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TENANT

TAL FOR SECTION 8 PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

# LEARN THE BENEFITS OF THE LACDA'S ONLINE TOOLS

The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) encourages tenants to take advantage of the convenience of its online tools, like the LACDA website and the Rent Café Tenant Portal. The LACDA's Section 8 website contains an entire section dedicated to program participants where you can find frequently asked questions and information regarding inspections, how to report income changes, and other informational resources.

Also, the LACDA's Rent Café Portal allows you to perform tasks online, such as submitting income and family composition changes and completing your annual re-examination. Both of these online tools allow you to have 24/7 access to important forms and information regarding your rental assistance. For more information, please visit the LACDA's website at https://www.lacda.org/.

Remember: If you had an existing Portal account, you will have to re-register for the Rent Café Portal. Please refer to your personal registration notice and number provided by the LACDA when registering. If you did not receive a registration notice and number, please email the LACDA at <u>RentCafePortal@lacda.org</u> for registration assistance.

## **LEASE CHANGES**

In order to ensure that families and the LACDA each pay the proper amount of rent, it is very important that the LACDA receive accurate and timely information about any changes to your lease agreement. Once the changes are received by the LACDA, the Owner may be required to enter into a new Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) contract. Changes that would require the Owner to enter into a new HAP contract are:

- Changes in the lease governing utility responsibilities and provisions for appliances;
- Changes in the lease governing the term of the lease; and
- A move by the family to a new unit, even if the unit is in the same building complex.

A new HAP contract will require a new lease, a rent reasonableness review, and possibly a Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspection.



# SEED LA – A NEW CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL COMING SOON

Did you know that SEED LA is a new charter high school and is scheduled to open in the Fall of 2022?

SEED LA is a charter high school whose primary mission is to provide an intensive educational program that prepares children, both academically and socially, for success in college and beyond by providing resources such as:

- Enriching Academics
- College Support
- 24-Hour Learning

For more information on enrolling your children in SEED LA, please visit <u>https://www.seedschoolla.org/</u>.



### **TENANT WORKSHOP**

Workshops are designed to provide program participant families an opportunity to learn about new policies that may affect your rental assistance and Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program updates.

#### March Lunch & Learn

• LACDA Incentives

Thursday, March 17, 2022 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Register in advance for this Zoom meeting at: Zoom Link: <u>https://bit.ly/34XV2zw</u>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the meeting.

For more information regarding the upcoming events, please contact us at:

Phone: (626) 586-1654 Email: <u>HCVWorkshops@lacda.org</u>

