THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING RESOLUTION NO. 5249

AUTHORIZING CHANGES TO APPLICANT PREFERENCE AND TENANT SELECTION PROCEDURES FOR USE UNDER THE PRIVATE HOUSING PROGRAM AS OUTLINED IN THE PROJECT-BASED ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2003, the King County Housing Authority (KCHA) entered in an agreement with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to participate in the Moving to Work (MTW) Demonstration Program; and,

WHEREAS, as an MTW participant, KCHA is authorized, in lieu of federal program regulations, to develop and implement new approaches for providing and administering housing assistance consistent with local needs and circumstances; and,

WHEREAS, utilizing the flexibility afforded under the MTW program, KCHA adopted a locally designed Private Housing Program, using Project-based Section 8 subsidy to (1) take affirmative action to deconcentrate poverty in the region by increasing access to affordable housing in low-poverty regions of the County; and (2) assist KCHA's efforts to ensure one-for-one replacement of Public Housing units removed from inventory through HOPE VI reconstruction and major renovation activities; and,

WHEREAS, in creating the Private Housing program model, the Housing Authority assigned waiting list and tenant selection responsibility to the Central Applications Office in order to streamline applicant processing and ensure low-income households easy access to the project-based subsidy available under the program; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority recommends modification of the Private Housing program's Tenant Selection preferences in a manner that mirrors those

previously approved by the Board of Commissioners for use under KCHA's Public Housing program by incorporating a preference for "Extremely-Low Income" households - those whose total annual income falls at or below 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI) - into the tenant selection process; and,

WHEREAS, adoption of the proposed change will allow the Housing Authority to streamline operations of KCHA's Project-based and Central Applications Offices and simplify the application process for low-income households;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING:

- (1.) The Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the revisions to the Section 8
 Project- Based Assistance Policy as attached; and
- (2.) Authorizes the Housing Authority to take the necessary steps to implement these revisions effective immediately.

ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING THIS 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2009.

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING, WASHINGTON

NANCY HOLLAND-YOUNG, Chair Board of Commissioners

STEPHEN NORMAN Secretary-Treasurer