



# MEDIA ALERT

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## HACLA'S SECTION 8 WAITING LIST LOTTERY APPLICATION PERIOD NOW CLOSED

*Over a Half Million People Seeking Housing Assistance Through Lottery Applications*

The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) Section 8 Waiting List Lottery application period is now closed, following a two-week period of accepting online applications. A total of 223,375 HACLA Section 8 Waiting List Lottery applications were received, representing 505,946 total household members. This number reflects a 18.94% increase in applications submitted from its previous opening five years ago. The significant increase in applications highlights the growing number of individuals and families needing housing assistance which outpaces the federal funds available for rental assistance.

“At the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles, we are keenly aware of the lack of resources that individuals and families face when it comes to affordable housing solutions in our city, and this was reflected in the number of applications we received in this short two-week period,” said HACLA President & CEO Doug Guthrie. “We’ve been working hard with our community partners to spread the word, but now the real work begins as we prepare to get selected applicants placed and, ultimately, housed.”

HACLA will now use a computer-randomized lottery to select up to 30,000 applicants for placement on the Section 8 Waiting List. A preference for assistance will be given to applicants who live or work in the City of Los Angeles and to applicants who are veterans or have a household member who is a veteran released from such military service under conditions other than dishonorable. By December 1, 2022, all applicants will receive an email to inform them whether or not they were selected to be placed on the Section 8 Waiting List. Applicants may also check their status at [hacla.hcvlist.org](http://hacla.hcvlist.org) or by calling (877) 621-SEC8 (7328)/TTY 711 after this date.

The Section 8 program provides rental assistance to eligible individuals and families by paying a portion of their rent directly to private landlords. As funding is available, HACLA will contact applicants for program eligibility determinations, and this process may begin for some applicants as early as June 2023.

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### About HACLA

*The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) was established in 1938 by City of Los Angeles Resolution No. 1241. HACLA is one of the nation's largest and leading public housing authorities, providing the largest supply of quality affordable housing to residents of the City of Los Angeles. HACLA provides affordable housing to over 83,000 households in its Public Housing and Section 8 rental assistance programs, and offers a range of permanent supportive housing programs for homeless households, including: Project-Based, HUD – Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing, Homeless, Tenant Based Supportive Housing, Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA), Continuum of Care and Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy program. For more information, visit [www.hacla.org](http://www.hacla.org).*

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