



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

Mavina Moore, Co-Chair

Rob Roqueta, Co-Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Thursday, September 30, 2025  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Place:** *This meeting was held remotely.*

The Housing/Community Development/Social Service Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chair Roqueta Co-Chair Moore, and Committee Member Reps. Ley, Walston, and Williams. Also in attendance were Cynthia Anger, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Moira Sawch, Community Development Administrator; Sharona Cowan, Director of Housing, and Anita Carpenter, Grants Officer. Absent or excused were Reps. Campbell and Pollack.

Co-Chair Roqueta called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. HCD31.082	<b>REVIEW;</b> of the 2023 Affordable Housing Mayoral Executive Order. 07/09/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Roqueta	<b>Motion to hold 5/0/0</b>

A motion to hold Item 1 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Co-Chair Roqueta, Co-Chair Moore, Reps. Ley, Walston, and Williams in favor).

A motion to take up Item 3 before 4 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Co-Chair Roqueta, Co-Chair Moore, Reps. Ley, Walston, and Williams in favor).

2. <a href="#">HCD31.088</a>	<b>ORDINANCE;</b> for publication; Amendment to Code of Ordinances, Chapter 146, Article V, Section 146-67, Creation of A Commercial Linkage Affordable Housing Program (from 10% to 15%) 09/04/2025 – Submitted by Reps. Roqueta and Sherwood	<b>Motion to approve 5/0/0</b>
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A motion to approve Item 2 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Co-Chair Roqueta, Co-Chair Moore, Reps. Ley, Walston, and Williams in favor).

3. HCD31.035	<b>REVIEW;</b> Homeowner/Small Landlord Rehabilitation Program. 02/13/23 – Submitted by Reps. Baxter and Campbell 03/28/23 –Held by Committee 04/25/23 –Held by Committee 05/23/23 – Held by Committee 6-0-0 07/10/23 – Moved to Pending 01/23/24 – Held by Committee 4-0-0 02/12/24 – Held by Steering Committee 01/28/25 – Held in Committee 4-0-0 02/10/25 – Moved to Pending	<b>No action taken</b>
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Administrator Sawch provided an update:

- The new housing assistance program is in development, expected to open for applications by mid-next month.
- The program targets owner-occupied homes owned by low-income residents who meet HUD income guidelines.
- It will address urgent housing needs with a funding cap of \$10,000 per project.
- Eligible project types:
  - Roof and window repairs.
  - Hot water heater replacements.
  - Handicap accessibility improvements.
  - Emergency plumbing and electrical updates to meet code.
- The program offers forgivable loans:
  - If the property is sold within five years, the loan must be repaid to the city.
  - After five years, the loan is forgiven.
- All participating properties must have updated smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Stamford FD will assist with installation.
- The City is compiling a list of licensed, insured, and SAM.gov-registered contractors willing to work with the program.
- The City will pay contractors directly, not the homeowners, based on the assumption that homeowners lack liquid capital.
- Administrator Sawch will notify the board once application reviews begin, which is expected by the end of October.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Co-Chair Roqueta, Co-Chair Moore, Reps. Ley, Walston, and Williams in favor).

Co-Chair Roqueta adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Roqueta, Co-Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).