



MEMORANDUM

CSFRA, Community Development Department

DATE: December 14, 2020

TO: Rental Housing Committee

FROM: Anky van Deursen, Program Manager
Karen Tiedemann, Special Counsel to the RHC

SUBJECT: Request to place on a subsequent RHC agenda consideration of various issues related to CSFRA Section 1718, which allows the RHC to suspend the CSFRA if the average annual vacancy rate for controlled units exceeds 5%.

RECOMMENDATION

To review request from RHC Member Pardo de Zela to place on a subsequent RHC Agenda various items related to CSFRA Section 1718, which allows the RHC to consider suspension of the CSFRA if the average annual vacancy rate for controlled units exceeds 5%.

BACKGROUND

RHC member Pardo de Zela requested that an item be placed on the agenda to decide whether to place an item on a subsequent RHC agenda to discuss items related to CSFRA Section 1718 related to consideration of suspension of the provisions of the CSFRA if the average annual vacancy rate exceeds 5%.

ANALYSIS

The RHC adopted Rules of Conduct (Chapter 3 of the RHC regulations), which provide at Section C that Committee member requests to place items on an RHC agenda will be put on an agenda to ask the RHC if the item shall be placed on a future agenda. The request from RHC member Pardo de Zela constitutes a request to place an item on an RHC agenda.

The RHC is being asked to determine whether to place an item on a future RHC agenda to discuss items related to CSFRA Section 1718 related to consideration of suspension of the provisions of the CSFRA if the average annual vacancy rate exceeds 5%.

The item before the RHC is not a substantive discussion regarding the policy issues related to CSFRA Section 1718 but, rather, a procedural discussion regarding whether the RHC will discuss these issues at a future date. Only if the RHC votes affirmatively to place the item on a future agenda would a substantive discussion of the policy issues related to CSFRA Section 1718 be appropriate.

FISCAL IMPACT

Discussion of this agenda item does not have a fiscal impact on the RHC.

PUBLIC NOTICING - Agenda posting

ATTACHMENTS

1. Email from RHC member Pardo de Zela to the Rental Housing Committee with a request to place on a subsequent RHC Agenda consideration of various items related to CSFRA Section 1718 related to consideration of suspension of the provisions of the CSFRA if the average annual vacancy rate for controlled units exceeds 5%.