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# FLOOD INSURANCE UPDATE FOR NMHC FALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

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# Reauthorizing the national flood insurance program

- Current Federal Law Requires Flood Coverage for Federally Backed Loans & Projects
  - ❑ Fannie, Freddie, FHA Multifamily, VA, USDA, LIHTC, HOME, CDBG
- Two Options Exist for Coverage: NFIP or Private Market
  - ❑ Yet, little to no affordable, private market exists
  - ❑ Most, especially smaller, Apartment firms rely on the NFIP to ensure financing.
- The current constructs of the NFIP and its limitations can serve as a challenge.

# Reauthorizing the national flood insurance program

- The NFIP is Not Without its Challenges
  - ❑ \$24.6 billion in debt
  - ❑ Inaccurate Flood Maps
  - ❑ Poor Take-Up Rates
- 3 month extension of the NFIP just passed as part of Harvey Relief—program expires December 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - ❑ NMHC has long called for a long-term reauthorization of at least 5 years.
  - ❑ Congress now goes back to the drawing board to pass a long-term bill.

# NMHC Priorities for NFIP Reauthorization

- Improve FEMA Maps
- Prioritize multifamily mitigation efforts at FEMA
- Establish Business Interruption coverage
- Allow Umbrella Coverage for multiple structures on a property
- Align Multifamily & Single-family claim reimbursements
- Expand availability of the private flood insurance market

# THANK YOU

- NMHC is well positioned to work with Congress and the Administration.
- We cover all key issues from soup to nuts.
- We have strong relationships with members on both sides of the aisle.

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