



February 27, 2020

MEMORANDUM

**To:** Board of Commissioners  
President Debra Joseph, Vice President Isabel Barrios,  
Commissioner Toni Hackett Antrum, Commissioner Sharon Jasper,  
Commissioner Carol Johnson, Commissioner Monika McKay,  
Commissioner Hyma Moore, Commissioner Kim Piper and  
Commissioner Bill Rouselle

**Through** Evette Hester  
Executive Director

**From:** Kevin Oufnac  
General Counsel

**Re:** Amendment to HANO Bylaws Art. VI, Sec. 1

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Art. VI, Sec. 1 of the Bylaws of the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) currently states in relevant part:

The Board shall consist of **eight** voting Commissioners appointed by the Mayor, including two tenant Commissioners and one landlord commissioner. No person who has or who is seeking a business or financial relationship with the housing authority or who otherwise has a conflict pursuant to the Code of Governmental Ethics regarding service on the housing authority board shall be eligible to be appointed as a landlord commissioner. No Commissioner shall be an employee of the Authority, or spouse or child, parent, brother or sister by blood or marriage of such an employee. (emphasis added).

At the time the Bylaws of HANO were enacted, La. R.S. 40:531(B)(1) stated that:

(1) In the city of New Orleans, the governing authority of the housing authority shall consist of **eight** commissioners, at least two of whom shall be tenants of the housing authority, referred to in this Chapter as "tenant commissioners", and one of whom shall be appointed as provided in Subparagraph (2)(b) of this Subsection, referred to in this Chapter as a "landlord commissioner". (emphasis added).

Last year, the Louisiana legislature amended La. R.S. 40:531(B)(1). Effective August 1, 2019, the amended text of La. R.S. 40:531(B)(1) states that:

(1) In the city of New Orleans, the governing authority of the housing authority shall consist of **nine** commissioners, at least two of whom shall be tenants of the housing authority, referred to in this Chapter as "tenant commissioners", and one

of whom shall be appointed as provided in Subparagraph (2)(b) of this Subsection, referred to in this Chapter as a “landlord commissioner”. (emphasis added).

On August 6, 2019, the Mayor of New Orleans appointed Carol Johnson to the HANO Board of Commissioners in order to comply with the amendment to La. R.S. 40:531(B)(1) that took effect on August 1, 2019.

In order to align HANO’s bylaws with the amendment to La. R.S. 40:531(B)(1) that took effect on August 1, 2019, the following amendment (detailed in bold and underlined below) to HANO’s bylaws is recommended:

The Board shall consist of **nine** voting Commissioners appointed by the Mayor, including two tenant Commissioners and one landlord commissioner. No person who has or who is seeking a business or financial relationship with the housing authority or who otherwise has a conflict pursuant to the Code of Governmental Ethics regarding service on the housing authority board shall be eligible to be appointed as a landlord commissioner. No Commissioner shall be an employee of the Authority, or spouse or child, parent, brother or sister by blood or marriage of such an employee. (emphasis added).

Therefore, it is requested that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans amend the Bylaws of the Housing Authority of New Orleans to state in Art. V II, Sec. 1 that the Board shall consist of nine voting Commissioners.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 27, 2020**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-06**

**WHEREAS**, the Bylaws of the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) currently state in Article VI, Section 1 that “[t]he Board shall consist of eight voting Commissioners appointed by the Mayor, including two tenant Commissioners and one landlord commissioner;” and

**WHEREAS**, the provision in the Bylaws of HANO for eight voting Commissioners was in accord with the previous version of La. R.S. 40:531(b)(1) which state that “[i]n the city of New Orleans, the governing authority of the housing authority shall consist of eight commissioners, at least two of whom shall be tenants of the housing authority, referred to in this Chapter as “tenant commissioners”, and one of whom shall be appointed as provided in Subparagraph (2)(b) of this Subsection, referred to in this Chapter as a ‘landlord commissioner;”

**WHEREAS**, effective August 1, 2019, the Louisiana Legislature amended La. R.S. 40:531(b)(1) to state that “[i]n the city of New Orleans, the governing authority of the housing authority shall consist of nine commissioners, at least two of whom shall be tenants of the housing authority, referred to in this Chapter as “tenant commissioners”, and one of whom shall be appointed as provided in Subparagraph (2)(b) of this Subsection, referred to in this Chapter as a ‘landlord commissioner;”

**WHEREAS**, in order to align HANO’s bylaws with the amendment to La. R.S. 40:531(B)(1) that took effect on August 1, 2019, Article VI, Section 1 of the Bylaws of HANO should be amended to state that “[t]he Board shall consist of nine voting Commissioners appointed by the Mayor, including two tenant Commissioners and one landlord commissioner.;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans hereby amends Article VI, Section 1 of the HANO Bylaws to state as follows:

The Board shall consist of nine voting Commissioners appointed by the Mayor, including two tenant Commissioners and one landlord commissioner. No person who has or who is seeking a business or financial relationship with the housing authority or who otherwise has a conflict pursuant to the Code of Governmental Ethics regarding service on the housing authority board shall be eligible to be appointed as a landlord commissioner. No Commissioner shall be an employee of the Authority, or spouse or child, parent, brother or sister by blood or marriage of such an employee.

**Executed this 27th day of February, 2020.**

**APPROVAL:**

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**DEBRA JOSEPH  
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**