



HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

SECTION 8 TENANT NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2017

Assessment of the Fair Housing Plan (AFH)

On July 16, 2015, HUD published its AFFH final rule implementing the Fair Housing Act of 1968's obligation for jurisdictions receiving federal funds for housing and urban development to affirmatively further fair housing.

The Fair Housing Act does not only make it unlawful for jurisdictions to discriminate; the law also requires jurisdictions to take actions that can undo historic patterns of segregation and other types of discrimination, as well as to take actions to promote fair housing choice and to foster inclusive communities. The protected classes of the Fair Housing Act are race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, or familial status.

Focus Groups	Location	Date & Time
Disability and Accessibility	Bet Tzedek Legal Services 3250 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 1400 Los Angeles, CA 90010	February 1, 2017 TBD
Transportation and Employment	Strategic Actions for a Just Economy (SAJE) 152 West 32nd St. Los Angeles, CA 90007	February 1, 2017 TBD
Environmentally Healthy Neighborhoods	Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (LACDC) 700 West Main St. Alhambra, CA 91801	February 2, 2017 2:00pm
Educational Opportunities	CD Tech 520 West 23rd St. Los Angeles, CA 90007	February 2, 2017 TBD

If you have any questions call: (213) 808-8440, TTY (213) 473-3231.

Emergency Preparedness

In order to keep your family safe in an emergency, it is important to plan in advance. Here are a few things you can do:

- 1) Find out what could happen in your area. Contact your local health department and American Red Cross chapter.
- 2) Create a Disaster Plan. Meet with your family and talk about why you need to prepare for a disaster. Explain the dangers of fire, severe weather and earthquakes to children. Plan to share responsibilities and work together as a team.
- 3) Create and Complete a Checklist. Keep emergency telephone numbers by phones. Teach children how and when to call 911. Show each family member how and when to turn off the water, gas and electricity. Install smoke detectors.
- 4) Practice and Maintain Your Plan.

For additional information visit California Department of Public Health website at: www.bepreparedcalifornia.ca.gov.

Walk in Hours

For all participant families are as follows:

Tuesdays and Thursdays
8:00am to 4:00pm

Property Listings

Property listings are available online at: <http://www.hacla.org/propertylistings>. You can also call the toll free phone number at 1-877-428-8844 to receive printed listings.

Mail in Reexams

Effective April 2017 the Housing Authority will process reexams through mail for eligible families. Eligible families will receive a notice regarding this change. Requirements to comply with your reexamination will remain the same.

Report Fraud

If you suspect anyone of committing fraud, please call (800) 461-9330, or file a report online at www.mysafeworkplace.com

Your name will remain anonymous.

S8 Advisory Meeting

Section 8 Advisory Meetings are an opportunity for participants in the Section 8 program to provide the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) with input on Section 8 policies, procedures, and practices, as well as to learn about changes and challenges to the Section 8 program. Following is a schedule of S8 Advisory Meetings for 2017:

Date & Time	Location
Monday, January 23, 2017 at 2:00pm	Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (Board of Commissioner's Room) 2600 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90057
Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 2:00pm	Independent Square 2455 S. Saint Andrews Pl. Los Angeles, CA 90018
Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 2:00pm	Section 8 South Office 19600 Hamilton Ave. Torrance, CA 90502
Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 2:00pm	Section 8 Valley Office 6946 Van Nuys Blvd. Ste. 100 Van Nuys, CA 91405

If you would like to attend, e-mail TenantsS8@hacla.org.

Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) Workshops

These workshops provide a basic overview of the Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO). January workshops will cover: Landlord responsibilities under the RSO. Below is the schedule of upcoming workshops. To RSVP, call the Housing Community Investment Department (HCID) at (213) 928-9075.

Location	Date(s)	Time
1200 W. 7th St., Rm 100 Los Angeles, CA 90017	Wednesday, January 18, 2017 Thursday, January 26, 2017	6:30pm 6:30pm (Spanish)
6400 Laurel Canyon Blvd., Suite 610 North Hollywood, CA 91606	Thursday, January 19, 2017	10:30am
1645 Corinth Ave., Suite 104 Los Angeles, CA 90025	Wednesday, January 25, 2017	10:30am

HACLA does not endorse this service

PHADA Scholarship Program

The Public Housing Authorities Directors Associations (PHADA) offers scholarships for high school seniors living in Public or Section 8 Housing. There are three scholarship opportunities ranging from \$5000 to \$7000. For additional information, please visit PHADA's website at www.phada.org. Applications are due January 27, 2017.

The Housing Authority will be closed on: Monday, January 16, 2017
In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

The Tenant Newsletter is available online: <http://www.hacla.org/s8formspolicies>