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Congresswoman Maxine Waters Joins HACLA to Deliver Masks to Avalon Gardens During COVID-19

LOS ANGELES – On Friday, June 5, 2020, Congresswoman Maxine Waters will join the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) to deliver masks to the residents of Avalon Gardens at 2:00 pm at the Community Social Hall. Located at 701 East 88th Place in Los Angeles, California, Avalon Gardens is located within Waters' Congressional District. The mask distribution will also be done in partnership with Avalon Gardens' Resident Advisory Council (RAC) members.

Last month, in May, HACLA received 25,000 non-surgical, washable cloth masks from its industry partners to share with its communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. These masks will contribute to the overall effort to improve health outcomes for low-income individuals and better serve Los Angeles' most vulnerable populations, particularly in these uncertain times.

"Resident safety remains one of our top concerns," said Doug Guthrie, President & CEO of HACLA. "We are mobilizing quickly to distribute these masks to our various public housing sites and senior facilities as a part of our broader response efforts to COVID-19. We value our relationship with the Congresswoman and appreciate how she rolls up her sleeves. She's not watching from the sidelines. She's right there with us in the trenches."

"It is essential for all public housing residents to have access to masks during this pandemic crisis, which has already caused over a hundred thousand people across the country to lose their lives," said **Congresswoman Waters**. "I applaud the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) for taking up my call to distribute masks to its residents, and I am very pleased to join them today in making sure that all residents of Avalon Gardens have masks."

Congresswoman Maxine Waters represents California's 43rd congressional district and is a longtime partner of HACLA and advocate for the communities she serves.

About HACLA

The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) was established in 1938 by City of Los Angeles Resolution No. 1241. HACLA is one of the nation's largest and leading public housing authorities, providing the largest supply of quality affordable housing to residents of the City of Los Angeles. HACLA provides affordable housing to over 83,000 households in its Public Housing and Section 8 departments, and offers a range of permanent supportive housing programs for homeless households, including: Project-Based, HUD – Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing, Homeless, Tenant Based Supportive Housing, Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA), Continuum of Care and Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy program.

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