# Metropolitan Housing Opportunities Program

## Unit Conversion

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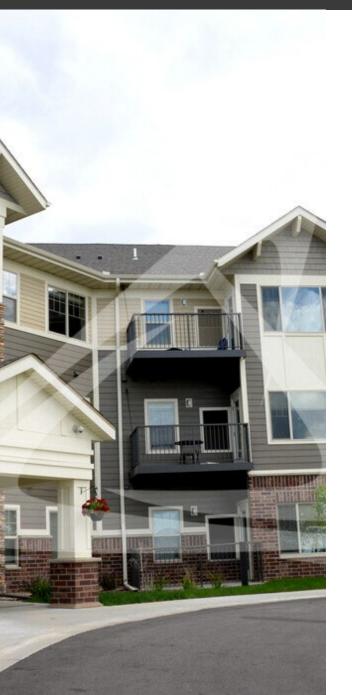**Terri Smith, Director, Metro HRA**

# Metropolitan Housing Opportunities Program (MHOP)

## What is MHOP?

- Established by Minneapolis Public Housing Authority in 1998
  - To meet the requirements of the Hollman Consent Decree
  - Demolish 770 public housing units and redevelop throughout the region
- Region-wide effort to meet the requirements
- The Council developed 150 units, known as Family Affordable Housing Program

# MPHA / Metro HRA Collaboration

## What is the challenge?

- MPHA holds the federal contract for 106 units of public housing (MHOP units)
    - MPHA does not own or operate these units
    - Most located in Metro HRA's service area
- Units are onerous and expensive to operate
- MPHA interested in transferring the rent assistance to Metro HRA

# Voluntary Transfer and Conversion



## Solution

- **Voluntary Transfer** of 106 units of Public Housing to Metro HRA.
  - MPHA continues to operate as Public Housing through a Joint Powers Agreement
- **Streamlined Voluntary Conversion** of units from Public Housing to Housing Choice Vouchers
- 19 units located in Plymouth; 8 units located in Minneapolis
  - Metro HRA operates at least one year or until residents move
- Target completion date: January 1, 2024

# Next Steps

## Council Action Needed

- Joint Powers Agreements

MPHA does a partial voluntary transfer of 106 (Public Housing) units to Metro HRA

MPHA and Metro HRA engage with residents and unit owners

MPHA and Metro HRA enter into Joint Powers Agreement  to allow:

MPHA to continue operating units as Public Housing

Metro HRA to administer the voucher assistance in City

# Next Steps

## Council Action Needed

- Streamlined Voluntary Conversion Application

- Joint Powers Agreements

The Metro HRA submits Streamlined Voluntary Conversion Application to HUD

The Metro HRA receives 106 new vouchers to provide continued rent assistance

The Metro HRA enters into a Joint Powers Agreement with Plymouth HRA to allow Metro HRA to administer voucher assistance in City after conversion

Questions?

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