



## HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS - YOUR VOICE COUNTS

Have you ever wondered why the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) operates the way it does? Would you like to share your concerns or ideas about our policies and procedures? The LACDA is recruiting volunteers for their Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Committee that will assist with the 2021 Annual Plan process.

The RAB provides an opportunity for Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program participants to provide input on new policies and plans. As a RAB Committee member, all you have to do is attend a minimum of one meeting per year that takes place in mid-November. If you wish to volunteer for this year's committee, you may email [HADCompliance@lacda.org](mailto:HADCompliance@lacda.org), to express your interest. Be sure to include your full name, your tenant ID number, a contact phone number, and any questions you may have. An LACDA representative will contact you with details of your role as a RAB Committee member.

## REMOTE HOUSING QUALITY STANDARDS INSPECTIONS TO BEGIN IN APRIL

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspections were postponed as of March 2020. The LACDA is happy to announce that HQS inspections will resume in April using the agency's Remote Video Inspection (RVI) process.

RVIs are the newly implemented alternative to in-person inspections. The RVI is an approved method to conduct a HQS inspection using a reliable smart phone or tablet with a functional camera, a strong internet connection, and an online meeting application installed. **All HCV Program HQS inspections will be scheduled as an RVI.** If you do not have the technological capability, you can request an in-person inspection by contacting the Inspections Unit.

Should you wish to review the LACDA's RVI process, you may visit [www.lacda.org](http://www.lacda.org). For more information, please contact:

Palmdale Inspections Unit  
(661) 575-1518

Alhambra Inspections Unit  
(626) 586-1575





## COVID-19 TODAY

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a major effect on our daily lives. Many of us are facing challenges that are stressful and overwhelming. Social distancing is necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19, but it can cause feelings of isolation and loneliness which can increase stress and anxiety. Learning how to deal with stress in a healthy way is the key to making you, and those around you more resilient.

Steps to deal with stress:

- Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news stories.
- Take care of your body by exercising regularly and eating healthy.
- Connect with family, friends, or your community while adhering to social distancing.
- Make time to unwind.

If you find that you need additional guidance on dealing with stress, contact the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Access Center 24/7 Helpline at (800) 854-7771.



## TENANT WORKSHOP

Tenant workshops are designed to explain how the Section 8 Program works and provide an opportunity to learn about new policies. It is highly recommended for new participants.

### April Lunch & Learn

The Housing Rights Center will discuss the following topics:

- Fair Housing Laws
- Illegal Housing Practices
- Tenant & Landlord Rights and Responsibilities

**Tuesday, April 6, 2021**

**11 A.M. - 12 P.M.**

To register online, please go to <http://bit.ly/FairHousingLA>

Phone: Tomasa Richmond at (626) 586-1654

Email: [HCVWorkshops@lacda.org](mailto:HCVWorkshops@lacda.org)

Please Note: The Rent Stabilization and helpful tips training material from March's Lunch & Learn is now available in the [Owner and Tenant Portals](#).