

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: name is Walter Escobar, and I am a current participant in a City-supported housing program administered under the oversight of the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD). I am submitting this written comment to document ongoing issues of concern related to program oversight, participant stability, and compliance with established housing requirements. Within a 90-day period, I received four separate boilerplate notices instructing me to vacate my housing, without any lawful eviction process, exit planning, or supportive-services coordination. LAHD previously recommended me for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), yet the program sponsor initially told me that TBRA did not exist, would not be available anytime soon, and could not be offered to me. Months later, after contradictory statements, I finally received the TBRA application. It has now been six months since my transitional housing contract ended, and I remain in the same temporary placement with no permanent pathway in place. On Veterans Day, the sponsor conducted a site visit while all relevant oversight offices were closed. They are now disputing that this visit occurred, despite my contemporaneous documentation. LAHD has already issued internal directives instructing program providers to stop these destabilizing practices, which confirms that these actions were improper. Yet the conduct has continued. This reflects a breakdown in program accountability and a lack of meaningful safeguards for participants who rely on stability and lawful process. I respectfully request that the Housing and Homelessness Committee direct LAHD to review these practices, ensure immediate compliance with departmental directives, and take corrective action to prevent further destabilization of program participants. Thank you for reviewing this comment and entering it into the administrative record. Walter Escobar Program Participant 213-719-8404 walterescobar@proton.me