

Resident Advisory Boards: What Are They and How Can You Get Involved?

What is a resident advisory board?

A Resident Advisory Board (RAB) is a group of tenants who advise a Public Housing Authority (PHA) about its Five-Year and Annual Plans (PHA Plans). The RAB looks at the Plans and gives the PHA feedback. The residents on this board should reflect the residents living in units assisted by the housing authority. The Resident Advisory Board is the key to effective resident participation.

What are the PHA Plans?

PHA Plans are developed by your housing authority. There is an Annual Plan, which is produced every year at the same time. There is also a 5-Year Plan, which talks about long-term goals. PHA Plans cover many important issues, including admissions into housing, how rent is calculated, where the housing authority uses its money to make repairs or improvements, and other guiding principles.

Who may be a member of the RAB?

Public Housing residents from various properties should be on the RAB. The housing authority may select members for the RAB. If the housing authority has a fairly big voucher program (Housing Choice Voucher, aka "Section 8") in comparison to its public housing program, the housing authority must also appoint voucher recipients to the RAB.

What does the RAB do?

The RAB is responsible for participating in the PHA Plan process, representing the views of the tenants, reviewing the housing authority's plans and making recommendations regarding the plans. The housing authority must take RAB recommendations into consideration when writing the Plans. The RAB members should represent the views of tenants and should find out what policy issues other tenants want to bring to the housing authority's attention for discussion.

How can you get involved with the RAB?

1. You can tell the housing authority that you want to serve on the RAB.
2. Talk to current RAB members.
3. You can ask to attend RAB meetings and meet with the RAB.

Do you think you would like to participate in the Resident Advisory Board, have your voice heard, and help your local Housing Authority by providing valuable tenant input? If so, we would love to hear from you! **Our annual RAB meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 03, 2025, at noon, at the Housing Authority office.** Call Heather at 707.443.4583 x219 or email at heatherh@eurekahumboldt.org or for more information or if you are interested in participating.

Annual Resident Advisory Board Meeting Housing Authority of the City of Eureka



Be part of the in-person discussion!

Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at noon.

Food and refreshments will be provided.

Housing Authority of the City of Eureka
Conference Room
735 W. Everding St., Eureka CA