



# HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

## SECTION 8 TENANT NEWSLETTER

March 2019

### Lead Protection

Lead from paint, dust, and soil can be dangerous if not managed properly. Lead exposure can harm young children and babies even before they are born. You can get lead in your body by breathing or swallowing lead dust, or by eating soil or paint chips containing lead. Landlords have to disclose known information on lead-based paint and lead-based paint hazards before leases take effect. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development provides information about maintaining your home free of lead:

[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/healthy\\_homes/enforcement/regulations](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/healthy_homes/enforcement/regulations)

Your regional EPA Office can also provide further information regarding regulations and lead protection programs. For more information call (415) 947-4164.

The City of Los Angeles provides free lead hazard remediation. Call: (213) 808-8935 or (213) 808-8678 for more information.

### Section 8 Advisory Meetings 2019

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 following is a schedule of S8 Advisory Meetings for 2019:

Date & Time	Location
Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 2:00pm	Independent Square 2455 S. Saint Andrews Pl. Los Angeles, CA 90018
Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 2:00pm	Section 8 South Office 19600 Hamilton Ave. Torrance, CA 90502
Thursday, November 14, 2019 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 [S8Advisory@hacla.org](mailto:S8Advisory@hacla.org)

You can find the Tenant Newsletter online at:

<http://www.hacla.org/s8formspolicies>

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### Walk in Hours

**Housing Choice Voucher**  
(S8 families):

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

**All other rental**  
**assistance programs:**

Monday thru Friday  
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.

### Report Changes

You must report all changes in income, family composition, and any other change as indicated in the Family Obligations form immediately.

### Report Fraud

If you suspect anyone of committing fraud, please call (800) 461-9330, or file a report online at: [www.convercent.com/reports](http://www.convercent.com/reports). Your name will remain anonymous.

## Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) Workshops

These workshops provide a basic overview of the Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO). The March workshops will cover: “Evictions & Cash for Keys.” Below is the schedule of the upcoming workshops. To RSVP, call the Housing + Community Investment Department (HCIDLA) at (213) 928-9075. You must reserve in advance. Reservations must be received one day prior to the session.

Location	Date(s)	Time
690 Knox St., Ste. 125 Los Angeles, CA 90502	Tuesday, March 12, 2019	10:00am
3550 Wilshire Blvd. 15th Flr. Los Angeles, CA 90010	Wednesday, March 13, 2019	10:00am
2130 East 1st Street., Ste. 2600 Los Angeles, CA 90033	Thursday, March 14, 2019	10:00am (Spanish)
1200 W. 7th St., Rm. 100 Los Angeles, CA 90017	Wednesday, March 20, 2019	6:30pm
6400 Laurel Canyon Blvd., Ste 610 North Hollywood, CA 91606	Thursday, March 21, 2019	10:30am
1645 Corinth Ave., Ste. 104 Los Angeles, CA 90025	Wednesday, March 27, 2019	10:30am
1200 W. 7th St., Rm. 100 Los Angeles, CA 90017	Thursday, March 28, 2019	6:30pm (Spanish)

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## Help with Filing Your Tax Returns

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax help to people who generally make \$55,000 or less, persons with disabilities and limited English speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals.

In addition to VITA, the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) program offers free tax help for all taxpayers, particularly those who are 60 years of age and older, specializing in questions about pensions and retirement-related issues unique to seniors.

VITA and TCE sites are generally located at community and neighborhood centers, libraries, schools, shopping malls and other convenient locations across the country. To locate the nearest VITA or TCE site near you, use the VITA Locator Tool at <https://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/> or call 800-906-9887.

At select tax sites, taxpayers also have an option to prepare their own basic federal and state tax return for free using Web-based tax preparation software with an IRS-certified volunteer to help guide you through the process. This option is available at locations that list “**Self-Prep**” in the site listing.

Source: Internal Revenue Service (IRS). HACLA does not endorse this service