

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

SOURCE OF INCOME (SOI) PROTECTIONS FOR HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER HOLDERS

Refusing to accept housing vouchers to pay rent, and other policies that disadvantage otherwise qualified voucher-holders, can constitute “source of income discrimination.” Disadvantaging voucher holders can occur through practices such as requiring additional references, imposing additional or unreasonable screening criteria, requiring a larger security deposit, or imposing other additional fees or penalties. It can also include ignoring voucher payments when determining if an applicant has enough income to afford the unit.

Depending on where you live in the country, State and local governments may have SOI antidiscrimination laws making it illegal to refuse to rent to, or otherwise disadvantage, tenants who pay rent with housing vouchers and other types of housing assistance. To learn more about SOI Protections, please visit <https://bit.ly/4cxtldA>.



Rent Stabilization and Tenant Protection Ordinance (RSTPO)

The Los Angeles County RSTPO is a local law that limits annual rent increases (for rent-stabilized units only) based on changes in the Consumer Price Index and provides tenants protections from evictions without just-cause for residential rental units in the Unincorporated Areas of Los Angeles County. On or before September 30th of each year, an owner must register each unit, unless fully exempt, that is rented or is available for rent in the County’s Rent Registry system or on a form approved by the Los Angeles County Department of Business and Consumers Affairs.

Effective May 1, 2024, the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) began monitoring the Los Angeles County RSTPO requirements that owners must adhere to when requesting a rent increase and/or terminating a tenancy. It is imperative that owners and the LACDA’s rental assistance programs adhere to local ordinances, especially when they are designed to promote long-term stability and security for tenants in the rental market while providing owners a fair and reasonable return on their property.

Property owners and tenants may access the Los Angeles County Rent Registry system to register and/or verify coverage under the Los Angeles County RSTPO by visiting www.rentregistry.dcba.lacounty.gov.

For more information,
visit <https://bit.ly/42Tqo3z> or call (800) 593-8222.



Have you ever wondered why the LACDA operates the way it does? Would you like to share your concerns or ideas about our policies and procedures? The LACDA is recruiting volunteers for its Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Committee that will assist with the 2025 Five-Year Agency Plan process.

The RAB provides an opportunity for Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and Project-Based Voucher Program participants to provide input that affects them, like new policies and plans. As a RAB Committee member, all you have to do is attend a minimum of one meeting per year in mid-November.

If you wish to volunteer, e-mail HADCompliance@lacda.org, or call (626) 586-1991, to express interest. Be sure to include your name, a contact phone number, or e-mail address, and any questions you may have. An LACDA representative will contact you with more details.

Have You Joined **RENT CAFÉ?**


- Submit income and family composition changes
- Complete your annual re-examination
- View tenant and owner forms

For help signing up, or questions regarding your Rent Café Portal account, e-mail RentCafePortal@lacda.org.

If you already signed up, remember to check your e-mail frequently to ensure you don't miss notifications from the LACDA.

[Click here](#) to access the Rent Café Portal.

INTERESTED IN STARTING A SMALL BUSINESS?



Join the LACDA Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program and Bank of America to learn how to start your business. Learn how to go from concept to company. Whether it's creating a budget or forming an LLC, come and find out what an aspiring business owner needs to know.

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

10:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

700 W. Main Street, Alhambra

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/bdkekxzb>

QUESTIONS?

(626) 586-1530 • fssprogram@lacda.org



Lunch & Learn workshops are designed to provide participant families and owners an opportunity to learn about Section 8 HCV Program requirements that may affect rental assistance.

Thursday, September 19, 2024

11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Register in advance for this Teams meeting at: <https://bit.ly/3XgD3wc>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail with information about how to join the meeting.

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(626) 943-3841 • HCVWorkshops@lacda.org