

HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONERS

DATE: DECEMBER 12, 2018

**REGARDING: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL 2019 HRA BUDGET AND
CERTIFYING THE FINAL HRA PROPERTY TAX LEVY PAYABLE
IN 2019**

Requested Board Action

Certify the final 2019 HRA budget and the final HRA tax levy payable in 2019.

Background

The 2019 HRA proposed budget and the certified maximum proposed 2019 HRA tax levy was adopted on September 26, 2018 through resolution RES 18-1477. The 2019 proposed maximum HRA tax levy certified to the county was \$4,459,798 which was the maximum allowed under State Law. The final levy cannot be higher than the \$4,459,798 proposed maximum levy certified to Ramsey County. State Law caps the HRA levy at 0.0185% of the estimated market value of property, projected to be \$24.1 billion. The proposed maximum 2019 HRA levy was \$637,639 more than the final 2018 certified HRA tax levy, capturing the increased value of the Saint Paul tax base which rose from \$22 billion to \$24 billion in the past year.

After deliberation, the final 2019 HRA tax levy to be certified to Ramsey County is \$4,185,264. To comply with the State of Minnesota's Truth-In-Taxation laws, the HRA must certify to Ramsey County the final HRA property tax levy payable in 2019, no later than December 31, 2018. The attached resolution, if approved, will certify this final tax levy by that date.

The HRA property tax levy provides revenue to the HRA. Activities financed by the HRA include maintenance of HRA properties, City maintenance and public improvement assessments on HRA property, HRA programs including the Rental Rehab Program, the Job Opportunity Fund, a variety of housing supports and business assistance programs, HRA program administration costs, housing and commercial real estate development, acquisition of tax

forfeited properties, City Attorney services for the HRA, and the mandated State audit of the HRA.

Future Action

N/A

Recommendation:

Approval of the final 2019 HRA budget and certify the final HRA tax levy payable in 2019 to Ramsey County by December 31, 2018.

Sponsored by: Chair Tolbert

Staff: Dr. Bruce Corrie, 266-6658

Attachments

- To be provided by the Office of Financial Services.