



HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

SECTION 8 TENANT NEWSLETTER

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Protection for Victims of Domestic Violence

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 reexam 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.

The Violence Against Women Act ("VAWA") protects applicants, tenants, and program participants in certain HUD programs from being evicted, denied housing assistance, or terminated from housing assistance based on acts of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking against them.

Despite the name of this law, VAWA protection is available to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

VAWA does not limit the Housing Authority, owner or manager from evicting or terminating your housing assistance for serious or repeated lease violations that are not related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual, or stalking committed against you.

Uniform Physical Condition Standards - Voucher

Section 8 is participating in a pilot program of the new inspection protocol to be implemented by HUD to update the current Housing Quality Standards used by Housing Authorities to inspect assisted units.

HUD staff is training HACLA inspectors to test the proposed Uniform Physical Condition Standards – Voucher (UPCS-V) software and process prior to implementation. Once testing is complete you will receive additional information about what can you expect at your next inspection.

S8 Advisory Meeting

The Section 8 Advisory Meeting provides an opportunity for participants to provide the Housing Authority with input on S8 policies. The next meeting is scheduled as follows:

January 23, 2017 at 2:00pm
Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles
2600 Wilshire Blvd. Board Room
Los Angeles, CA 90057

To attend e-mail S8Advisory@hacla.org

You can find the Tenant Newsletter online at:
<http://www.hacla.org/s8formspolicies>

Chain of Command

The Housing Authority allows participants, owners, and applicants a means of reviewing Housing Authority determinations. Participants and applicants are referred to the staff person responsible for making the decision which resulted in the complaint for an initial review of the action. If the complaint is not resolved at that level, the Housing Authority follows the chain of command, including but not limited to:

- 1) Eligibility Interviewer or S8 Advisor or Management Clerk or Housing Inspector
- 2) Assistant Housing Manager or Housing Inspector Supervisor
- 3) Manager
- 4) Ombudsperson
- 5) Assistant Director

For example, if a problem arises that is beyond the S8 Advisor's scope, the S8 Advisor must refer the problem up the Housing Authority chain of command to his/her immediate supervisor.

Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) Workshops

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

Location	Date(s)	Time
3550 Wilshire Blvd 15th Flr. Los Angeles, CA 90010	Thursday, December 8, 2016	2:00pm
6640 Van Nuys Blvd. Van Nuys, CA 91405	Tuesday, December 13, 2016	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 to the public on the following dates:

December 23rd, 26th, & 30th,

January 2, 16

Drop-off documents will be accepted only on December 27th thru the 29th