



## HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

# SECTION 8 TENANT NEWSLETTER

February 2015

### Section 8 Department Achievements of 2014

We are pleased to inform you that your Housing Authority (HACLA) expects to rank as a High Performer for the **seventh** consecutive year, subject to approval by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

HUD annually assigns each Housing Authority an overall performance rating. High performer rating is achieved when a Housing Authority receives a SEMAP score of at least 90 percent. SEMAP consists of indicators used by HUD to measure the performance of Housing Authorities.

The indicators show whether the Housing Authority has helped eligible families to afford decent, safe, and sanitary rental units at a reasonable cost as intended by Federal housing legislation.

SEMAP provides procedures for HUD to identify Housing Authorities' management capabilities and deficiencies in order to target monitoring and program assistance more effectively.

Housing Authorities use the SEMAP performance analysis to assess and improve their own program operations

### HUD Awards HACLA New HUD-VASH Vouchers

HACLA was awarded 552 new HUD-Veterans Affairs Supporting Housing (VASH) vouchers. This award represents \$5.26M in additional funding. This award accounts for 6% of the national allocation and it is ranked first in the nation, followed by San Diego (177), Chicago (169), and New York (110). HACLA's total HUD-VASH allocation, serving homeless and chronically homeless veterans, is now at 3,179.

### Section 8 Advisory

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. The next meeting is scheduled as follows:

**Friday, April 17th, at 3:00pm**

The meeting will be held at Independent Square 2455 South Saint Andrews Place, Social Hall, Los Angeles, CA 90018. If you would like to attend, you may register online at [www.hacla.org](http://www.hacla.org), click on "Calendar of Events" or e-mail [TenantsS8@hacla.org](mailto:TenantsS8@hacla.org)

### 2015 Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment period for health care coverage through Covered California ends February 15, 2015. You can enroll in a health care plan through the Covered California website at [www.coveredca.com](http://www.coveredca.com) which offers interactive shopping tools that allow you to pick a plan that is right for you. You can shop and compare your options based on your age, where you live, your household income, and the number of people in your household. You can also apply for the state government's health insurance program for low-income individuals and families.

Annual penalty for those who fail to enroll in a health care plan for 2015 will be \$325 per adult plus \$162.50 per child, up to \$975 or 2% of the income, whichever is greater. Unless you qualify for a special enrollment period you will not be able to enroll in a health care plan after February 15, 2015.

HACLA does not endorse this service

## Section 8 Offices

All questions and concerns should be directed to your Section 8 (S8) Advisor. Your S8 Advisor is prepared to answer any questions you may have. If you do not have the S8 Advisor's contact information, please call (213) 252-2500 or e-mail [tenants.s8@hacla.org](mailto:tenants.s8@hacla.org). When calling we recommend you have your client number, or unit address at hand.

### Supervising Staff, Telephone Numbers and Addresses

#### Ombudspersons

##### S8 Applications Processing and Issuance (APIC)

Serina Cannon: (213) 252-1613

##### Service Delivery Offices & Inspections

Lorraine Allison Downing: (213) 252-2668

##### Section 8 Administrative

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#### S8 East Office

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#### S8 Valley Office

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Van Nuys CA 91405

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#### Special Programs Applications

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#### S8 Applications Processing and Issuance and Contracting (APIC) & S8 Inspections

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#### Section 8 Investigation Unit (SIU)

Supervising Fraud Investigator: Pedro Vargas

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#### Report Fraud

Fraud Hotline: (800) 461-9330

[www.mysafeworkplace.com](http://www.mysafeworkplace.com)

#### Special Programs Administration

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## Property Listings

Property listings are available online at: [www.hacla.org](http://www.hacla.org) simply click on the "Property Listings" link provided on the right-hand side of the mainpage. You can also call the toll free phone number at 1-877-428-8844 to receive printed listings.

**The Housing Authority will be closed on:**

Monday, February 16th in observance of Presidents Day

You can find the Tenant Newsletter online at: [http://www.hacla.org/tnt\\_news\\_1/](http://www.hacla.org/tnt_news_1/)