

Resident Advisory Board (RAB) – Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Resident Advisory Board (RAB)?

A Resident Advisory Board is a group of public housing residents and voucher program participants who provide input, feedback, and recommendations to the housing authority on policies, programs, and services that affect residents.

Why is a Resident Advisory Board important?

The RAB ensures that residents have a voice in decisions that impact their homes and communities. It promotes transparency, accountability, and collaboration between residents and housing authority staff.

What is the purpose of the Resident Advisory Board?

The purpose of the RAB is to represent resident perspectives, identify community needs, review housing authority plans, and help improve the quality of life in public housing developments.

What types of issues does the RAB address?

The RAB may provide input on policies, maintenance concerns, safety initiatives, community programs, resident services, modernization plans, and the Public Housing Agency Plan.

Who can participate on the Resident Advisory Board?

Participation is typically open to residents of public housing or participants of the CDA voucher program who are interested in improving their community. The RAB strives to seek representative input from across the portfolio of programs.

Does the RAB make final decisions?

No. The RAB serves in an advisory role. While it does not make final decisions, its feedback is carefully considered by the housing authority before decisions are made.

How does the RAB benefit residents?

The RAB gives residents a platform to raise concerns, suggest improvements, and stay informed. It helps ensure that programs and policies reflect real resident needs and experiences.

How often does the Resident Advisory Board meet?

The CDA Resident Advisor Board meets quarterly to discuss issues, review plans, and share resident input.

Does the RAB meeting virtually or in-person?

To date, the RAB has met virtually through Zoom, but we are planning an in-person meeting this summer.

What happens if you miss an RAB meeting?

Nothing. RAB members are encouraged to attend the meetings, but attendance is not mandatory and members can withdraw from the RAB at any time.

Do you need a computer and internet to participate in the RAB?

Most of the RAB meetings are on Zoom. CDA staff will help you find a computer and internet connection if you need it.

How long do the RAB meetings last?

About an hour.

How can residents share concerns with the RAB?

Residents can share concerns by attending meetings, contacting board members, participating in surveys, or engaging in community forums organized by the RAB.

How can someone join or learn more about the RAB?

Residents can contact their property management office or Section 8 Housing Specialist for information on membership, meeting schedules, and participation opportunities.