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HACLA URGE LAWMAKERS TO END GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

LOS ANGELES – The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) is operating at full capacity and providing services without any interruptions more than a week into the Federal government shutdown. The HACLA received its full funding for the public housing program until the end of 2013. Funding for the Section 8 program is provided monthly before the first of each month. The HACLA received its October Section 8 funding and anticipates funding to be available for November as long as the federal government does not default on its debt.

The Housing Authority's President and CEO, Douglas Guthrie, provided a briefing for the City's Housing, Community and Economic Development (HCED) Committee on October 9 stating that there are no immediate impacts to HACLA's programs. Guthrie also emphasized that if the November Section 8 funding is not received and landlords do not receive their payment, this is not grounds for eviction.

"This has been a very difficult year for HACLA. The automatic spending cuts through Sequestration resulted in a \$46 million budget cut for the Authority," said Guthrie. "I expect our Section 8 reserves to be depleted by the end of the year. Continuation of sequestration and funding at current levels will lead to lower subsidies for Section 8 participants."

The Authority urges lawmakers for a quick resolution to ensure that HACLA and the thousands of other public housing authorities across the country can continue to provide services without interruption.

ABOUT HACLA

The HACLA is a state-chartered public agency. It provides the largest stock of affordable housing in Los Angeles, helping 75,000 low-income households by providing rental subsidy through multiple programs including public housing, Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8), Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) and other programs for special needs populations. HACLA's annual budget is more than \$ 1 billion.

The agency's effort stretches beyond City borders; HACLA's subsidiary, Los Angeles LOMOD Corporation, performs contract management services for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, providing over 47,000 households across ten Southern California counties with affordable rental units.

