HOUSING AUTHORITY OF
THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

RESOLUTION NUMBER HA-2003

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE: February 6, 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AUTHORIZING THE SAN DIEGO HOUSING COMMISSION TO REVISE AND AMEND ITS FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET TO IMPLEMENT A HOTEL SHELTER PROGRAM AND SHORT-TERM EMERGENCY SHELTER AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR CITY OF SAN DIEGO RESIDENTS DISPLACED BY THE RECENT STORMS AND FLOODING AND RELATED ACTIONS.

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2024, City of San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria declared a local state of emergency in the City of San Diego (City) due to a record-breaking rainstorm and ensuing flooding; and

WHEREAS, on the same day, the County of San Diego (County) Interim Chief Executive Officer, Sarah Aghassi, declared a countywide state of emergency, which the County Board of Supervisors ratified on January 24, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2024, California Governor Gavin Newsom also declared a state of emergency in the County due to the impacts of winter storms; and

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2024, the Council of the City of San Diego (City Council) ratified the Mayor’s declaration of a local state of emergency (San Diego Resolution R-______); and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the storm and flooding, which displaced many City residents from their homes, the San Diego Housing Commission (Housing Commission) established an incident command structure and implemented programs to provide emergency hotel placements for City households displaced by the storm; and

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WHEREAS, on February 1, 2024, the Housing Commission launched a hotel shelter program, whereby Housing Commission staff has conducted housing assessments at shelter and resource locations in the City’s most impacted areas and reviewed referrals provided by community-based organizations; and

WHEREAS, as of February 2, 2024, the Housing Commission has triaged 152 households for emergency housing needs; placed 61 households in hotels, with 14 additional households pending move-in; and connected 77 households to other resources; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the Housing Commission has turned a property that was recently acquired with City, County, and State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Homekey Program funds into a short-term emergency storm shelter for households displaced from their homes by the storm and floods; and

WHEREAS, HCD granted emergency approvals and waivers to allow the Housing Commission to use this property as a short-term emergency storm shelter; and

WHEREAS, the property is located in Council District 2 and has 53 units, of which 59 units will be made available for City residents displaced by the storm; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Commission’s initial response was within the budget authority delegated to the Housing Commission’s President and Chief Executive Officer (President and CEO) pursuant to Housing Authority Resolution HA-1990 (June 12, 2023); and

WHEREAS, the Housing Commission’s Fiscal Year 2024 budget does not include funds to implement a hotel shelter program and short-term emergency shelter and assistance program for City residents displaced by the storm; and
WHEREAS, San Diego Municipal Code section 98.0301(d)(8)(A) requires approval by the Housing Authority of the City of San Diego (Housing Authority) of amendments to the Housing Commission’s budget; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Housing Commission Resolution HC-1758 (Nov. 17, 2017), these proposed actions are being directly referred to the Housing Authority without any action by the Housing Commission Board of Commissioners (Board) because there is not sufficient time to schedule a meeting of the Board to hear this matter in advance of the Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, Housing Commission staff determined the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.) shall not apply to these actions pursuant to California Government Code section 8698.4(a)(4), and approval of these actions would be categorically exempt pursuant to title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 15301, Existing Facilities, and that no exception to the exemption in title 14 CCR section 15300.2 applies; and

WHEREAS, the provision of any federal funds as the result of these actions are conditioned on the City’s final National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Attorney has drafted this resolution based on the information provided by Housing Commission staff, and verified by the Housing Commission’s General Counsel, with the understanding that this information is sufficient to allow for a proper and complete analysis of this matter; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Housing Authority of the City of San Diego, as follows:

1. The San Diego Housing Commission (Housing Commission) is authorized to revise and amend the Housing Commission Fiscal Year 2024 budget in an amount up to
$2,250,000 to allow the use of any appropriate and eligible funding sources to implement and temporarily fund a hotel shelter program and short-term emergency shelter and assistance program for City of San Diego (City) residents displaced by the recent storms and flooding, pending potential reimbursement from other sources of funds.

2. The Housing Commission is authorized to expend $1,500,000 toward the hotel shelter program and short-term emergency shelter and assistance program operations and administration to serve households displaced from their homes due to recent storms and flooding in the City of San Diego, including temporary housing and limited meal services.

3. The Housing Commission President and Chief Executive Officer (President and CEO), exercising reasonable discretion and without further action by the Housing Commission Board of Commissioners (Board) or the Housing Authority of the City of San Diego (Housing Authority), is authorized to expend additional Housing Commission funds toward the hotel shelter program and short-term emergency shelter and assistance program operations and administration in intervals up to $250,000 each, as needed, as long as the total expended on program operations and administration does not exceed $2,250,000; the Housing Commission’s President and CEO shall provide no less than 24 hours’ advance written notice of the decision to authorize the Housing Commission’s expenditure of the additional funds at each $250,000 interval, exercising reasonable discretion, to each Housing Authority member.

4. The Housing Commission President and CEO, or designee, is authorized to enter into contracts with hotel shelter program and short-term emergency shelter and assistance program operators and additional vendors identified and selected in accordance with Housing Commission Procurement Policy, PO-PUR-373.01, as needed for program operations and
administration without further approval by the Housing Commission Board or the Housing Authority.

5. The Housing Commission President and CEO, or designee, is authorized to execute all documents and agreements necessary to effectuate these authorizations, in a form and format approved by General Counsel, and to take such steps as are necessary to implement the actions authorized by the Housing Authority.

6. Housing Commission staff will notify the Housing Authority and the San Diego City Attorney's Office about any subsequent amendments or modifications to all documents and agreements executed to effectuate these authorizations, and other required documents, including amendments to any documents.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, General Counsel

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Justin R. Bargar
Deputy General Counsel

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**AUTHENTICATED BY:**

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**Lisa Jones**

Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the City of San Diego, California

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of RESOLUTION NO. **2003** passed and adopted by the Housing Authority of the City of San Diego, California on **February 6, 2024**.

By: [Signature]

**Scott Marshall**

Deputy Secretary of the Housing Authority of the City of San Diego, California