

# **POLICY**

**EFFECTIVE DATE**: July 29, 2016 **NO**: PO-RED-312.00

SUBJECT: Resident Organizations

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### 1. Purpose

To establish a policy regarding resident participation in management of Public Housing.

#### 2. Definitions

Terms used in this policy are either defined within the Policy when a term is first used, or are defined in 24 CFR 245 and 24 CFR 964.

#### 3. Policy

- 3.1 The San Diego Housing Commission ("Housing Commission') recognizes the importance of involving residents in creating a positive living environment and in contributing to the successful operation of public housing. Accordingly, the Housing Commission encourages participation of all residents in the management of public housing.
- 3.2 The Housing Commission is committed to working with residents to determine the most appropriate way to foster constructive relationships. Resident Organizations are recognized as one of the best vehicles for achieving effective resident participation on a regular, sustained basis.
- 3.3 The Housing Commission will assist residents in establishing and maintaining Resident Organizations in accordance with the following procedures. If the need arises, the Housing Commission will consider drafting a handbook to further outline the Housing Commission's detailed position with respect to Resident Organizations, when the number of public housing units operated by the Housing Commission exceeds 250.
- 3.4 This policy shall comply with all applicable federal regulations concerning Resident Organizations, including, without limitation, 24 CFR 245 and 24 CFR 964.

### 4. Housing Commission Support To Resident Organizations

4.1 The Housing Commission may, in its sole discretion and subject to the availability of funds, provide reasonable in-kind and cash assistance to Resident Organizations. The

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Housing Commission would work in partnership with the Resident Organization to determine the eligibility of activities and distribution of funding. Such assistance may include technical assistance, space, office furniture, duplicating services, funding for administrative costs and activities of the Resident Organization. Additionally, this funding may be used to support programming designed to inform and update residents regarding items that affect their quality of life including safety, self-sufficiency, education and leadership. Cash may only be provided under a written agreement between the Housing Commission and the Resident Organization pursuant to a budget acceptable to the Housing Commission, and providing the Housing Commission the right to inspect and audit the financial records related to the agreement for funds.

Approved:

Executive Vice President & Chief of Staff

Date

History: 4/3/1989

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