

availability and request for comment on the proposed policy in the April 21, 2016 **Federal Register** (81 FR 23503), and requested public comments no later than May 23, 2016. The comment period was then reopened on June 8, 2016 (81 FR 36940) and public comments were requested no later than July 8, 2016.

**DATES:** This policy is effective September 30, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** The final policy is available online at <http://www.regulations.gov> and on FEMA's Web site at <http://www.fema.gov>. The proposed and final policy, all related **Federal Register** notices, and all public comments received during the comment period are available at <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket ID FEMA-2016-0007. Hard copies of the final policy are available at the Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 8NE, 500 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20472.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher Logan, Acting Director, Public Assistance Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, 202-212-2340.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the policy is to establish minimum standards for Public Assistance projects in order to promote resiliency and achieve risk reduction under the authority of the Stafford Act §§ 323 and 406(e) (42 U.S.C. 5165a and 5172) and 44 CFR part 206, subpart M. When using Public Assistance funds to repair, replace, or construct buildings located in hazard-prone areas, applicants will use, at a minimum, the hazard-resistant design standards in or referenced in the International Building Code (IBC), the International Existing Building Code (IEBC), and/or the International Residential Code (IRC). Costs associated with meeting these standards are eligible for Public Assistance funding.

FEMA revised the policy content in response to public comments received as follows:

- To clarify that FEMA will evaluate more stringent, locally adopted codes or standards as described in 44 CFR part 206.226(d),
- To clarify that the most recent edition of the IBC, IEBC, or IRC as of the disaster declaration date will be used as the new Federal minimum design standard,
- To clarify that the policy only applies to the standards of the IBC, IEBC, and IRC related to hazard-resistant designs, and
- To provide information regarding how the policy will interact with

floodplain management minimization standards as described in 44 CFR part 9.11(d) as well as with the calculation for repair versus replacement described in 44 CFR part 206.226(f).

The final policy does not have the force or effect of law.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 5165a, 5172; 44 CFR 206.226, 206.400.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5858-N-03]

### Announcement of the Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee Appointment of Members and Notice of Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

**ACTION:** Notice of Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee (HCFAC) Members, and Public Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the appointment of HCFAC members, gives notice of a one-day meeting and sets forth the proposed agenda of the Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee (HCFAC) first Committee meeting. The Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2016. The meeting is open to the public and is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

**DATES:** The in-person meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) at HUD Headquarters, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marjorie George, Housing Program Technical Specialist, Office of Housing Counseling, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 200 Jefferson Avenue, Suite 300, Memphis, TN 38103; telephone number (901) 544-4228 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons who have difficulty hearing or speaking may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Individuals may also email [HCFACCommittee@hud.gov](mailto:HCFACCommittee@hud.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## I. HCFAC Appointees

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announces the appointment of 12 individuals to the Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee (HCFAC). The HCFAC was established on April 14, 2015 pursuant to Subtitle D of title XIV of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Pub. L. 111-203, 124 Stat. 1376 (July 21, 2010)) (Dodd-Frank Act), which mandates that the Secretary appoint an advisory committee to provide advice to the Office of Housing Counseling (OHC). The Dodd-Frank Act also mandated that the HCFAC should equally represent the mortgage and real estate industry, consumers and HUD-approved housing counseling agencies. A **Federal Register** Notice was published on April 14, 2015, (80 FR 20005) soliciting the nomination of individuals via an application.

Selection of the HCFAC members was made by the Secretary based on the candidate's qualifications, expertise and diversity of viewpoints that are necessary to effectively address the matters before the HCFAC. Membership on the Committee is personal to the appointee and committee members serve at the discretion of the Secretary for a 3-year term, except the first appointed members consist of at a minimum 4 appointees that serve for a 2-year term and 4 appointees that serve for a 1-year term.

The initial HCFAC appointees effective June 1, 2016 are:

#### *Mortgage Sector:*

Pamela Marron—3-year appointment  
Jose' Larry Garcia—2-year appointment

Linda Ayres—1-year appointment

#### *Real Estate Sector:*

E.J. Thomas—3-year appointment  
Cassie Hicks—2-year appointment  
Alejandro Becerra—1-year appointment

#### *Consumer Sector:*

Afreen Alam—3-year appointment  
Meg Burns—2-year appointment  
Ellie Pepper—1-year appointment

#### *Housing Counseling Sector:*

Judy Hunter—3-year appointment  
Arthur Zeman—2-year appointment  
Terri Redmond—1-year appointment

## II. Meeting and Agenda

HUD is convening the first meeting of the HCFAC on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at HUD Headquarters, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410 and via conference phone. This meeting notice is provided in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 10(a)(2).

*Draft Agenda—Housing Counseling  
Federal Advisory Committee Meeting—  
November 1, 2016*

- I. Welcome
- II. Introduction of Members
- III. Presentations by Industry Experts
- IV. Discussion of Issues Facing the  
Housing Counseling Industry
  - A. Increasing Consumer Awareness of  
Housing Counseling Services
  - B. Achieving Greater Financial  
Sustainability for Housing  
Counseling Services
  - C. Measuring Demand for Housing  
Counseling
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Next Steps
- VII. Adjourn

With advance registration, the public is invited to attend this one-day meeting in-person or by phone. To register to attend, please visit the Web page at: <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/event/Housing-Counseling.html>.

In-person attendees will receive details about the meeting location and how to access the building after completing the pre-registration process at the above link. The meeting is also open to the public with limited phone lines available on a first-come, first-served basis. Phone attendees can call in to the one-day meeting by using the following toll-free number in the United States: (800) 230-1059. An operator will ask callers to provide their names and their organizational affiliations (if applicable) prior to placing callers into the conference line to ensure they are part of the pre-registration list. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines and HUD will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free phone number. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the discussion by first calling the Federal Relay Service (FRS): (800) 977-8339 and providing the FRS operator with the conference call toll-free number: (800) 230-1059.

Also, with advance registration, members of the public will have an opportunity to provide oral and written comments. The total amount of time for oral comments will be limited to three minutes per commenter to ensure pertinent Committee business is completed. Written comments must be provided no later than October 24, 2016 to [HCFACCommittee@hud.gov](mailto:HCFACCommittee@hud.gov). If the number of registered commenters for the meeting exceeds the available time, HUD will initiate a lottery to select commenters. In order to pre-register to provide comments, please visit the Web

page at: <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/event/Housing-Counseling.html>.

Records and documents discussed during the meeting, as well as other information about the work of this Committee, will be available for public viewing as they become available at: <http://www.facadatabase.gov/committee/committee.aspx?cid=2492&aid=77> by clicking on the “Committee Meetings” link.

Dated: October 3, 2016.

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Housing.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

**[Docket No. FR-5907-N-41]**

**Federal Property Suitable as Facilities  
To Assist the Homeless**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for use to assist the homeless.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Juanita Perry, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Room 7266, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 402-3970; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565 (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), call the toll-free Title V information line at 800-927-7588 or send an email to [titles5@hud.gov](mailto:titles5@hud.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 24 CFR part 581 and section 501 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11411), as amended, HUD is publishing this Notice to identify Federal buildings and other real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. The properties were reviewed using information provided to HUD by Federal landholding agencies regarding unutilized and underutilized buildings and real property controlled by such agencies or by GSA regarding its inventory of excess or surplus Federal property. This Notice is also published in order to comply with the December 12, 1988 Court Order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.).

Properties reviewed are listed in this Notice according to the following categories: Suitable/available, suitable/unavailable, and suitable/to be excess, and unsuitable. The properties listed in the three suitable categories have been reviewed by the landholding agencies, and each agency has transmitted to HUD: (1) Its intention to make the property available for use to assist the homeless, (2) its intention to declare the property excess to the agency's needs, or (3) a statement of the reasons that the property cannot be declared excess or made available for use as facilities to assist the homeless.

Properties listed as suitable/available will be available exclusively for homeless use for a period of 60 days from the date of this Notice. Where property is described as for “off-site use only” recipients of the property will be required to relocate the building to their own site at their own expense. Homeless assistance providers interested in any such property should send a written expression of interest to HHS, addressed to: Ms. Theresa M. Ritta, Chief Real Property Branch, the Department of Health and Human Services, Room 12-07, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, (301)-443-2265 (This is not a toll-free number.) HHS will mail to the interested provider an application packet, which will include instructions for completing the application. In order to maximize the opportunity to utilize a suitable property, providers should submit their written expressions of interest as soon as possible. For complete details concerning the processing of applications, the reader is encouraged to refer to the interim rule governing this program, 24 CFR part 581.

For properties listed as suitable/to be excess, that property may, if subsequently accepted as excess by GSA, be made available for use by the homeless in accordance with applicable law, subject to screening for other Federal use. At the appropriate time, HUD will publish the property in a Notice showing it as either suitable/available or suitable/unavailable.

For properties listed as suitable/unavailable, the landholding agency has decided that the property cannot be declared excess or made available for use to assist the homeless, and the property will not be available.

Properties listed as unsuitable will not be made available for any other purpose for 20 days from the date of this Notice. Homeless assistance providers interested in a review by HUD of the determination of unsuitability should call the toll free information line at 1-