INACTIVE - ALL ITEMS SUPERSEDED OR OBSOLETE

Schedule Number: N1-196-95-001

All items in this schedule are inactive. Items are either obsolete or have been superseded by newer NARA approved records schedules.

Description:

All temporary records covered by this schedule are presumed destroyed, and all permanent records have been accessioned. The schedule is therefore obsolete.

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Unscheduled records of the Public Housing Administration, Office of the General Counsel, located at the Washington National Records Center (WNRC). WNRC Accession 196-73A-0995, Boxes 1-12.

**GENERAL LEGAL OPINIONS FILE, 1937-1971.**

The Public Housing Administration was established as a successor agency to the United States Housing Authority, which was created to administer the United States Housing Act of 1937. The act authorized the distribution of loans, grants, and subsidies to help local authorities develop low-rent housing projects. After some intervening reorganization, the National Housing Authority was redesignated the Public Housing Administration under the President's Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1947. The Public Housing Administration preceded to relocate and convert barracks and other military structures for temporary housing for veterans of World War II and their families and began to develop other public housing projects. By the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act of September 9, 1965, the PHA was placed under the Department of Housing and Urban Development where it is still currently responsible for administering public housing programs.
The Office of the General Counsel of the Public Housing Administration makes rulings and provides legal opinions, briefs, and advice regarding PHA programs, operations, administrative procedures to PHA officials, PHA clientele, other Federal agencies, States, Congress, and the general public.

1. **General Opinions File, 1937-1971, Boxes 1 - 12, WNRC Accession #196-73A-0995.**

   Consists of copies of correspondence and related documents regarding the development, management, and disposition of PHA housing programs; administrative activities of the PHA; and other legal matters. The files are arranged alphabetically by subject. The volume is 12 cubic feet. The file consists of two subitems:

   a. **Significant Opinion Files:** Significant or precedent setting opinions, interpretations, rulings or advice concerning major PHA program activities. See attached folder list for those files appraised as permanent. Volume is 4 cubic feet.

      **Disposition:** PERMANENT. Transfer to the National Archives upon approval of this schedule.

   b. **Routine Opinion Files:** Opinions, interpretations, rulings or advice concerning insignificant issues or PHA administrative procedures. Volume is 8 cubic feet.

      **Disposition:** TEMPORARY. Remove and destroy during archival processing.
Public Housing Administration
Office of General Counsel
General Legal Opinions
Attachment to SF115-109

Permanent files include the following folders:

Box 1
Alley Dwelling Authority and NCHA
Annual Report

Box 2
Comparative Analysis
Comptroller General's Opinions re Project "Being Carried Out"
Defense Homes Corporation
Defense Housing Projects

Box 3
Demonstration Program
Demolition
Definitions
Digests
all folders labeled "Equal Opportunity" (six total)

Box 4
all folders

Box 5
Federal Works Agency
Financial Statistics, HHA-FPHA
Hatch Act

Box 6
all Hatch Act folders (nine total)
Housing Projects Housing
Housing Cooperation Laws

Box 7
Lambert Plan
Lectures, Speeches, etc.
Legislation - Defense Housing

Box 8
Loyalty Program
Low-Rent Provisions of USHAC
Meetings
Minor Dependents
Miscellaneous Comptroller General's Decisions pertaining to PHA
Municipal Corporations
National Housing Agency
Negro Labor
Box 9
Other Property

Box 10
Racial Discrimination (2 folders)

Box 11
Removal and Disposition
Reorganization Act of 1939
Reorganization Act of 1945
Rural Housing
Rural (non-farm) Housing
Slum Clearance
Social Reform
Soil Conservation Districts
State
Taft-Ellender-Wagner Bill

Box 12
Urban Redevelopment Corporation Laws
Urban Redevelopment
Wage Fixing
Workable Program