Laredo Housina Authority Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting

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Call in Number: 1-346-248-7799 Webinar ID: 869 5669 3699 LHA Board Room 2000 San Francisco Ave. Laredo, Texas 78040 Friday, August 26, 2022 12:00 P.M.

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Board of Commissioners

Jose L. Ceballos, Board Chairman Dr. Sergio D. Garza, Vice Chairman Anita L. Guerra, Commissioner

Dr. Marisela Rodríguez Tijerina, Commissioner Gloria Ann Freeman, Resident Commissioner

The Board of Commissioners will convene for a Board meeting for discussion on the following matters (NOTE: A quorum of the Board will be physically present at this location, but up to two other Commissioners may attend by videoconferencing, as permitted by Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.127)

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Agenda

August 26, 2022

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. INVOCATION PRAYER
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 4. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM
- 5. CITIZENS COMMENTS

This is the opportunity for visitors and guests to address the Board of Commissioners on any issue. The Board may not discuss any presented issue, nor may any action be taken on any issues at the time. There will be a 3-minute limitation per speaker. (Texas Attorney General Opinion-JC-0169)

- 6. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST FOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF
- 7. PRESENTATION BY CENTRAL RESIDENT COUNCIL

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of Minutes for Board of Commissioners meeting on May 20, 2022.
- B. Approval of Minutes for Board of Commissioners meeting on July 29, 2022.

9. STANDING REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS (No Action to be taken on these items)

- **A.** Executive Director's Overall Status report, including status of completed project opening ceremonies, plaques, leasing admissions into Los Balcones Apartments, and status of campus renovation activities.
- **B.** Resident Services and Afterschool Center status report, including afterschool enrollment and individual center programmatic information.
- **C.** Follow-up presentation on the proposed public housing safety and security program, changes to oversight and implementation, and resources proposed to be allocated/budgeted, and proposed changes to Admissions Policy.

10. ACTION ITEM

- A. Presentation and possible action related to the Housing Authority of the City of Laredo Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2021, by Garza/Gonzalez & Associates. This item may be discussed in Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071, consultation with attorney and Section 551.074, personnel matters.
- **B.** Presentation and possible action to authorize the proposed budget and renewal of contracts with the off-duty Laredo Police Department officers for the purpose of providing onsite safety and security services, under the "community-policing" philosophy and approach, at LHA-owned housing developments, effective September 9, 2022 through September 8, 2023.
- C. Discussion and possible action to approve amendments to the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy and Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Administrative Plan, including extending the reach of the zero-tolerance policy to prohibit subsidized housing for individuals who engage or support human trafficking activities, and disqualify landlords who engage or support human trafficking from participating under the HCV program.
- **D.** Discussion and possible action to adopt an increase to the micro-purchasing threshold from \$2,000 to \$5,000 as recommended by staff.
- **E.** Consideration to authorize a travel request of staff and/or Board for the Texas Homeless Network Conference in Austin, Texas on September 28-30, 2022.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE

The Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of the City of Laredo reserve the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed on the posted agenda, above, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, including Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorneys), 551.072 (deliberations about real property), 551.073 (deliberations about gifts and donations). 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberations about security devices), and 551.086 (economic development).

12. ACTION ON ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mary Gaona, Executive Director

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CERTIFICATION

This notice was posted at the Municipal Government Offices, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, at a place convenient and readily ADA/accessible to the public at all times. Said notice was posted on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

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