

WHEREAS, the City Council of Alexandria designated Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority on June 23, 1970 to implement its Urban Renewal project known and hereinafter referred to as the DIP; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Alexandria has strongly reiterated its intent to rehouse in the DIP, persons displaced by the project activities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Alexandria has strongly reiterated on numerous occasions its intention to complete the DIP as expeditiously as possible; and

WHEREAS, after competition among prospective redevelopers, the City Council and Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority designated the DIP Limited Partnership as the redeveloper; and

WHEREAS, City Council's approved Housing Assistance Plan (HAP) of Alexandria's Community Development Block Grant stipulates that the City's "fair share" total of 72 Section 8 units are designated for the DIP Urban Renewal Project area; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Assistance Payments Program, commonly known as Section 8 housing, is the only currently existing Federally subsidized housing program available that would allow the City to complete its long over due DIP Urban Renewal Project and that would insure that DIP residents are not deprived of the opportunity to be rehoused back in the DIP Project; and

WHEREAS, the utilization of Section 8 housing in the DIP Project would serve to protect the Federal Government's considerable prior investment in this Urban Renewal Project; and

WHEREAS, the basis for an exception to the requirement for City-wide advertising of Section 8 units is contained in the Federal Register, Vol. 40, No. 83, dated Tuesday, April 29, 1975, paragraph 880.203(d), which paragraph states:

"Preapproved Sites. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section, in the case of a site that has been predetermined or preapproved by HUD for a project under this Part, such as an urban renewal site which has been specifically designated for such use--if the unit of general local government so requests--the Owner may be selected by the local governmental agency in accordance with the applicable procedures (e.g., the developer of an urban renewal site), unless he has already been so selected by the agency, or he may be selected by HUD after advertising for Preliminary Proposals solely for that site."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Alexandria respectfully appeals to the HUD Regional and Central Offices to reverse the determination of the HUD Washington, D. C. Area Office not to exercise the authority granted by the above mentioned regulatory provision;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council expresses its willingness and that of the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority to meet with HUD Regional and Central Office officials to assure an expeditious resolution to this problem;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the City Council of Alexandria respectfully requests prompt attention to this appeal so that Alexandria's Section 8 Program can be implemented as quickly as possible.

Adopted July 29, 1975

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Deputy Clerk