

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF BLAINE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY,
BLAINE COUNTY, IDAHO

A RESOLUTION OF THE BLAINE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY (BCHA) BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CALLING ATTENTION TO THE UNPRECEDENTED INCREASE IN THE COST OF HOUSING IN THE COMMUNITY AND URGING ACTIONS THAT WILL LEAD TO AN INCREASE IN THE SUPPLY AND AVAILABILITY OF HOUSING THAT IS ATTAINABLE TO THE WORKFORCE IN BLAINE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic caused widespread physical and economic harm that has displaced many individuals and families due to loss employment and/or inability to pay rent or mortgages; and

WHEREAS, Blaine County has been additionally affected by an unprecedented disruption of its already stressed housing market due to the influx of new residents of means, spiking the demand for ownership and rental properties and causing home prices and rents to skyrocket to levels that are unsustainable to the current full-time working residents of Blaine County; and

WHEREAS, these home price and rental increases have displaced many long-term Blaine County residents, leaving some homeless and others to relocate outside of Blaine County; and

WHEREAS, Blaine County Housing Authority (“BCHA”) was created by Blaine County to “(a) Assist the County, the cities, and private developers with planning affordable housing, (b) *Perform periodic needs assessments and program studies to assure that Agency programs are productive and effective and advise the county and Cities of any policies and programs changes that would facilitate development of affordable housing*, (c) Act as a clearing house for the delivery of housing product and the placement of qualified applicants by maintaining a current list of applicants, qualifying purchasers and renters and aiding applicants with the purchase or rental of available community housing, (d) Generate, maintain and update Community Housing Guidelines and deed restrictions; and monitor compliance by developers, buyers and renters, (e) For its own account, or in concert with others, develop affordable housing within the County”; and

WHEREAS, BCHA desires to express its concern that the current state of the housing market, with these unprecedented home price and rental increases, is having a severely detrimental effect on BCHA’s mission and upon the broader community and economy of Blaine County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Blaine County Housing Authority CALLS UPON landlords in Blaine County to deal with their tenants in a just and fair manner to ensure that the workforce in Blaine County may continue to make their homes in Blaine County and so continue to contribute to our community and economy; be it further

RESOLVED, the Blaine County Housing Authority CALLS UPON all members of our community in the private and public sector to take action, advocate and give elevated importance to the protection and promotion of the welfare of the community as a whole and to be aware of how individual actions collectively impact our neighbors and families and the economic health of our community and to seek out long-term solutions; be it further

RESOLVED, the Blaine County Housing Authority URGES all state and local elected officials and policymakers to elevate the cause of attainable, local, workforce housing to prominence among its legislative and executive priorities.

DATED this 26th day of MAY 2021.

ATTEST:



Nathan S. Harvill,
Executive Director

BLAINE COUNTY HOUSING
AUTHORITY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS



Nate Hart,
BCHA Board Chair