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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of County Commissioners

THROUGH: Robin Miller, Housing Program Manager

FROM: William K. DeBaal, Deputy County Attorney

DATE: September 17, 2020

SUBJECT: Approval of Public Housing Agency 5-Year and Annual Plan,
Administrative Plan, Certifications and Accompanying Resolution

Indian River County participates in various US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs. According to HUD guidelines, the County's Housing and Rental Assistance Department meets the definition of a Public Housing Agency (PHA) which makes the County eligible for federal housing funds. While federal regulations govern the program, our participation satisfies the Housing Element contained in the County's Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 7.

In order to comply with program guidelines, every 5 years the County must submit its updated 5-Year Plan to HUD. The PHA 5-Year and Annual Plan updates the County's existing Plan by revising goals to increase private sector program participation and provide increased services to veterans.

The Administrative Plan for the Housing Choice Voucher Program, formerly known as Section 8 Housing has also been updated to comply with HUD federal regulation changes. Additionally, the Enterprise Income Verification System is being used to analyze client data to verify income reported by applicants.

Federal regulations require the Board to approve by resolution the PHA 5-Year and Annual Plan. The Community Development Director is also required to sign the Civil Rights Certification and the PHA Certifications of Compliance with PHA plans and Related Regulations. The Five Year and Annual Plan, along with the Administrative Plan for the Housing Choice Voucher Program referenced above and in the attached resolution consists of hundreds of pages and can be viewed during regular business hours at the County Attorney's Office.

Funding: There is no funding associated with this matter.

Recommendation. Staff recommends the Board approve the resolution adopting the PHA 5-Year, Annual Plan and the HCV Administrative Plan and authorize the Chairman or the Community Development Director to execute the resolution, Civil Rights Certification and the PHA Certifications of Compliance with PHA plans and Related Regulations on behalf of the Board.

Copies to: Phil Matson, Community Development Director
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