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HACLA to Open Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List Lottery for First Time in 13 Years

Mayor Garcetti Announces Section 8 Application Lottery to Open from Oct. 16, 6 am, to Oct 29, 2017, 5 pm.

LOS ANGELES, October 2, 2017 – Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, along with other elected officials, today joined the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) to announce the opening of the Section 8 Waiting List Lottery. People will be able to apply online starting at 6:00 a.m., Monday, October 16, 2017, through 5:00 p.m., Sunday, October 29, 2017 (Pacific Time), by going to **HACLA.hcvlist.org**. The Section 8 program provides rental assistance to eligible individuals and families by paying a portion of rent directly to private landlords.

“Angelenos deserve housing they can afford, no matter their income,” said Mayor Eric Garcetti. “People who are eligible should apply for the Section 8 rental subsidy program — and we’ll keep fighting to build more affordable housing that gives every family the opportunity to find safe, stable places to live.”

Interested families and individuals can apply online 24 hours a day, seven days a week, during the application period using a smartphone, mobile device or computer with Internet access. Applicants will be required to have a valid, working email address. Free email accounts are widely available online, and free Internet access and email setup assistance is available at local Los Angeles City public libraries. No applications will be handed out or accepted in-person, by mail, email, or fax at any HACLA office.

At the end of the application period, HACLA will 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 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. As funding is available, HACLA will contact applicants for program eligibility determinations.

“We are very pleased to be opening our Section 8 waiting list after 13 years. Rental subsidy programs reduce poverty, housing instability and homelessness. The opening of HACLA’s

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Section 8 Wait List lottery will help thousands of families who struggle to pay for housing on a fixed-income,” said Douglas Guthrie, HACLA President and CEO. “We’ve ensured that the online application is easy to access and complete, and we’ve also provided information on the website to assist applicants, such as how-to-apply videos and answers to questions that applicants may have about the program and their eligibility.”

Applicants can visit hacla.hcvlist.org to submit an application during the open application period and to find additional resources for partners providing application assistance. Applicants needing assistance in applying due to a disability can call **(213) 205-5585** or **1-888-816-6955** (toll free), between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time every day during the application period.

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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, children and seniors 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 Persons with Aids (HOPWA), Shelter Plus Care – Continuum of Care Program, Moderate Rehabilitation for Single Room Occupancy.

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