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HACLA's SECTION 8 WAITING LIST LOTTERY APPLICATION PERIOD NOW CLOSED

Nearly a Half Million People Seeking Housing Assistance Through Lottery Applications

LOS ANGELES, October 31, 2017 – 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 187,804 HACLA Section 8 Waiting List Lottery applications were received, representing 457,642 total household members.

“We are so pleased with the response to this rental assistance opportunity,” said Douglas Guthrie, HACLA President and CEO. “Thousands of Angelenos will have an opportunity to receive rental assistance through the Housing Choice Voucher program. For those struggling to live on a fixed budget, this will bring great financial relief. I want to personally thank the LA City Library and the many organizations and volunteers, who worked with us to make eligible families aware of this opportunity and who provided direct assistance with the application.”

HACLA will now use a computer-randomized lottery to select up to 20,000 applicants for placement on the Section 8 Waiting List. A preference for assistance will be given to applicants who live, work, or have been hired to work within 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, 2017, 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 or by calling (888) 816-6955/TTY 711 after this date.

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

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About HACLA

The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (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 82,000 households and offers a range of programs specifically for low income homeless, disabled, families and seniors in programs such as: Project-Based Permanent Supportive Housing Program, HUD – Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program, Homeless Program, Tenant Based Supportive Housing Program, Homeownership Program, Housing Opportunities for

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