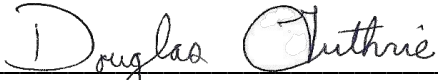


**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRPERSON AND THE PRESIDENT AND CEO TO ADOPT
REVISIONS TO THE SECTION 8 ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN SECTION 3.2.1.2.16, EMERGENCY
HOUSING VOUCHER**



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President & Chief Executive Officer



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Director of Section 8

Purpose: Increase the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) term from 270 cumulative days to 365 cumulative days to improve the success rate of voucher holders in locating suitable housing in the current extremely difficult rental market.

Issues: While the EHV program provides the Housing Authority with funding for other activities designed to help increase the success rate of EHV applicant families in locating housing (such as security deposit assistance, landlord incentives, and housing search assistance), these applicant families still face significant challenges in their housing search. An initial search term of 60 days is generally inadequate for EHV families. Consequently, HUD has waived § 982.303(a), which provides that the initial search term must be at least 60 days and has established an alternative requirement that the initial term for an EHV must be at least 120 days. Any extensions, suspensions, and progress reports will remain under the policies in the Housing Authority's Administrative Plan but will apply after the minimum 120-day initial search term.

HACLA's current Administrative Plan allows for a maximum initial Voucher term, with all allowable extensions, of 270 cumulative days.

The Housing Authority must adopt policies that improve the success rate of EHVs. The extension of the EHV term to 365 cumulative days, in coordination with the other activities implemented to improve the success rate of these vouchers holders, will give EHV applicant families the maximum opportunity to locate suitable housing in the current extremely difficult rental market. This action also aligns HACLA with the voucher term of other neighboring Housing Authorities.

Procurement: Not Applicable.

Vision Plan: **PATHWAYS Strategy No. 7, Identify opportunities to reduce operating and administrative costs so that scarce resources are maximized.**

An on-going review of program operations allows the Section 8 Department to identify and implement available regulatory relief intended to streamline program operations while maintaining required program compliance.

Funding: This approval requires no funds.

Environmental Review: Not Applicable.

Section 3: Not Applicable.

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Section 8 Administrative Plan Revisions

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WHEREAS, Housing Authorities must adopt policies that improve the success rate for Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) holders to locate suitable housing in the rental market;

WHEREAS, while the EHV program provides the Housing Authority with funding designed to help increase the success rate of EHV applicants in locating housing (such as security deposit assistance, landlord incentives, and housing search assistance), these families still face significant challenges in their housing search;

WHEREAS, HUD has waived § 982.303(a), which provides that the initial search term must be at least 60 days and established an alternative requirement that the initial search term for an EHV must be at least 120 days, with extensions beyond that allowed as per a Housing Authority's Administrative Plan;

WHEREAS, HACLA's current Section 8 Administrative Plan allows for a maximum initial voucher term, with all allowable extensions, of 270 cumulative days;

WHEREAS, the extension of the EHV term to 365 cumulative days, in coordination with the other activities implemented to improve the success rate, will give EHV applicants the maximum opportunity to locate suitable housing in the current extremely difficult rental market;

WHEREAS, this action aligns HACLA's voucher term with that of other neighboring Housing Authorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the attached revision to Section 3.2.1.2.16, Emergency Housing Voucher, extending the EHV term to 365 cumulative days in the Section 8 Administrative Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

By: _____
James Johnson, General Counsel

By: _____
Cielo Castro, Chairperson

DATE ADOPTED: _____

Attachment No. 2: Section 8 Administrative Plan Revisions

Revise Section 3.2.1.2.16 Emergency Housing Vouchers to read as follows:

(Strikeout = deleted text. ***Bold italics*** = added text)

3.2.1.2.16 Emergency Housing Vouchers

Initial Search Term

The initial term for an EHV must be at least 120 days. Any extensions, suspensions, and progress reports will ~~remain under the policies in the Section 8 Administrative Plan but will~~ apply after the minimum 120-day initial search term ***for a maximum search term not to exceed 365 cumulative days.***
