WHEREAS, the U. S. Housing Act of 1937 as amended and accompanying the United States Department of Urban Development (HUD) regulations require the development of a Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan with Annual and 5-Year components; and,

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO)'s current, adopted 5-Year Plan is in effect for the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2020 and this submission is limited to the Annual Plan for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the PHA Annual Plan was compiled according to the template format prescribed by HUD regulations and further outlined in Notice PIH 2015-18; and

WHEREAS, HANO issued public notice and made the PHA Annual Plan; the Public Housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy; and the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan available for 45-day comment on April 21, 2017; and held a Plan consultation meeting with the Resident Advisory Board on May 10, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the required "Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan" was executed by the City of New Orleans Office of Community Development on May 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, HANO conducted a Public Hearing on June 6, 2017; and the PHA Annual Plan and related policies were discussed at the Development, Asset Management & Operations Committee of the HANO Board of Commissioners on June 12, 2017; and all comments were considered before finalizing the PHA Annual Plan and proposed policies;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby adopts HANO’s PHA Annual Plan for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017 and authorizes its submission along with the associated policy documents and requisite certifications to HUD.

Executed this 12th day of July, 2017

APPROVAL:

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ALICE RIENER
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 12, 2017

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners
   President Alice Riener, Vice President Andreaneceia M. Morris,
   Commissioner Toni Hackett Anrum, Commissioner Dwayne G. Bernal,
   Commissioner Donna Johnigan, Commissioner Debra Joseph,
   Commissioner Vonda Rice and Commissioner Cantrese Wilson

Through Gregg Fortner
   Executive Director

From: Shelley Smith
   Director, Strategic Planning

Re: Authorization to Submit HANO’s Public Housing Agency (PHA) Annual Plan to HUD

The U.S. Housing Act of 1937 as amended and accompanying the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations require the nation’s housing authorities to develop 5-Year and Annual Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plans. The 5-Year Plan, which is prepared every fifth fiscal year, delineates the PHA’s mission, goals, and objectives. The Annual Plan describes the Agency’s immediate operations, policies, services, and programs.

The Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO)’s current 5-Year Plan was adopted through last year’s planning cycle and is in effect for the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2020. For purposes of this planning cycle, HANO’s proposed submission is limited to the Annual PHA Plan for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017. The submission also includes several proposed policy updates to the Public Housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP) and to the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan.

The Capital Fund Program (CFP) Final Rule “decoupled” the CFP 5-Year Action Plan from the PHA Plan requiring that the two Plans be separately submitted to HUD. However, HANO’s PHA and CFP were developed under a concurrent preparation schedule and through a combined stakeholder engagement process.

The PHA Annual Plan was compiled in the template format prescribed by HUD as outlined in Notice PH 2015-18 and posted for 45-day public comment beginning on April 21, 2017. There was a Plan review and consultation meeting with the HANO Resident Advisory Board (RAB) on May 10, 2017 and a report containing RAB comments and HANO responses has been appended to the Plan document. On May 31, 2017 the required “Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan” was executed by the City’s Office of Community Development.
A June 6th Public Hearing was conducted at the end of the 45-day comment period, and on June 12th the PHA Annual Plan was presented to the Development, Asset Management & Operations Committee of the HANO Board of Commissioners. All comments were carefully considered before finalizing the Plan.

It is requested that the HANO Board of Commissioner's adopt the FY 2017 PHA Annual Plan and provide authorization to submit the Plan and related certifications to HUD.