Public Notice

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (HACoLA) 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 HACoLA has prepared a draft Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 for public review and comment. The Annual Plan identifies goals, 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.

The HACoLA 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 11, 2019. Copies of the proposed documents are available online at www.hacola.org.

Additionally, a public hearing on the Annual Plan will be held before the HACoLA Board of Commissioners (Board) on March 26, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., located at the Board Hearing Room - 381 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Citizens wishing to make written comments or ask questions about Public Housing may mail them to the Community Development Commission (CDC)/HACoLA Headquarters, 700 W. Main Street, Alhambra, CA 91801 to the attention of Tomas Richmond. Written comments or questions about the Section 8 Program may be sent to the attention of Dayana Zavala at the same address. Those who wish to make comments by telephone may call (626) 586-1991. You may also submit questions and comments at www.hacola.org.

Upcoming Housing Commission Meetings

The Housing Commission (Commission) is an advisory body to the CDC/HACoLA. 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 CDC/HACoLA facilities. Upcoming meeting dates and locations are listed below.

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<td>January 23, 2019</td>
<td>Carmelitos Housing Development</td>
<td>821 Via Carmelitos, Long Beach, CA 90805</td>
<td>(562) 423-5464</td>
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<td>February 27, 2019</td>
<td>CDC/HACoLA Headquarters</td>
<td>700 W. Main Street, Alhambra, CA 91801</td>
<td>(626) 586-1504</td>
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<td>March 27, 2019</td>
<td>Marina Manor</td>
<td>3401 Via Dolce, Marina Del Rey, CA</td>
<td>(310) 827-9456</td>
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U.S. Census 2020

The U.S. 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) Job-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 Program.

The CDC/HACoLA 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 copies of this newsletter, the CDC/HACoLA website, and social media sites. In addition, information about the census will be provided at our Tenant, Owner, 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 Census Bureau collects.

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Family Self-Sufficiency Graduate Spotlight

Patricia Gomez had been a part of the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program for five years. Ms. Gomez's goals consisted of obtaining training as a Domestic Violence Counselor, receiving budget counseling, and learning the process of homeownership. With the encouragement of the FSS Program and her determination, Ms. Gomez obtained her certificates in budgeting, credit, and homeownership workshops; the financial classes helped her be better equipped to manage her finances despite health and other challenges. Additionally, she pursued a short-term certificate program in Domestic Violence Counselor Training at Southern California Alcohol & Drug Program.

As a result of her education and focus, Ms. Gomez returned to the workforce in April 2018 as a part-time instructional assistant at Paramount Unified School District. She will have the opportunity to get a permanent position after her probation period. Ms. Gomez completed all of the goals outlined in her FSS Contract of Participation and graduated with an escrow account of $38,660.40.

She is proud of her accomplishments and is grateful for the FSS Program and her coordinators for the encouragement she received throughout the program. Ms. Gomez’s ultimate goal is for her family to be financially stable and be able to invest in buying a home.

FSS Corner

The CDC/HACoLA operates an FSS Program, a five-year voluntary program designed to help families achieve economic self-sufficiency. The Program provides services ranging from case management and referrals to supportive social services such as: childcare, credit counseling, education, homeownership workshops, job preparation, mentoring, money management, transportation, and vocational training. Additionally, the FSS Program offers an exciting savings opportunity known as an “Escrow Account,” which is a savings account created with CDC/HACoLA match funds when your earned income (wages) increases.

For more information about the FSS Program, please contact the Alhambra Office at (626) 262-4510, ext. 16044, or the Antelope Valley Office at (661) 575-1511, ext. 11503. You may also inquire via email at fssprogram@hacola.org.