DATE: July 21, 2021

TO: Andrea Tevlin, Independent Budget Analyst

FROM: Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6
Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera, District 9

SUBJECT: Request for an IBA Report to Review and Analyze Various Models of Housing Authorities and Housing Commissions

On Monday, July 19, 2021, the City Council in its role as the Housing Authority, heard an informational update on the formation, authority, and powers of the Housing Authority of the City of San Diego and the San Diego Housing Commission. The informational report provided a useful and detailed overview of the history, roles, and structures of the Housing Authority and the Housing Commission, as well as the relationship between the two.

To complement this report, it would be useful for the Housing Authority to understand how other cities and jurisdictions structure their housing authority and, if applicable, housing commission, and the policies utilized to govern those housing authorities so that we can determine if updates and changes to our current structures, policies, and practices are necessary to align with best practices across the State.

In order to help facilitate this conversation, we would like to request that the Independent Budget Analyst prepare a report to identify and review the various models used by other cities and jurisdictions and analyze best practices that can be utilized to achieve our equally important housing and governance goals.

cc: Honorable Mayor Todd Gloria
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