

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Robert C. White, Jr.
Chair, Committee on Housing
DATE: February 1, 2024
RE: Requests for February 6, 2024



I request that the following legislation be placed on the agenda for the legislative meeting on February 6:

Contract approval legislation at the request of the Housing Authority

- **PR25-611, the Local Rent Supplement Program Contract No. 2024-LRSP-02A with Hope View Apartments LP Approval Resolution of 2024**

This resolution would approve a multiyear contract between the DC Housing Authority (DCHA) and Hope View Apartments LP. The developer proposed to build a new 5-story building with ground floor office and support program space and 42 affordable housing units. The location for the proposed project is currently the site of a vacant former dollar store on Marion Barry Avenue, S.E. DCHA and certain partner agencies selected this redevelopment proposal, among others, for subsidization through a competitive consolidated request for proposals; as a result, the project is slated to receive subsidies from a variety of sources including the Housing Production Trust Fund.

The contract that PR25-611 would approve represents one piece of the District's broader support for the project: DCHA's commitment to enter into a long-term subsidy contract and to support the housing costs of 16 extremely low-income households (as defined at D.C. Official Code § 6-201(19A)) through the Local Rent Supplement Program (LRSP). DCHA transmitted the resolution and a corresponding contract summary package to the Council on January 17, 2024, and the contract package became publicly available through the Council's Legislative Information Management System (LIMS) on January 18. The contract is listed in LIMS as CA25-580.

Under section 451(c)(3) of the Home Rule Act (D.C. Official Code § 1-204.51(c)(3)), multiyear contracts require the Council's affirmative approval within 45 days of transmittal. At my request and with the assistance of the Office of the Secretary, an Abbreviated Notice of Intent to Consider Legislation was published in the DC Register on January 26, ensuring that the Council will have the opportunity to approve this contract before it is deemed disapproved on March 3.