#### JUNE / 2022

# HOUSENOTES FOR SECTION 8 PROPERTY OWNERS





## DO YOU USE THE LACDA'S ONLINE TOOLS?

The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) encourages owners to take advantage of the convenience of its online tools such as the LACDA website and the Rent Café Owner Portal. The LACDA's website contains an entire section dedicated to <u>Section 8 owners</u> where you will find frequently asked questions and information regarding leasing to a Section 8 family, Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspections, and other informational resources.

Also, the LACDA's <u>Rent Café Portal</u> allows you to perform tasks online such as booking a virtual appointment and viewing Housing Assistance Payments (HAP). Both online tools allow you to have 24/7 access to important forms and information. In time, the LACDA will be launching electronic delivery of Form 1099 MISC via the Rent Café Portal.

Remember: If you had an existing Portal account, you will have to re-register for the Rent Café Portal. Please refer to your personal registration notice and number provided by the LACDA when registering. If you did not receive a registration notice and number, please email the LACDA at <u>RentCafePortal@lacda.org</u> for registration assistance.

## CLEARING HQS INSPECTION DEFICIENCIES VIA SELF-CERTIFICATION

The LACDA's HQS inspections staff conduct inspections of your unit to ensure that it is in compliance with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's minimum health and safety standards. Owners have the option to clear *owner-related nonemergency deficiencies* by submitting a certification along with *proof* that confirms the deficiencies have been corrected rather than have an "in-person" follow-up inspection. Please note that this option is only available for *owner-related non-emergency deficiencies*. The LACDA will continue to conduct "in-person" follow-up inspections to clear tenant-related deficiencies.

Examples of acceptable proof include picture(s) of the corrected item and/or an invoice or receipt detailing the repair. The certification and proof must be submitted before the date of the scheduled follow-up inspection. Once received, an HQS Inspections Supervisor will review the certification and proof to determine if an in-person follow-up inspection is needed to clear the owner deficiencies. Owners will be contacted to discuss the outcome of the clearance submitted.



## **OWNER ENGAGEMENT HOUR**

We know you have questions, we're here to provide you answers.

The Owner Engagement Hour will occur twice per month and provide an opportunity to hear about program updates. LACDA staff will also be available to answer any questions you have on topics such as LACDA incentives, inspections, rent increases, and more.

#### Wednesday, June 1, 2022 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Zoom Link: https://bit.ly/3G0AFhT

#### Wednesday, June 15, 2022 3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. Zoom Link: https://bit.ly/3DlwY4N

For more information regarding the upcoming events, please contact us at:

Phone: (626) 586-1984 OpenDoors@lacda.org

## EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAMINCENTIVES

If you rent your unit to an Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) family, you may be eligible to receive the following incentives:

- Up to \$5,000 One-Time Reimbursement for New Contract Inspection Repairs;
- \$2,500 Signing Bonus for Each EHV Leased; and
- Reliable Monthly Payments.

Funds available for EHV Families who may be required to pay for Utility Fees.\*

\*Funds may be available for EHV families that will be responsible under the Lease for a utility but may be in need of a deposit payment to establish service or an arrear payment to re-establish utility service. Payments will be made directly by the LACDA to the utility company.

The LACDA welcomes rental units located in the following Public Housing Agencies' service areas:

- Los Angeles County Development Authority
- Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles
- City of Pasadena
- City of Norwalk
- Redondo Beach
- City of Glendale

For more information, please contact: <u>LACDAincentives@lacda.org</u>.

## **OWNER WORKSHOP**

Workshops are designed to provide owners the opportunity to learn about new policies and Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program updates.

#### June Lunch & Learn

• Join the Housing Rights Center and the LACDA to learn about COVID-19 tenant protections.

### Thursday, June 16, 2022 11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Register in advance for this Zoom meeting at: Zoom Link: <u>bit.ly/3yxmccU</u>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the meeting.

For more information regarding the upcoming events, please contact us at:

Phone: (626) 586-1654 HCVWorkshops@lacda.org

