

Residents Council: A Voice for Annie Coleman Public Housing Residents Scarlett L. Montenegro

"We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community..."





Good afternoon,

The Annie Coleman resident **council** elections have been cancelled due to inability of candidates to meet criteria per Code of Federal Registration (CFR) 964.125. Eligibility for resident **council** membership (c): Any qualified voting member of a resident **council** who meets the requirements described in the by-laws and is in compliance with the lease may seek office and serve on the resident **council** office and serve on the resident **council** governing board.

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In accordance with § 964.100, the role of the resident council is to improve the quality of life and resident satisfaction and to participate in self-help initiatives that enable residents to create a positive living environment for families living in public housing.

Public Housing residents can serve as resident council officers if they are:

- Heads of household (of any age)
- A household member whose name is on the lease and at least18 years old.
- Council members cannot be in violation of the lease. They also have to meet any
 additional requirements that are written into the resident council by- laws.

Once a residents council is established, they receive and operating fund. Operating fund formula provides each public housing agency (PHA) \$25 per occupied public housing unit for tenant participation activities.

Residents can use the funds for Social support needs (such as self-sufficiency and youth initiatives)

- Eligible self-sufficiency activities include
- Coordination of support services
- Training related to childcare, early childhood development, parent involvement, before and after school programs, senior programs, health, and nutrition
- Child abuse and neglect prevention
- Tutorial services
- Youth education and sports programs
- Drug use and violence prevention programs
- Financial literacy

What type of support does the Annie Coleman residents council need?

- They need support in organizing qualifying residents who are interested in participating in the residents council.
- They need assistance in setting a meeting time with the Annie Coleman Supervisor at the Public Housing Service and Community Development Office.
- Interested residents need support in making making flyers, announcements, setting community "town" halls, social media strategy.
- Once a council is elected I will link the council to a financial accountant that can help the council with their budget and create a "business plan model".



- Help link resident council's to services in the community.
- Provide some of your services to a local resident council.
- Donate money to a resident council at a public housing unit.