



## City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

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☒ CITY COUNCIL ☒ HACN

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**Meeting Date:** January 28, 2025

**Title:** Housing Authority Update

**Background:** On January 7, 2025, the Housing Authority of the City of Needles (HACN) had a successful ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Veterans Housing Program on at W Broadway St.

This transformative initiative provides HUD rental assistance and VA case management services, addressing the housing needs of homeless veterans in our community. This program represents a significant step forward in our commitment to supporting homeless veterans in our community. In August 2023, the Housing Authority of the City of Needles (HACN) received 30 HUD-VASH vouchers, combining HUD rental assistance with VA case management services to provide essential support to veterans. Since the program's implementation in May 2024, offering critical housing assistance to those who have served our nation. This initiative has been made possible through the collaborative efforts of our local and regional community organizations, who partner with HACN to secure permanent housing and provide case management and financial support to our veterans.

The Housing Authority of the City of Needles (HACN) is following all required updates from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regarding updating its plans and policies as of January 1, 2025. To meet HUD's standards for the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Plan (ACOP), Public Housing Pet Policy, and Public Housing Lease Agreement. These updates will replace the current ACOP and are classified as a Significant Amendment to the HACN Annual and Five-Year Plan. Critical changes in these updates include revisions to eligibility requirements, pet policies, and the public housing lease agreement, which has not been amended since 2013. These modifications are considered a Significant Amendment to the HACN Annual and Five-Year Plan.

- **Public Housing Vacancies and Transfers:**
  - Current Vacancies: 5 out of 52 units.
  - Families Awaiting Transfers: 1
  - Families Selected for Consideration from Waiting List: 4
- **Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV):**
  - Open and Pending Eligibility: 0 out of 23 allocated vouchers.
  - Leased Up: 18
  - Issued: 5
  - Open: 0
- **Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Vouchers:**
  - Open and Pending Eligibility: 17 out of 30 allocated vouchers.
  - Referrals Received from VA Loma Linda: 3
  - Leased Up: 6
  - Issued: 7
- **Public Housing Waiting List:**
  - Applicants on the waiting list: 50
  - Always open for applications.
  - Allows the public to submit applications for future selection and consideration.
- **Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Waiting List:**
  - Applicants on the waiting list: 70
  - Opened July 1, 2024 – **CLOSED** July 31, 2024
  - Public submitted applications for future selection and consideration.

### Attached Exhibits:

Exhibit A: January 15, 2025, Voucher Statistics Form

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Recommended  
Action:** Information Only

**Submitted By:** Angelica Deerner, HACN Housing Manager

**City Manager Approval:** Patrick J. Martinez

**Date:** 1/23/2025

**Other Department Approval (when required):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: ☐

Not Approved: ☐

Tabled: ☐

Other: ☐