


Office of the Executive Officer

INFORMATION CALENDAR
March 15, 2005

To: Honorable Chairperson and
Members of the Housing Authority
From:  Phil Kamlarz, Executive Officer
Subject: Election of Public Housing Resident Council Officers

INTRODUCTION

The Code of Federal Regulations (24 CFR 964.130) mandates participation of public housing residents to improve quality of life and resident satisfaction and participate in self-help initiatives for families living in public housing units. The regulations specifically require the establishment of a Resident Council to participate in the overall policy development and direction of public housing operations through a working partnership with the Housing Authority.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The public housing Resident Council has been in office since November 2000. To remain in compliance with federal standards for fair and frequent elections of resident council officers, elections are required at least once every three years for each member. Without elections, the resident council would not be a recognized organization by HUD (Department of Housing and Urban Development) or the Berkeley Housing Authority.

BACKGROUND

The Berkeley Housing Authority enlisted the assistance of the League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany and Emeryville to receive and tabulate the ballots for the election, which concluded February 4, 2005. Each candidate submitted their nominations through independent resident meetings and self-addressed ballots were mailed to every eligible voter with instructions and a return envelope addressed to the League of Women Voters. Attachment A reflects the results of this election.

POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

The newly elected Resident Council will adopt new by-laws which will ensure timely elections, are non-discriminatory and do not infringe on rights of other residents. Regular meetings will be held monthly and the agenda will be posted on the Public Housing Resident Advisory Board website.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

HUD encourages housing authorities to provide monthly stipends to Resident Council officers. Subject to availability of appropriations, HUD will provide \$15 per unit (Public Housing units) per year to support Resident Council activities. This amounts to \$915 annually for 61 public housing units.

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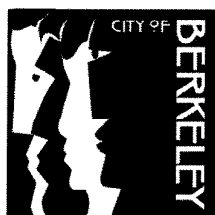
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ATTACHMENT A

February 18, 2005

ELECTION RESULTS

The following are the results of the 2005 Public Housing Resident Council Elections, which concluded midnight, Friday, February 4, 2005. The League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany and Emeryville counted the results. There were 130 eligible voters and 14 legitimate ballots were cast. The Resident Council will be comprised of five (5) Council Members and two (2) Alternates and are presented in the order of the most votes received.

1. Rose Flippin	14 Votes	Elected Council Member
2. Felicia Wyrick	9 Votes	Elected Council Member
3. Mary Lightfoot	8 Votes	Elected Council Member
4. Adolph Moody	6 Votes	Elected Council Member
5. Demetrius Shelton	5 Votes	Elected Council Member

Alternates:

1. Gregory Green	4 Votes	Elected Alternate Council Member
2. Tracy Matthews	4 Votes	Elected Alternate Council Member

Other residents receiving votes are as follows:

1. Mary Williams	3 Votes
2. Sheila Atkins	2 Votes
3. Tanya Cole	2 Votes
4. Sabrina Frey	2 Votes
5. Brenda Mills	2 Votes
6. Mary Green	1 Vote

Congratulations to the winners and thank you all for your participation.

Sincerely,

Sharon Jackson
Housing Manager

