

Motion to Support

Application Priority for Local Residency in Public Housing

WHEREAS, the Fitchburg Housing Authority was established in 1948 to provide safe, secure and affordable housing for the residents of Fitchburg, and

WHEREAS, Massachusetts regulation 760 CMR 5.09 which applies to housing authorities funded by the Massachusetts Department of Housing & Community Development does not currently order applicant selection based on local residency preference as the primary factor for tenant selection; and

WHEREAS, the FHA seeks a change in the regulations and/or by a new statutory law that will allow local housing authorities to make local residency a primary factor in the selection of applicants for their Massachusetts regulated public housing; and

WHEREAS, while the FHA seeks a change in the regulation to allow local residency to be the primary factor in tenant selection, it does support maintaining the current preference for veterans regardless of residency; and

WHEREAS, the requested regulatory change would mirror the residency requirement allowed by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) which states that residency can be established either an applicant's domicile and/or an applicant's work location; and

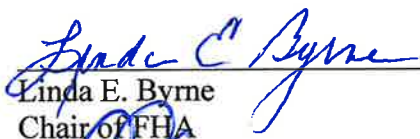
THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the FHA Board of Commissioners supports a change in how applicants are selected to its DHCD funded public housing to ensure that local residents are considered first in the application process along with veterans regardless of residency.

FHA Board Members Present: 4 (3 needed for quorum) FHA Members Absent 1


Votes for Approval 4 Votes Denying Motion 0 Abstentions: 0

Quorum (Three Members): yes (Yes / No)

Signatures of Fitchburg Housing Authority Members Approving this Motion:


Linda E. Byrne
Chair of FHA

26 Oct, 2022
Date


Douglas M. Bushman, Esq.
FHA Executive Director & Board Secretary

_____, 2022
Date






FHA Board Motion #2022-011 Date: Oct. 26, 2022