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Honorable Members of City Council City of Los Angeles Room 395, City Hall Attention: City Clerk

REMOVAL OF PROPERTIES FROM THE RENT ESCROW ACCOUNT PROGRAM (REAP)

The Los Angeles Housing Department recommends the termination of the rent reductions and the termination of the escrow account for the properties listed below, thereby removing the properties from the RENT ESCROW ACCOUNT PROGRAM (REAP).

- 1. Case No. 241833 represents property at 364 W O FARRELL ST A.K.A 366 W O FARRELL ST. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on 9/17/2009. Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies. Coalition for Economic Survival has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Further, the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.
- 2. Case No. 272655 represents property at 1628 S BONNIE BRAE ST A.K.A 1626 S BONNIE BRAE ST. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on 6/15/2010. Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies. Inner City Law Center has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Further, the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.
- 3. Case No. 206355 represents property at 1628 S BONNIE BRAE ST A.K.A 1626 S BONNIE BRAE ST. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on 1/8/2009. Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies. Inner City Law Center has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Further, the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.
- 4. Case No. <u>267635</u> represents property at <u>2900 W 12TH ST</u>. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on <u>1/21/2010</u>. Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies. <u>Los Angeles Housing Law Project</u> has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Further, the <u>Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit</u> independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.
- 5. Case No. 276810 represents property at 1039 W EDGEWARE RD A.K.A 1033 W EDGEWARE RD. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on 5/4/2010. Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies. Los Angeles Housing Law Project has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Further, the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.

- 6. Case No. 280603 represents property at 1621 S BEDFORD ST A.K.A 1621 1/2 S BEDFORD ST. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on 8/3/2010. Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies. Coalition for Economic Survival has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Further, the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.
- 7. Case No. 259976 represents property at 1700 S LINCOLN BLVD A.K.A 1002 E NOWITA PL. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on 2/25/2010. Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies. Inner City Law Center has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Further, the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.
- 8. Case No. 109914 represents property at 9407 1/2 S COMPTON AVE. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on 3/22/2007. Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies. Los Angeles Housing Law Project has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Further, the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.
- 9. Case No. <u>225592</u> represents property at <u>9407 1/2 S COMPTON AVE</u>. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on <u>2/19/2009</u>. Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies. <u>Los Angeles Housing Law Project</u> has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Further, the <u>Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit</u> independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.
- 10. Case No. 186237 represents property at 4955 N WHITSETT AVE A.K.A 4957 N WHITSETT AVE. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on 7/3/2008. Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies. Coalition for Economic Survival has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Further, the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.

11. Case No. 274827 represents property at 609 W 95TH ST. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on 6/10/2010. Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies. Inner City Law Center has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Further, the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.

The Los Angeles Housing Department requests the City Council to consider this matter as soon as possible for the purpose of removing the properties from the REAP.

DOUGLAS GUTHRIE GENERAL MANAGER

Marc Lipton, Manager

Rent Escrow Account Program

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Attachments: Resolutions





9/22/2010

Honorable Bernard C. Parks Council Member, Eighth District Room 460, City Hall Office

Attention: Dennis Rodriguez

PROPERTY RECOMMENDED FOR REMOVAL FROM THE RENT ESCROW ACCOUNT PROGRAM (REAP)

The Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) is recommending to the City Council the termination of the rent reductions and the termination of the escrow account for the units placed into the REAP program at the following address: 609 W 95TH ST (Case No. 274827). The Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected. Inner City Law Center has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Attached is the referral letter, listing the outstanding deficiencies noted by the citing department. The matter is scheduled to be heard by the City Council on 9/29/2010.

Should you or your staff need additional information, please call the REAP Unit at (213) 808-8500.

DOUGLAS GUTHRIE GENERAL MANAGER

Attachments: Referral Notice

CASE #: 274827

APN: 6039010005 CD: 8 Census Tract: RSU: HPOZ: Total Units (LUPAMS): 2 Total Units (LAHD): Total SCEP Exemptions:	609 W 95TH ST Los Angeles 90044 LUPAMS / BOE: COBBS,TRENT W 00000 P O BOX 3187 GARDENA CA 90248 LAHD: TRENT COBBS 13406 STANFORD AVE LOS ANGELES CA 90059	Case Sub Type Source SCEP Inspector James Sonne Case Felipe Manager Hernandez Phone No. (310) 524- 1274 Owner Information	Task Force: Home:	N/A NO NO NO No	Year Built Purchase Date; Obsolete: Manager: Code Office: RENT Office:	Office
Initial Inspection I View NTC/Substandard Compliance Date NTC Reinspection Inspector Extension Sr. Inspector Extension Sr. Inspector Extension Supporting Docum View Other View Owner Matrix View Tenant Matrix FTC View 5/21/2010 View Substandard Docum Substandard Term View FTB Document # FTB Record Date FTB Termination FTB Cancellation View REAP Document in REAP Record Date View Sr. Appeal View Re-Inspection Rep	Print Date 1/20/2010 2/26/2010 Date 3/4/2010 In sion 6/25/2010 Dents of approved use ment # rd Date ination Date Date Date Date de cort	Referred to Health Dept. Referred to Building & Safety Referred to Sr. Inspector Referred to Pr. Inspector Referred to CM 5/20/2 PMTP Refer To Hearing 5/21/2 Notice of GM 9/14/2 Refer To Hearing 5/21/2 REAP Appeal Due 6/25/2 REAP Appeal Due 6/25/2 REAP Appeal Due 7/14/2 Referred To Legal Date GM Hearing Date 7/14/2 Referred To Legal Date Referred To Legal Date Referred To CA Date CA Filed Date Initial/Remaining 26/0 Violations All Violations 8/19/2 Sr. CM SIgn Off Date CODE Suspend Date Outreach Contractor CM Outreach Request Date Outreach Finding Outreach Tinner Cente CM Outreach Resolved Date Scheduled Council Date Scheduled Council Date REAP Case Balance 1740. ESCROW Account	2010 2010 - 2010 - 2010 2010 2010 Cor 2010 City Law T	w Outreach mnents	LINKS APIS IDIS (B & etc.) Property Report USPS	& S Permits, Activity
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STATUS REPORT FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Council Date: 9/29/2010

To:

Honorable Members of City Council

From:

Marc Lipton

Manager, Rent Escrow Account Program

Date:

9/22/2010

REAP Case No.:

274827

Address:

609 W 95TH ST

Citing Agency:

Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit

Violations:

Fire Warning Devices, Sanitation, Maintenance, Electrical

Recommendation:

REMOVAL

Effective date:

1/14/2010

Background:

On 5/21/2010, LAHD received the referral from the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit listing outstanding Fire Warning Devices, Sanitation, Maintenance, Electrical violations with an effective date of 1/14/2010. The owner failed to comply and therefore was referred to REAP.

Update:

The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on 6/10/2010. Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies. Inner City Law Center has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Subsequently, the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit contacted the property owner and inspected the property. The Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected. LAHD recommends that the property be removed from REAP.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has made a commitment to preserve the City's housing stock in safe and sanitary conditions using code enforcement and encouraging landlord compliance with respect to the maintenance and repair of residential buildings; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 173810, (REAP) was adopted by the City Council and Mayor to be cumulative to and in addition to any other remedy available at law, to enforce the purposes of the Housing Code and to encourage compliance by landlords with respect to the maintenance and repair of residential buildings, structures, premises and portions of those buildings, structures, premises; and

WHEREAS, the owner(s) of the property located at 609 W 95TH ST, hereinafter "the subject property", was cited for violations which caused the placement of the property into the Rent Escrow Account Program, (REAP Case No. 274827); and

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected; and

WHEREAS, the property owner has paid to the satisfaction of the Department of Water and Power any electric service and/or water charges; and

WHEREAS, the Inner City Law Center has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Housing Department is recommending closing the REAP escrow account, terminating the rent reductions and that the City Council allow the Los Angeles Housing Department to release escrow funds as provided for in the REAP Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, LAMC section 162.08 (d) through (g) (REAP) provides recovery by the Los Angeles Housing Department of administrative fees and penalties including outstanding rent registration fees and penalties, inspection fees, added inspection costs or administrative costs, and pre-paid monitoring fees for two annual inspections beyond the initial inspection and reinspections included in the Systematic Code Enforcement fee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL THAT:

All orders affecting the units and the common areas have been signed off by the appropriate Enforcement Agency; that there are no other outstanding orders affecting the units or common areas of the building, and all electric service and/or water charges pertaining to the property have been paid to the satisfaction of the Department of Water and Power.

FURTHERMORE, City Council terminates the rent reductions and pursuant to Section 162.08F the rent will be restored to the original level 30 days after the Department mails the tenants the notice of the restoration.

IN ADDITION, City Council terminates the rent escrow account and the funds in the escrow account shall be paid to the extent available in the following order: Administrative fees pursuant to Section 162.07B1 that have not yet been collected, any outstanding fees and penalties imposed pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter XV of the Rent Stabilization Ordinance, any outstanding rent registration fees in an RSO building and any penalties thereto pursuant to Section 151.05, any remaining funds shall be returned to the current landlord.

SPECIFICALLY, the subject property shall be removed from the Rent Escrow Account Program and the Controller is authorized to expend funds from the Code Enforcement Trust Fund #41M to reduce liability from the REAP Escrow Account #2220 upon proper demand by the General Manager of the Los Angeles Housing Department.

IN ADDITION, the Los Angeles Housing Department shall conduct an expedited systematic inspection of the subject property and impose inspection fees and administrative costs associated with such inspections; the owner of the subject property shall prepay the Los Angeles Housing Department for two annual inspections beyond the initial inspection and reinspection included in the Systematic Code Enforcement fee for the subject property. Termination of the REAP recording, filed with the County Recorder's Office, and release of the escrow funds to the owner of the subject property shall be conditioned on the payment of all outstanding fees, penalties, and costs to the Los Angeles Housing Department.

(Last revised 07/10)

REAP RESOLUTION

COUNCIL FILE NO.:	CD: 8					
REMOVAL x INCLUSION	RELEASE OF ESCROW FUNDS					
CITED BY: Los Angeles Housing De	partment Code Enforcement Unit					
ADDRESS: 609 W 95TH ST						
CASE NO.: <u>274827</u>						
EFFECTIVE DATE: <u>1/14/2010</u>						
TYPE OF VIOLATION(S): Fire	Warning Devices, Sanitation,					
Maintenance, Electrical						
ASSESSOR ID NO.: 6039010005						
REGISTRATION NO. NONE						
OTHER REAP-RELATED ACTIVITIES	AND/OR PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTIONS:					
None						
COMMENTS: Inner City Law Center h	as provided their advisory opinion to the					
Department as to the completion of the work.						