



**Date:** July 10, 2015  
**To:** Council Member John Okamoto, Chair, Housing Affordability, Human Services and Economic Resiliency Committee  
**From:** Steve Walker, Director, Office of Housing  
**Subject:** Director's Monthly Report

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Dear Councilmember Okamoto:

For this month's report, I would like to feature three current activities involving the Office of Housing.

1. ***Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda (HALA)***: With the HALA announcement and the Mayor's Action Plan being published earlier this week our focus pivots to implementation. We welcome the opportunity in the near future to highlight the components of the Mayor's agenda and share the implementation timeline as it develops further.
2. ***2016 Housing Levy Renewal Planning***: Internal analysis and planning just now pivoted externally. OH convened participants in the Housing Levy's single family program on July 1 and participants in the rental housing program on July 7 to get their early input on projected leverage sources, preferred housing models and other technical issues. These meetings provided an opportunity for discussion of program-wide considerations with engaged and experienced partners.

OH is hosting a discussion of future directions for the Housing Levy on July 22. The meeting will focus on past accomplishments and future planning for the rental housing, operating & maintenance and homeownership programs. We will share our current thinking about program direction and seek input on both technical issues and policy choices. The meeting has been broadly advertised to those interested in housing and homelessness.

By September, OH will convene a technical advisory committee to vet specific questions about sizing the Levy renewal, establishing program parameters, and setting production goals.

3. ***2015 Notice of Funds Available (NOFA)***: On Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup> we published our 2015 Multifamily NOFA timed with the release of the Mayor's HALA Action Plan. OH will allocate a record-high \$42 million dollars for rental housing production and preservation. Funds to be distributed include Incentive Zoning Bonus dollars, at a record high of \$24 million, Seattle Housing Levy proceeds, and Federal HOME and CDBG funding. Applications will be due in mid-September with awards to the most competitive proposals announced at the end of the year.