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Type: Resolution

Title: Call for hearing(s) to urge HUD and CHA to require residents to clean property when vacated as condition to continue participation in subsidized housing program

Committee(s) Assignment: Committee on Housing and Real Estate

Housing & Real Estate

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Safe, comfortable and healthy housing is a basic right that should be available to all Chicagoans; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") is to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all. HUD is working to strengthen the housing market to bolster the economy and protect consumers; meet the need for quality affordable rental homes; and utilize housing as a platform for improving quality of life; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Housing Authority ("CHA") is the largest owner of rental housing in the City of Chicago, providing homes to more than 50,000 families and individuals, while supporting healthy communities in neighborhoods all across the city. In addition to providing senior and family housing in CHA buildings, it also oversees the administration of the Housing Choice Voucher Program, a HUD program that allows low-income families to rent subsidized housing units in the private market; and

WHEREAS, Unfortunately, when some residents move out of their subsidized units, they fail to clean the units, leaving the units in an unhealthy condition and resulting in additional burdens on the both the government and taxpayers. Many of these residents then move into other subsidized housing units, repeating the same conduct; and

WHEREAS, In order to preserve subsidized housing for all those in need, it is important that all subsidized housing residents demonstrate responsible conduct in maintaining their units, including properly cleaning their units when they move out, and for the overseeing government authority to conduct move-out inspections would be a useful measure in this respect; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the Members of the City Council of Chicago, assembled this ninth day of May, 2012, do hereby urge HUD and the CHA to consider implementing measures to require, as a condition of continuing to participate in subsidizing housing programs, subsidized housing residents to clean their units when they move out, with associated move-out inspections, and request that the City Council Committee on Housing and Real Estate hold a hearing regarding this matter and invite representatives from participating government agencies to advise the City Council of the feasibility of implementing these measures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the Committee on Housing and Real Estate and to representatives of HUD and the CHA.

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