

## **Summary of Comments Made by Members of the Community Development Committee May 22, 2019**

**Linda Garcia**, expressed that while she knew that staff had been working on this proposal for some time, she heard concern expressed in the public comment about the feeling of rushing the process.

**Jessica Vega** identified herself as a tenant representative on the committee and expressed that perhaps additional time was needed for consideration due to the large impact the cancellation of the waitlist is going to have on so many people. She acknowledged that the system isn't working and needs to change. She stated that she heard her own story in many of the stories that were shared during public comment and she isn't comfortable taking hope away from people. She expressed that another public hearing on the matter may be beneficial.

**Willie Lamberson** addressed the issue of hopelessness, pointing out that people that had been on the waitlist for years had been done a disservice. He expressed that while moving to a lottery system, even though it will be starting over people will know where they are at on the waitlist. He stated that he firmly believes that switching to the new system will help more people than the existing system. He expressed that prolonging the process will not serve anyone and that benefit will come from getting the change process moving.

**Stephanie Hiller** stated that she didn't believe that any benefit would be gained by delaying the process. She acknowledged that the changes would make the system more fair and reasonable.

**Chair, Oscar Chavez**, stated that while the lottery system may not be perfect, it creates a more equitable program for the community. He stated that while the waitlist changes do not address the totality of inequity in our community, it makes one more aspect of our programs equitable.

### **Vote:**

**Ayes:** B. Chavez, O. Chavez, Hiller, Lamberson, Garcia

**Noes:** Vega