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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

The meeting will be closed to the public as indicated below in accordance with the provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual intramural programs and projects conducted by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, and the competence of individual investigators, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Date: October 20-21, 2025.

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate personnel qualifications and performance, and competence of individual investigators.

Address: National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 6700B Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: David Lovinger, Ph.D., Scientific Director, Laboratory for Integrative Neuroscience Section on Synaptic Pharmacology, National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 5625 Fishers Lane, Room TS-11, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 443-2445, lovindav@mail.nih.gov.

Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: <https://www.niaaa.nih.gov/research/division-intramural-clinical-and-biological-research/>

office-scientific-director, where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.271, Alcohol Research Career Development Awards for Scientists and Clinicians; 93.272, Alcohol National Research Service Awards for Research Training; 93.273, Alcohol Research Programs; 93.891, Alcohol Research Center Grants, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Statutorily Mandated Designation of Difficult Development Areas and Qualified Census Tracts for 2026

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document designates "Difficult Development Areas" (DDAs) and "Qualified Census Tracts" (QCTs) for purposes of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 42. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) makes new DDA and QCT designations annually.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on how areas are designated and on geographic definitions, contact Michael K. Hollar, Senior Economist, Public Finance and Regulatory Analysis Division, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Room 8216, Washington, DC 20410-6000; telephone number 202-402-5878, or send an email to Michael.K.Hollar@hud.gov. For specific legal questions pertaining to Section 42, contact the Office of the Associate Chief Counsel, Passthroughs and Special Industries, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224; telephone number 202-317-4137. For questions about the "HUBZone" program, contact the Office of Government Contracting and Business Development, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street SW, Suite 8800, Washington, DC 20416; telephone number 1-866-443-4110, or send an email to certifications@sba.gov. Additional copies of this notice are available through HUD User at, toll-

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Copies Available Electronically: This notice and additional information about DDAs and QCTs, including the lists of DDAs and QCTs, are available electronically on the internet at <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/qct.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. This Notice

Under IRC Section 42(d)(5)(B)(iii)(I), for purposes of the LIHTC, the Secretary of HUD must designate DDAs, which are areas with high construction, land, and utility costs relative to area median gross income (AMGI). This notice designates DDAs for each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. HUD makes the designations of DDAs in this notice based on modified Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Small Area Fair Market Rents (Small Area FMRs, SAFMRs), FY 2025 nonmetropolitan county FMRs, FY 2025 income limits, and 2020 Census population counts, as explained below.

Similarly, under IRC Section 42(d)(5)(B)(ii)(I), the Secretary of HUD must designate QCTs, which are areas where either 50 percent or more of the households have an income less than 60 percent of the AMGI or have a poverty rate of at least 25 percent. This notice designates QCTs based on new income and poverty data released in the American Community Survey (ACS). Specifically, HUD relies on the most recent three sets of ACS data to ensure that anomalous estimates, due to sampling error, do not affect the QCT status of tracts.

II. Data Used to Designate DDAs

HUD uses data from the 2020 Census on total population of metropolitan areas, metropolitan ZIP Code Tabulation Areas (ZCTAs), and nonmetropolitan areas in the designation of DDAs. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) published updated metropolitan areas in OMB Bulletin No. 23-01 on July 21, 2023.¹ HUD calculated the FY 2025 FMRs using the previous

¹ Available at: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/OMB-Bulletin-23-01.pdf>.