

HOUSING AUTHORITY*

PURPOSE

The Housing Authority Commission advises the Council on housing issues and needs of the low- and moderate-income households in the City.

FUNCTIONS

The Commission is responsible for developing, maintaining and managing the City's low-rent housing and rental subsidy programs. It has direct legal responsibility for policy, staff and management of the Authority's multi-million dollar annual operating budget.

STATUS

The Commission was established by the Council in 1968 to fulfill the responsibilities related to the creation of the Housing Authority. The Housing Authority is a separate public corporation that, under state and federal law, is responsible for implementing programs which assist families or elderly persons who lack the income necessary to obtain housing that is decent, safe and sanitary. The legal authority, powers, duties and responsibilities of the Commission are defined by the California Health and Safety Code (Housing Authorities Law) and the corporation bylaws of the Commission. (Authorized by City Election held 6/4/68)

MEMBERS

Terms of office, qualifications for appointment and grounds for removal from office are defined by state law. The Commission has seven members. Five of the members are at-large and are appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the Council. The other two members are appointed by the Mayor from the Housing Authority's tenant population and each serves a two-year term. At least one of the tenant members must be 62 years of age or older.

TERMS/LIMITS

The at-large members serve four-year terms. The tenant members serve two-year terms. Members of the Commission are not subject to term limits.

MEETINGS

Meets the third Thursday of the month at noon in the Housing Authority offices located at 487 Leff Street.