

# City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia  
Office of the Chief Clerk  
Room 402, City Hall  
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 060748)

## RESOLUTION

Urging the Congress of the United States and President George W. Bush to reverse the alarming trend of United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, “HUD”, dollars from being shifted away from Pennsylvania and negatively impacting on dollars received for affordable housing for families and senior citizens of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, The availability of HUD dollars to the State of Pennsylvania is of critical importance for affordable housing for families and seniors citizens in the City of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, The HUD Operating Fund Rule is redistributing public housing funds from the Northeast states to the South and Southwest states of the United States; and

WHEREAS, While the State of Pennsylvania is losing HUD dollars at a substantial rate, Texas and Florida is gaining HUD dollars at a substantial rate; and

WHEREAS, While Pennsylvania housing agencies will lose a total of \$40 million of HUD funding, Texas housing agencies will get an increase of \$651 million funding and Florida housing agencies will receive an increase of funding of \$502 million from HUD; and

WHEREAS, In Texas, 92% of the housing authorities will get increased funding and in Florida 99% of the housing authorities will get increased funding. Pennsylvania housing authorities will get less money despite that Pennsylvania has more housing units to maintain than Texas and twice as many as Florida; and

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WHEREAS, While HUD is in the process of taking away local management of housing dollars and phasing in a new centralized management system out of Washington, DC, this new system will result in an inability to manage resources locally and threatens positive results produced by keeping decision making in the hands of local people, such as mixed income neighborhoods, increased housing values and increased local tax bases; and

WHEREAS, The centralization of management in Washington, DC will negatively impact the speed and ease of obtaining elderly services , tenant background checks and local oversight of taxpayer dollars, just to name a few; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby urge the Congress of the United States and President George W. Bush reverse the alarming trend of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, “HUD”, dollars from being shifted away from Pennsylvania and negatively impacting on dollars received for affordable housing for families and senior citizens of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the fifth of October, 2006.

Anna C. Verna  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Tasco

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Tasco, Goode, Rizzo, Council President Verna, Councilmembers Kenney, Miller, Reynolds Brown, Blackwell, DiCicco, Ramos, Clarke and Krajewski