

DATE ISSUED: April 25, 2001

REPORT NO.: 01-076

ATTENTION: Honorable Mayor and City Council
Docket of May 1, 2001

SUBJECT: City Heights Redevelopment Project Area Committee Formation
Procedures

SUMMARY:

Issues - Should the City Council amend the Formation Procedures for the City Heights Redevelopment Project Area Committee?

Manager's Recommendation: Approve the proposed amended Procedures for the Formation of the City Heights Redevelopment Project Area Committee.

Other Recommendations: The City Heights Redevelopment Project Area Committee (PAC) voted to recommend approval of the proposed amended PAC Formation Procedures at their March 12, 2001 meeting.

Fiscal Impact: There is no direct fiscal impact with this action.

BACKGROUND

The City Heights Redevelopment Project Area Committee is the formal advisory body for the City Heights Redevelopment Project. In accordance with California Community Redevelopment Law, this committee was formed by local community election and City Council ratification to represent the interests of the community and to review and comment on the activities of the Redevelopment Agency within the City Heights Redevelopment Project Area and, in particular, how those activities relate to the potential displacement of local residents and the availability of housing affordable to low and moderate income residents.

The current Procedures for the Formation of the City Heights Redevelopment Project Area Committee were adopted by City Council Resolution No. 292185 on September 14, 1999. Subsequent to its formation, the City Heights PAC has conducted its own analysis and discussion of the Formation Procedures. These deliberations resulted in the preparation by a PAC subcommittee of proposed amended PAC Formation Procedures. These proposed procedures are now presented for consideration. City Council has ultimate authority to approve the procedures or any amendments thereto.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed amended procedures would make the following changes:

In PAC elections voters would be able to vote for all candidate categories. Currently voters are allowed to vote only for candidates in their own category and for community organization representatives.

The makeup of the PAC would be modified, such that there would no longer be designated seats for five currently named organizations: San Diego Youth and Community Services, Union of Pan Asian Communities, Mid-City for Youth, Neighborhood Housing Services and City Heights Community Development Corporation.

The PAC would add one more seat for a residential tenant, one more seat for either a residential tenant or a residential owner occupant and three more seats for undesignated community organizations. Any qualified community organization could compete to fill the three added community organization seats.

The list of acceptable types of documentation to prove eligibility for prospective voters and candidates would be reduced.

In recommending these amendments, the PAC expressed an interest in increasing the influence of local residents on the committee. This proposed change is consistent with State legal requirements for PAC's and is recommended for approval.

ALTERNATIVE

1. Do not adopt the amended Procedures for the Formation of the City Heights Redevelopment Project Area Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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2. Proposed amended PAC Formation Procedures - strikeout version