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Board of Commissioners

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Dear Resident,

At a special Board of Commissioners meeting on January 31, 2025, the Housing Authority for the City of Milwaukee (HACM) announced that it is partnering with the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on the Milwaukee Recovery Plan, a comprehensive effort to improve HACM's financial oversight, operations, and housing.

Alongside adopting the Milwaukee Recovery Plan with HUD, HACM leaders shared details about prior financial mismanagement and accounting errors that led to the improper use of restricted federal funds for administrative costs and staff salaries. These actions by former staff have caused significant financial challenges.

We know this news is concerning, and we want to assure you that your housing and well-being remain our top priorities.

HACM's Board of Commissioners and leadership team have taken immediate action to ensure the agency's financial stability while minimizing any impact on residents, including:

- Reducing the workforce from 238 people to 218 people
- Instituting a hiring freeze
- Realigning staff to meet the needs of the agency and better serve residents
- Eliminating nonessential expenditures

These cost-reduction measures are not expected to impact services for residents. Additionally, the Milwaukee Recovery Plan is designed to secure HACM's long-term financial stability and improve the quality of housing the agency provides. For more information about the Milwaukee Recovery Plan, please visit hacm.org/recoveryplan2025.

HACM's new Board of Commissioners and leadership team are dedicated to rebuilding trust through a strong commitment to transparency and accountability. With a renewed focus on resident well-being and ensuring the agency's long-term financial stability, we are working to improve the quality of housing for all residents.

This is a new era—one where we prioritize clear communication and responsiveness. We will keep residents informed every step of the way and encourage you to share your questions and feedback with us at 414-286-5824.

Thank you for being part of our community—we appreciate your trust and patience as we move forward together.

Sincerely,

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