

HOUSING RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Need for Additional Information on Low-income Housing Projects; and Justification for Statistical Clerk

1. This is the only office in the City currently geared to obtain and record information on all low and medium income housing projects. The current list consists of 144 major projects (small ones are combined) and the list is constantly increasing. Many additional projects, previously carried in the "In Planning" and "Being Considered" categories, have been dropped by the way side.

2. This office has arranged for, and regularly receives, periodic reports on these projects from the following:

Building Division (Permits and Completions)
Housing Code Division (Rehabilitations and Demolitions,
through Housing Code Enforcement)
Housing Authority on Public Housing (Turnkey, Conventional
and Leasing Programs)
Urban Renewal Project Managers (Rehabilitation in Urban
Renewal Projects); and
FHA (on FHA insured mortgage projects)

3. None of these reports, however, provide information on bedroom breakdown, rentals or sales prices, or estimated dates of completion. This additional information can only be obtained through direct contacts with the builders or owners. Current staff does not permit such contacts and gathering of this essential information.

4. This office is constantly being called upon, however, to furnish such updated information on individual projects and is frequently embarrassed by not being able to provide it, except on a very few projects.

5. For the program to be meaningful, and most helpful to those concerned, information on these details is essential and should be maintained and be readily available somewhere.

6. Some examples of calls frequently received for this information are: from the School Department and Telephone Company, for coordination in planning (Both have stated that this information is particularly helpful to them in planning facilities to serve the projects by the time they are completed); from City and other governmental officials for inclusion in speeches, reports, etc.; from other Departments and Civic agencies for development of plans; and last but not least in importance, from the general public interested in locating in the various projects.

7. Another very essential reason for this information is to determine the validity of various projects as to appropriateness for inclusion in the low and medium income housing program.