

Board Matters

February 20, 2025

FCRHA Strategic Plan for FY 2026

Commissioner Bloom commended staff on the preparation of the plan. He expressed concern about how some of the language may be received in the current climate. Director Fleetwood acknowledged Commissioner Bloom's concern and shared that staff will continue to monitor the situation.

Commissioner Zurawski requested a future briefing from staff on how development projects are identified, selected for funding and the associated tradeoffs.

Farewell from Commissioner McRoberts

Commissioner McRoberts shared that he will be recusing himself and stepping down from the FCRHA due to a conflict between his employer and some of the FCRHA's work. Commissioner McRoberts noted how impressed he has been with his interactions with staff and the professional way the FCRHA meetings were conducted.

Chairman Stanton thanked Commissioner McRoberts for his service to the FCRHA.

Thank you to Chairman Stanton

Commissioner Lardner thanked Chairman Stanton for representing the FCRHA in the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors' 2025 State of the County video.

Update on the 2025 FCRHA Scholarship Program

Mr. Fleetwood stated that HCD staff began accepting applications on February 10, 2025. Mr. Fleetwood noted that the deadline for applying is March 31, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

Fiscal Year 2026 Advertised Budget

Mr. Fleetwood stated on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, the County Executive presented the advertised budget, which is available for viewing on the County's Department of Management and Budget's website. Public hearings will be held on April 22-24, 2025, leading to the final adoption on May 13, 2025. HCD Finance staff will be giving a presentation on the advertised budget as it pertains to affordable housing at the next FCRHA meeting.

Commissioner Zurawski inquired about the reason for HCD receiving a significant increase in the budget. In response, Director Fleetwood stated the advertised budget includes an additional quarter penny for affordable housing development. There is also additional funding in HCD's budget that is related to the operation of its emergency

shelter system, to include the new emergency shelter scheduled to open in April 2025 in the Sully District.

As the FCRHA's appointee to the Affordable Housing Advisory Council (AHAC), Commissioner Mondoro noted that AHAC will be drafting language to help assist the Board of Supervisors as they deliberate on the budget. AHAC will meet with the Chairman of the Board on March 6, 2025, and Commissioner Mondoro will share any feedback received.