of various actions taken by the Agency Board of Commissioners (City Administrative Code Division 8, Chapter 4).

In order to ensure that precious affordable housing resources are administered responsibly and that the City continues to receive these funds into the future, the Council should consider adopting an oversight ordinance to govern the City's relationship with HACLA similar to that which currently exists between the City and the Community Redevelopment Agency.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council request the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst, to prepare and present an Oversight Ordinance, for presentation to the Council within forty-five days setting forth the relationship between the City and the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles to be modeled on the existing Community Redevelopment Agency Oversight Ordinance (City Administrative Code Division 8, Chapter 4).

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