Public Notice

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (HACO) PROPOSED ANNUAL PLAN

Pursuant to Section 5a of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended by Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Workforce Reform Act, the HACO has prepared a draft Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 for public review and comment. The Annual Plan identifies the HACO’s major program policies, and financial resources for the Conventional Public Housing Program and the Section 8 Tenant-Based Program. Additionally, the Annual Plan updates information on housing needs, housing strategies, and other program and management data.

HACo invites you to review and comment on its Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 during a 45-day public comment period extending from December 28, 2018 to February 13, 2019. Copies of the proposed documents are available online at www.haco.org.

Additionally, a public hearing on the Annual Plan will be held before the HACO’s Board of Commissioners (Board) on March 28, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., located at the Board Meeting Room - 385 Kennedy Irvin Hall of Administration, 700 W Main Street, Alhambra, CA 91801 at the attention of Teresa Richert. Written comments or questions about the Section 8 Program may be sent to the attention of Giavara Zawal at the same address. Those who wish to make comments by telephone may call (626) 586-1585. You may also submit questions and comments at www.haco.org.

Homeless Incentive Program

Have you heard of the Incentive Homeless Program (IHP)?

The CDCHC/Alhambra launched IHP early last year and has been hosting events throughout Los Angeles County to inform landlords about the benefits of participation. IHP provides financial incentives and safeguards to owners that agree to rent to formerly homeless families or individuals who have recently become involved in a federal housing subsidy program, such as Continuum of Care, Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing, or other Section 8 programs.

IHP is part of an unprecedented and comprehensive effort funded through Measure H, Los Angeles County’s quarter-cent sales tax that goes to private entities to prevent and combat homelessness. The program is comprised of three major components:

1. A one-month payment to hold the rental unit while a tenant is referred and screened for tenancy.
2. Move-in assistance, such as money to cover the expense of a security deposit and/or utility connection fees.
3. Financial assistance to landlords to mitigate damage caused by tenants during their occupancy.

Landlords interested in participating in IHP are invited to contact Hector Ilemu, Supervisor, by calling (626) 586-1585 or emailing Hilemu@haco.org.

U.S. Census 2020

The Constitution requires the government to count the U.S. population every ten years. Did you know the U.S. Census Bureau, the federal government’s largest statistical agency, is already preparing to conduct the 2020 U.S. Census? Six regional 2020 Census offices were scheduled to open in 2018 and 40 area Census offices are scheduled to open in the first couple of months of 2019 with 248 more area offices opening later that year. The U.S. Census Bureau has begun recruiting for thousands of workers for temporary jobs nationwide. For more information about the jobs, you may call (855) 100-2020 or (800) 877-8339.

The census provides vital information for you and your local community. It determines how many representatives each state gets in Congress. Each year, the federal government distributes hundreds of billions of dollars to states and local communities based on census data. This includes funding for housing programs such as the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

The CDCHC/Alhambra plans to do its part to spread the word about the importance of participating in the 2020 U.S. census. Look for additional information about the 2020 Census in upcoming issues of this newsletter, the CDCHC/Alhambra website, and social media sites. In addition, information about the census will be provided at our Tenant Orientation, and other public meetings. For the first time, you will be able to report your household’s census information online, via telephone, and via U.S. Mail. Rest assured, when reporting your household information, federal law protects the confidentiality of all information the U.S. Census Bureau collects.

Upcoming Housing Commission Meetings

The Housing Commission (Commission) is an advisory body to the CDCHC/Alhambra. The Commission reviews housing matters before they are scheduled for the Board agenda. The Commission meets the fourth Wednesday of each month, at 12 noon, at various CDCHC/Alhambra facilities. Upcoming meeting dates and locations are listed below.

January 23, 2019
Carmelitos Housing Development
811 Via Carmelitos
Long Beach, CA 90805
(562) 413-5646

February 27, 2019
CDCHC/Alhambra Headquarters
700 W Main Street
Alhambra, CA 91801
(626) 586-1104

March 27, 2019
Marina Manor
3440 Via Dolorosa
Marina Del Rey, CA 90292
(310) 927-9450

How to Complete Your W-9

Tax season is just around the corner. If you would like to make changes or update your W-9 form, please log in on the Owner Portal located at www.haco.org to get a new form. All new or updated W-9 forms should be mailed to the attention of Ownership Services. For instructions and the latest information go to www.in.gov/forms. Do not forget that when you submit your W-9 form to CDCHC/Alhambra, you are certifying that your IRS taxpayer information you are providing is current and accurate. Please use your legal name and/or business name and Social Security number or Tax identification number.