



# HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

## SECTION 8 TENANT NEWSLETTER

April 2019

### 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)

### Scholarship Program 2019

The HACLA believes that investing in communities and youth will help young residents get on the path to a self-sufficient future. Kids Progress Inc. (KPI), HACLA's non-profit affiliate, provides scholarships to encourage students to pursue higher education following high school. The program is open to Public Housing residents and Section 8 participants who are graduating seniors who will be enrolled in a vocational or technical school, community college or four-year University in the fall of 2019.

Scholarships of \$500-\$1,000 will be awarded to selected graduating high school students. Applications will be available March 1, 2019 at [www.hacla.org](http://www.hacla.org). Boys and Girls clubs located in Public Housing sites, Project SOAR and HACLA Management Offices.

The completed application and all other information including the transcript and photo to a designated HACLA employee at the management office of the public housing development where the applicant resides, or mail to: KPI Scholarship 2600 Wilshire Blvd., 4th floor, Los Angeles, CA 90057. Applications must be received no later than Tuesday, April 30, 2019.

### The Housing Authority will be closed on:

Monday, April 1st in observance of Cesar Chavez Day

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

### 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.

## Allowable Rent Increases Under the RSO

These workshops provide a basic overview of the Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO). The April workshops will cover: **“When can Rents Increase? By How Much?”** 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, April 9, 2019	10:00am
3550 Wilshire Blvd. 15th Flr. Los Angeles, CA 90010	Wednesday, April 10, 2019	10:00am
2130 East 1st Street., Ste. 2600 Los Angeles, CA 90033	Thursday, April 11, 2019	10:00am (Spanish)
1200 W. 7th St., Rm. 100 Los Angeles, CA 90017	Wednesday, April 17, 2019	6:30pm
6400 Laurel Canyon Blvd., Ste 610 North Hollywood, CA 91606	Thursday, April 18, 2019	10:30am
1645 Corinth Ave., Ste. 104 Los Angeles, CA 90025	Wednesday, April 24, 2019	10:30am
1200 W. 7th St., Rm. 100 Los Angeles, CA 90017	Thursday, April 25, 2019	6:30pm (Spanish)

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## Tenant Relocation Assistance Amounts for RSO Dwellings

No-fault evictions under the Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) require the payment of relocation assistance. The amount of the relocation assistance depends on whether the tenant is an Eligible or Qualified tenant, the length of the tenancy, and the tenant's income. These amounts will increase on July 1, 2019.

A lower relocation assistance payment is required for evictions for owner occupancy for “Mom and Pop” properties. “Mom and Pop” landlords may own no more than four residential units and a single-family house in the City of Los Angeles. For more information visit:

<https://hcidla.lacity.org/Relocation-Assistance>

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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. 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.

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