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### **Authority will Include Trash Fees as part of the Utility Allowance for Eligible Public Housing Residents**

LOS ANGELES – The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) today announced the agency will now include City trash collection fees as part of the Utility Allowance (UA) for eligible families retroactive to February 1, 2012, effectively reducing individual rents to cover the cost.

Residents are provided a monthly utility allowance which is deducted from 30% of their adjusted monthly income to determine the final rent. The UA helps residents cover the cost they pay directly to the City Department of Sanitation. Residents will continue to receive a bill from the City, this assistance will help eligible families offset the cost of the trash collection fee.

“This will be a big help to our residents who are struggling under a difficult economy” said resident Commissioner Lucelia Hooper.

In 1983, the Bureau of Sanitation began charging \$1 per month for trash collection. Below is a chart of the rise in fees since it began collecting the fee.

Year	Fee per Month	Year	Fee per Month
1983	\$1.00	2004	\$7.27
1990	\$2.00	2006	\$11.88
1993	\$4.00	2007	\$14.50
1994	\$3.00	2007	\$17.16
1994	\$4.00	2008	\$24.33
2003	\$6.60		

The Bureau of Sanitation has a discount program, “Lifeline” for low-income seniors or low-income disabled persons. Effective July, 2011, “Lifeline” customers in multifamily units saw their fees increase to \$17.03 per month from \$8.51. This change affected many of public housing residents.

