



MINORITY APARTMENT OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Ms. Roya Babazadeh
Director of Enforcement Operations, Compliance Division
Los Angeles Housing Department
1200 W. 7th Street, 8th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Re: Rent Escrow Program (REAP)
Utility Maintenance Program (UMP)

Dear Ms. Babazadeh:

On behalf of the Minority Apartment Owners Association, we realize the important role that the Outreach Contractors play in working with owners who in many cases despite their best efforts to avoid being placed in one of these programs it does happen. Our Association, along with other associations, has worked with the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) to assist in bringing about positive changes and improvements in order for these programs to best fit the needs of rental property owners. We believe that outreach contractors play an important role in helping to ensure that properties are removed from these programs as quickly as possible.

We look forward to continuing to work together in efforts to find resolutions to landlord tenant conflicts. We support LAHD's selection process of outreach contractors through current procurement process and support the continued expansion of this program.

Regards,

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