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Sonoma County Housing Authority**

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MEMORANDUM

Date: November 20, 2024

To: Community Development Committee and
Cities and Towns Advisory Committee

From: Valerie Johnson, Community Development Program Coordinator

Subject: 2025 Community Participation Plan

Jurisdictions receiving housing and community development funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) federal programs are required to adopt and follow a Community Participation Plan (CPP). The purpose of the CPP is to provide a written policy and procedure that describes the actions to be taken to provide for, and to encourage, community participation in the development of the Assessment of Fair Housing (AFFH), Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans, any substantial amendments to an adopted Consolidated Plan, and the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER), which are required documents by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for participating jurisdictions.

The 2025 Community Participation Plan amends the County of Sonoma's June 2020 Citizen Participation Plan. Previous CPP's were entitled "Citizen Participation Plans." The term "citizen" was used in prior CPP's for consistency with the federal statutory language (i.e., "Citizen Participation Plan"). The CPP is updated as needed by the County of Sonoma. The County of Sonoma welcomes and solicits input from all county residents regardless of their citizenship status and has opted to use the word "Community" in place of "Citizen". The amended plan removes language related to COVID-19 that is no longer applicable and clarifies the public engagement process for the Commission's staff and HUD.

The draft 2025 CPP was available for a 30-day public comment period from October 21, 2024 to November 20, 2024. The draft was available on the Commission's website, Commission office, and the Sonoma County Central Library in Santa Rosa. As of the date of preparation of this memorandum, November 12, 2024, no comments have been received. Any comments received before the meeting date will be presented and addressed by staff to the committees.



Following the public comment period and the recommendation of the committees, the CPP will go to the Board of Supervisors for approval. A copy of the current and proposed CPP is attached for the committees' reference.

Requested Action: The Community Development Committee and the Cities and Towns Advisory Committee review and recommend approval the proposed 2025 Community Participation Plan to the Board of Supervisors.