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Dear

Carmelitos Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Information Notice

The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) is proposing to change how it funds and operates some of its public housing units, including the units where you currently reside at the Carmelitos public housing development. The LACDA is asking the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for permission to participate in a program called RAD.

What is RAD?

RAD allows public housing authorities to “convert” their public housing funding to Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) funding to ensure that the units continue to be affordable. The Section 8 Program also makes it easier to access money to repair and improve the property, either now, or in the future.

What are the plans for Carmelitos?

As part of a RAD conversion at Carmelitos, the LACDA is planning to redevelop the site to create more housing units and provide more amenities based upon community needs and vision. The LACDA will develop a comprehensive, multi-year redevelopment plan after hearing from residents and community members.

We invite you to join us for meetings where we will explain the RAD and redevelopment process in more detail, hear your ideas, and answer your questions. It is important that you come to this meeting and share your thoughts. The meetings will be held at the Carmelitos Community Center, 851 Via Carmelitos, at the following times:

English Session: February 17, 2026 at 10:00 AM

Spanish Session: February 17, 2026 at 2:00 PM

The LACDA will also host regular update meetings with residents as it develops a redevelopment plan and gets approval from HUD for the RAD conversion.



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Your resident council can also help you become well informed about the RAD plans.

How does this impact me?

The LACDA is required and committed to keeping you informed throughout this process. Your rent will remain affordable through this change. You will not be subject to a new eligibility screening because of RAD.

Why is this happening?

The LACDA is proposing to do this for a few reasons. The primary reason is to help make sure that we can keep providing quality decent, safe, and sanitary housing for LACDA residents in the long term. Congress has not provided sufficient funding to properly maintain public housing units and HUD is encouraging public housing authorities to find other ways to administer their public housing units. By redeveloping Carmelitos and assuring that families continue to have affordable rents, the LACDA will be creating more housing opportunities and resources to meet the needs of the community.

Will I need to relocate?

In some situations, we may need to relocate you from your unit temporarily to complete repairs or do construction. Since we are at the beginning of the planning process for the RAD conversion, we don't yet know whether you will need to move. **You do not need to move now.**

If we require you to move, you are entitled to certain relocation protections including advance written notice and detailed information about the move. The other specific relocation protections depend on the situation, but may include advisory services, moving assistance, payments, and other assistance.

In some cases, you have additional rights under other Federal laws, such as the Federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act, often referred to as the "Uniform Relocation Act" or "URA." If the URA applies, we must give you a "General Information Notice" which is also referred to as a "GIN." To make sure we are complying with the URA, we are including the GIN with this letter. The GIN describes rights you have but may also describe situations that **do not** apply to you.

Your right to return

If you need to move temporarily for repairs, you have a right to return to an assisted unit once any construction work is done. However, we may need to move you during construction, and your post-construction home may be a different unit than your current home. You have the right to return to a unit at Carmelitos after construction and redevelopment is complete unless **you choose** to move somewhere else. If you believe the plans prevent you from exercising your right to return, you have the right to object to the plans. RAD Program rules require us to make sure that anyone who wants to return can do so.

You are always welcome to move based on your household's needs and personal goals. However, if you choose to move from the property on your own without waiting for

instructions from the LACDA, you may lose your eligibility for relocation payments and assistance.

Fair Housing and Civil Rights

The RAD conversion, and any relocation associated with it, must be implemented consistent with fair housing and civil rights requirements. If you need a reasonable accommodation due to a disability, or have other questions about the RAD conversion, please contact Carolina Romo at (626) 586-1915, or CarmelitosRAD@lacda.org. If you need to appeal a decision made by us, or if you think your rights are not being protected, you may contact Liseth Aguilera at (213) 534-2595 or Liseth.Aguilera@lacda.org.

Important things to remember

1. Your rent will continue to be affordable. Most units will receive assistance through the Section 8 Voucher Program, either at Carmelitos or by moving to another property.
2. The LACDA will hold meetings to hear from you, continue to share more information, and respond to your questions and concerns.
3. If you choose to move after the LACDA receives HUD approval for this RAD conversion, you will receive help in finding a new unit.
4. You should continue to pay your rent and meet any other requirements specified in your lease.
5. This letter is important to you and should be retained.

We want to hear from you

We hope this letter gives you useful information about your rights. We encourage you to come to the resident meetings to learn more about how the RAD conversion would impact your property and you. If you have questions now, please contact Carolina Romo at (626) 586-1915 or CarmelitosRAD@lacda.org.

Sincerely,



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