

**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Your HOUSING, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

reports as follows:

HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to Council oversight of the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA).

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Perry – Garcetti):

INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to negotiate an amendment to the Cooperation Agreement between the City and HACLA to create a mechanism by which the City may exercise influence over and provide input into actions of the HACLA Board of Commissioners (Board) that impact the City and report to Council in 90 days with recommendations, subject to the review of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CLA reports that there is no impact to the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

The CLA indicates that its report dated October 13, 2009, is in response to Motion (Perry - Garcetti) which requests the City Attorney, with the assistance of the CLA, to prepare and present an Ordinance setting forth the relationship between the City and HACLA to be modeled on the existing Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Oversight Ordinance. The Motion notes that the current Cooperation Agreement between the City and HACLA does not define an oversight role for Council or the Mayor, in contrast to the Oversight Ordinance that governs the relationship between the City and the CRA.

The CLA reports that HACLA is governed by a seven-member Board appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council. All funding for public housing programs provided to the City by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is administered by HACLA. These programs include the Section 8 and Shelter Plus Care rental subsidy programs as well as public housing developments throughout the City. Public housing developments are located in five of the fifteen Council Districts and the Section 8 rental subsidy program assists households citywide. As such, HACLA Board decisions regarding these programs can potentially impact residents citywide.

The City Attorney reports that Public Housing Authorities, such as HACLA, are State entities established under the California Health and Safety Code, which does not provide for direct oversight by local jurisdictions. Moreover, Charter Section 245 does not apply to HACLA. As such, no mechanism currently exists for the City to exercise oversight over HACLA Board decisions that have a wider impact on the City. The existing Cooperation Agreement between the City and HACLA (Chapter 6 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code) specifies the findings required by State and Federal law to establish the need for a public housing authority, and further describes the responsibilities of HACLA and the City pursuant to this Agreement.

The CLA concludes that an effective means to address the intent of the Motion within the confines of State and Federal law would be to amend the Cooperation Agreement to provide the City with the authority to influence HACLA Board actions. Accordingly, Council should instruct the CLA to initiate negotiations with the HACLA Board to amend the Cooperation Agreement between HACLA and the City to create a mechanism by which Council may influence and provide input into HACLA Board actions that have wider impact on the City and report to Council in 90 days with recommendations.

At its regular meeting held October 14, 2009, the Housing, Community, and Economic Development Committee considered this matter and recommended that Council approve the recommendation of the CLA, as submitted in its report dated October 13, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

HOUSING, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
WESSON	YES
REYES	YES
ALARCÓN	YES
CÁRDENAS	ABSENT
PERRY	ABSENT

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