



## ***Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee - Board of Representatives***

Mavina Moore, Co-Chair

Rob Roqueta, Co-Chair

# **Committee Minutes**

**Date:** Thursday, February 16, 2023  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Place:** *This Meeting was held remotely.*

The Housing/Community Development/Social Service Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs Roqueta and Moore; and Committee Member Reps. Baxter, and Campbell,. Excused were Rep. Goldberg, Ley and Pollack. Also present: Rep. Stella and Walston; Emily Gordon, Director of Housing and Community development; Bridget Fox, Mayor's Office; Janeene Freeman, Mayor's Office; Louis DeRubeis, Director of Public Safety & Health; and Dana Lee, Law Dept.; David Michel, CT State Representative; Yilka Marin, Avery Dalip, and Dorothy Ghiorzo, Tenants.

Co-Chair Moore opened the public hearing at 6:02 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. HCD31.027	REVIEW; Method for Addressing Complaints, Violations, and Potential Violations with Regard to the BMR program. 12/06/22 – Submitted by Reps. Moore, Roqueta, Sherwood, Figueroa, Campbell, Walston, and de la Cruz	<b>REPORT MADE</b>

<sup>1</sup>The Committee listened and discussed the complaints from tenants of the BMR program at the Infinity building.

<sup>2</sup>The Committee then discussed the tenants complaints with the City of Stamford Administration and Staff.

<sup>3</sup>Emily Gordon Discussed the [PowerPoint presentation](#), it included the following:

- Overview of the BMR (Below Market Rate Program)
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Complaints and Violations
- Long Term Program Improvements

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<sup>1</sup> Video Time Stamp 00:04:10 Infinity Residents Discuss their Issues with the Infinity Building BMR Program

<sup>2</sup> Video Time Stamp 00:37:00 Discussion with City of Stamford's Administration and Staff

<sup>3</sup> Video Time Stamp 00:44:20 Emily Gordon PowerPoint Presentation

42. HCD31.028 REVIEW; Steps Needed to Centralize the Management and Administration of the BMR Program under the Authority of a Single Entity. **REPORT MADE**  
12/06/22 – Submitted by Reps. Moore, Roqueta, Sherwood, Figueroa, Campbell and Walston

Co-Chair Roqueta stated that after hearing from the tenants of the Infinity building, a possible resolution to their issues or concerns would be to centralize the BMR Program.

Emily Gordon stated there are elements to this program and it is in partnership with building owners who are managing affordable housing at the request of the City of Stamford. Previously the committee and City discussed a centralized wait list and this remains a top priority and is part of the housing plan.

Bridget Fox added that the budget plans include more staffing in housing for the City of Stamford. The administration is willing to continue the conversation on the single waitlist for the BMR units.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Submitted by Mavina Moore, Co-Chair

This meeting is on [Video](#)

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<sup>4</sup> Video Time Stamp 01:52:00 Discussion of HCD31.028