



RESOLUTION NO. 19-20-17

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS TO UTILIZE WAIVERS AS ALLOWED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT PIH ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE 20-05.

WHEREAS: The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) issued PIH Administrative Notice 20-05 on Friday April 10th, 2020;

WHEREAS: The Notice covered a variety of waivers and administrative exceptions that HUD is willing to grant to all public housing agencies to address the requirements of social distancing for the duration of any federal, State, or local directives or Executive Orders that call for minimization of public contact and public interactions;

WHEREAS: The Notice contains language that applies to administrative activities related to applicants and existing program participants for both the Low-Income Public Housing (LIPH) program and the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program. It covers verification of household eligibility and income data and language that applies to Landlords concerning all unit inspections;

WHEREAS: The Notice generally requires a housing agency to opt in by July 31, 2020 to those waivers that it elects to implement. In addition, some waivers are deemed “short term” and terminate July 31, 2020 and some are deemed “long term” and terminate December 31, 2020;

WHEREAS: Most of the key administrative relief granted in the Notice is the ability of the Authority to rely on self-certifications where 3rd party or actual physical inspections or meeting were required. The Notice makes clear that all self-certifications are subject post-audit and enforcement for false certification. All housing agencies are also granted authority to be as expansive as need be in terms of specific language in the self-certification forms;

WHEREAS AND FURTHERMORE: Administrative flexibility is required to allow the Executive Office to respond to rapidly changing circumstances and make decisions on a situation-by situation basis; and

NOW, THERE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the County of Stanislaus hereby authorize the Executive Director to:

- 1) Take all necessary steps required to Implement any waiver or exception listed in PIH Administrative Notice 20-05, or not, based on a balancing of the best interest of the public, the Housing Authority employees, HCV and Public Housing Program Administrator’s staff, the program participants and Program Integrity and compliance requirements.



- 2) Ensure the HCV and Public Housing Program Administrators to design and implement all required self-certification forms that meet the HUD minimum requirements as well as Housing Authority needs in order to maintain program integrity and support a vigorous post-audit process on applicants, program participants and HCV Landlords.
- 3) Ensure the HCV and Public Housing Program Administrator to maintain the information that HUD requires as to which waivers or exceptions are implemented and a list of the households that benefited from the waivers as well as a list of any HCV and Public Housing units subject to initial lease-up, HAP renewal or program participant complaint about unit physical compliance that benefited from the waivers or exceptions .
- 4) Authority to implementation of all identified waivers is retroactive to April 13, 2020.
- 5) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the County of Stanislaus this 14th day of May, 2020.

On motion of Commissioner Degele, seconded by Commissioner Cheeseman and on the following roll call vote:

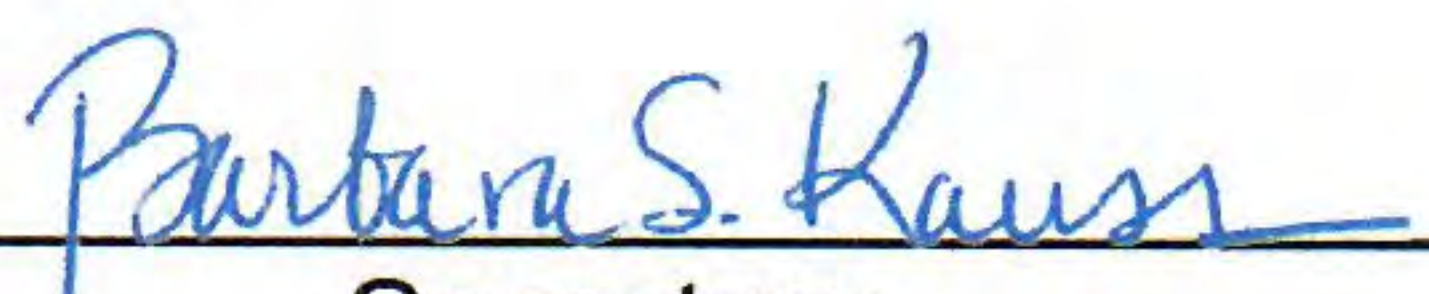
AYES: Commissioner Ploof, Commissioner Degele, Commissioner Haile, Commissioner Cheeseman, Commissioner Griggs, Vice-Chair Hoek, Chairperson Estacio

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Approved: 
Chairperson

Attest: 
Secretary