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September 13, 2022

To: Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and Commissioners

From: Mark G. LeCouris, City Manager

**Subject: Authorize Execution of Acknowledgement of Tarpon Springs Housing Authority
Repositioning Plan**

Robbin Redd, Executive Director of the Tarpon Springs Housing Authority, has requested a letter of acknowledgement of their repositioning plan from the Board of Commissioners. Please see the attached email from Ms. Redd and proposed letter of acknowledgement.

From: Robbin Redd <robbin.redd@tarponhousing.com>
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 5:07 PM
To: Costa Vatikiotis <cvatikiotis@ctsfl.us>; Mark LeCouris <mlecouris@ctsfl.us>
Cc: Kelly Hale <kelly.hale@tarponhousing.com>
Subject: City Council meeting follow-up

Hi Mayor and Mark,

I wanted to follow up and thank you again for the opportunity to present an overview and update of our Tarpon Springs Housing Authority work for community. The feedback was gracious and so much appreciated.

Per meetings with you mayor and the councilmen, I provided a detailed over the agency's progress and plan to pursue conversion of the Public Housing program to a Section 8 program through Streamline Voluntary Conversion. The HUD application has a list of items that I am charged to complete and include in the application package. One of the items on the checklist it to be transparent with the local government both City and County and obtain acknowledgement from each that they are aware that the housing authority is pursuing converting the housing program. This needs to be in the form of a letter from the local government entity to the designated HUD office and in this case the Special Applications Center.

Would you be so kind as to communicate your knowledge of our repositioning plan in a letter? To help your office with this process, I have drafted a letter for you to use as draft or if you are ok with it, this can become the finalize pending your offices signature (Mayor or City Manager) on City letterhead. HUD does not require it to approved by city commission but that the Authority has communicated the repositioning plan value and objectives.

I am in the office all week and will make myself available if you would like to talk about this over the phone or in person. Please me know what works best for you.

Thank you for your ongoing support. It means a great deal to our team....Robbin

Robbin Redd, Executive Director

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Ms. Jane Hornstein, Director
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Dear Ms. Hornstein,

This memo is written on behalf of the City of Tarpon Springs to communicate our support of the Tarpon Springs Housing Authority's (TSHA) continued efforts to reposition public housing built in the late 1960's and early 1970's. We are pleased with the work of the TSHA and assets they have contributed to our City including three (3) low-income housing tax credit developments to date: Oak Ridge Estates, The Villages at Tarpon and Eagle Ridge Apartments.

The TSHA management has communicated to City Council and the Mayor the agency's strategic objective of continuing to reposition the remaining public housing program and has identified the Streamline Voluntary Conversion program as the program that provides the best value for current and future residents by providing tenant-based Section 8 vouchers and project-based vouchers.

Phase 1 of the conversion targeted for 2023, to be determined by HUD approval, will include 56 scattered site public housing units. Phase 2 of the conversion targeted for 2025, will include 21 public housing designated units within the tax credit property Oak Ridge Estates.

It is our understanding it is the intention of the TSHA to keep 71 units identified for conversion as affordable rental housing through both tenant-based and project-based vouchers.

Executive Director Redd presented an overview of the TSHA agency development work, quality programming and strategic objectives on September 13, 2022. Please accept this letter of acknowledgement that TSHA has informed and consulted with the City of Tarpon Springs regarding its upcoming Streamline Voluntary Conversion application.

Sincerely,

Costa S. Vatikiotis
Mayor

Cc: City of Tarpon Springs Commission
Robbin Redd, ED of the Tarpon Springs Housing Authority