



**STAFF FOLLOW UP ON RESOLUTIONS  
ADOPTED AT THE JULY 2016  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING**

**COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Development of Best Practices and Policy Recommendations on the Use of Criminal Records by Housing Agencies – CR&D/Housing Joint Resolution**

**Resolution:** Be it resolved, that the Housing and CR&D Committees recommends a working group be formed to develop and publish a white paper on the topic of implementing successful policies and guidelines that are in line with the OGC's memorandum on the application of Fair Housing Act standards to the use of criminal records by providers of housing and real-estate transactions. The white paper will provide best practices and broad policy recommendations that are sensitive to state and regional variations and will act as Fair Housing guidance for housing agencies. The white paper will be developed with input from NAHRO members and from other organizations relevant to the issue.

**Status:** As of early October 2016, four committee members have volunteered to join the working group. The group (plus any additional volunteers) are scheduled to meet on October 13, 2016, at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans to begin developing the white paper. The group will establish a timeline, assign roles and begin an outline.

**Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act of 2016**

**Resolution:** The CR&D Committee supports the passage of the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act of 2016.

**Status:** Staff and members of Leg Net have actively promoted this bill during NAHRO's August Advocacy Month by requesting members send letters to their legislators urging them to support the bill's passage. Following the 2016 elections, staff will once again focus on advocating/providing materials for members that support the passage of the bill.

## HOUSING COMMITTEE

### Small Area Fair Market Rents (SAFMRS) Proposed Rule

**Resolution:** WHEREAS, the use of Small Area Fair Market Rents poses tenant welfare concerns, concerns about limiting choice of tenants in metropolitan areas, and numerous administrative concerns, WHEREAS, additional time is needed to study the full impact of Small Area FMRS, and WHEREAS, additional funding is needed to support the transition to Small Area FMRs, BE IT RESOLVED that NAHRO does not support the mandatory implementation of Small Area FMRs, but believes that use of Small Area FMRs should be completely voluntary.

**Status:** NAHRO submitted comments to HUD on the SAFMR Proposed Rule that stressed NAHRO's position that SAFMRs should be completely voluntary.

### Rural Housing Preservation Act of 2016

**Resolution:** BE IT RESOLVED, NAHRO supports the Rural Housing Preservation Act of 2016 (H.R. 4908 and S. 2783),

**Status:** NAHRO continues to support H.R. 4908 and S. 2783, however, neither bill has seen any movement in Congress.

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