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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Section 8 Owner News
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DIRECT DEPOSIT

We urge you to enroll in our Direct Deposit program if you are not already a participant.

BENEFITS OF DIRECT DEPOSIT

- ◆ There are no checks to be lost or stolen.
- ◆ Direct Deposit is confidential. Money is transferred electronically and passes through fewer hands than a check (almost 85% of identity theft starts with someone seeing your personal information on a paper check, billing statement, or bank account statement).
- ◆ Your money is automatically deposited into your account on time, every time – and you do not even have to be at home – or even in town!
- ◆ Payment reaches your bank the day the check is issued – no waiting for the check to clear
- ◆ Many banks offer free or lower-cost checking for customers with direct deposit because it saves them the cost of processing paper checks
- ◆ Did you know 100,000 tons of CO₂ could be reduced annually with the elimination of customer trips to the bank.

The Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) will be directly deposited into the account you designate at 12:01 A.M. on the first of each month. You no longer have to rely on mail delivery to receive a physical check. The Housing Authority will mail a Direct Deposit Statement to you or your designee for each deposit that is made.

To apply for Direct Deposit you may download an application from our website at: **www.hacla.org**

Instructions:

Point cursor over the Section 8 Housing link, you will see a menu click on the Owner Information, click on Owner/Landlord Direct Deposit Enrollment.

HOLIDAY

The Housing Authority will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2009 in recognition of Memorial day.



Owner Newsletter Online



This is the final issue of the Owner Newsletter. All Owner Newsletters are available online. You can access them on the Housing Authority website: www.hacla.org.

Instructions to access Owner Newsletter Online:

- ◆ Point cursor over Section 8 Housing
- ◆ Select Owner Information option
- ◆ Click on the Owner Newsletter option

You will be able to access the newsletter at anytime. Current issues of the Owner Newsletter will be posted online by month and year.

Section 8 Owner Orientation

Each month the Housing Authority offers three complimentary Owner Orientation seminars. These sessions are designed to explain how the Section 8 Program works from the property owner's perspective. All sessions include an overview of the leasing, contracting and inspection processes.

May 2009 Orientation Schedule

Saturday, May 9, 2009

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Thursday, May 21, 2009

The dates are also posted on our website at www.hacla.org. You must reserve a seat to attend one of the May 2009 sessions by calling (213) 252-1253. *NOTE: This line is set up to take messages only.* You will not receive a return call. Please leave a contact number since the schedule is subject to change without advance notice.

Persons with a hearing impairment should call the TDD line at (213) 252-1639.



Request for Rent Increase

The *Request for Rent Increase* form has been consolidated to include the owner's original rent request and internal comparable rent certification. **Effective May 1, 2009**, owners may complete the new form to request a rent increase. The form will be available online and at the Owner Services office.

HACLA will review your request and will determine whether an increase can be granted in accordance with the Section 8 contract.

REMINDER

You can submit your requests online, by fax, or mail.

List Your Vacancies with us!

- Hundreds of renters check our listings every month on the HACLA website
- Clients checking listings have current vouchers

Mail, fax or call us
with your listing

Mail:
HACLA
Owner Services Office
2600 Wilshire Blvd. 1st Fl.
Los Angeles, CA 90057

Fax:
(213) 252-4231

TDD:
(213) 252-1639

Telephone:
(213) 252-4227

Download a listing form at www.hacla.org

Helpful Hints for Listings:

If you fax your listing, please print legibly to minimize data entry errors. **Resubmit your listing weekly and notify us after the unit has been rented.**

If you provide a listing by telephone, be aware of background noises and other "non-conversational sounds" that can interfere with the conveyance of information.

The Fair Housing act prohibits housing discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status and national origin. When completing the listing form, please do not specify a preference for a particular type of tenant. To get more information on fair housing, go to www.hud.gov. Use keyword "fair housing".

