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1/2/2013

Honorable Members of City Council City of Los Angeles Room 395, City Hall Attention: City Clerk

# REMOVAL OF PROPERTIES FROM THE RENT ESCROW ACCOUNT PROGRAM (REAP)

The Los Angeles Housing Department recommends the termination of the rent reductions and the termination of the escrow account for the properties listed below, thereby removing the properties from the RENT ESCROW ACCOUNT PROGRAM (REAP).

- 1. Case No. 49202 represents the property at 203 W COLDEN AVE. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on 8/24/2006. Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies. Coalition for Economic Survival has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Furthermore, the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.
- Case No. <u>233134</u> represents the property at <u>4433 S HOOVER ST</u>. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on <u>6/4/2009</u>. Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies. <u>Inner City Law Center</u> has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Furthermore, the <u>Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit</u> independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.
- 3. Case No. 356816 represents the property at 4254 S HOOPER AVE. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on 1/26/2012. Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies. Coalition for Economic Survival has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Furthermore, the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.
- 4. Case No. 359678 represents the property at 4433 S HOOVER ST. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on 2/2/2012. Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies. Inner City Law Center has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Furthermore, the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.
- 5. Case No. 390397 represents the property at 731 E 87TH ST. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on 8/9/2012. Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies. Coalition for Economic Survival has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Furthermore, the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.
- 6. Case No. 297303 represents the property at 6078 W VENICE BLVD. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on 3/3/2011. Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies. Inquilinos Unidos has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Furthermore, the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.

- 7. Case No. 316663 represents the property at 3900 S PACIFIC AVE. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on 5/26/2011. Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies. Coalition for Economic Survival has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Furthermore, the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.
- 8. Case No. 372644 represents the property at 3900 S PACIFIC AVE. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on 4/12/2012. Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies. Coalition for Economic Survival has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Furthermore, the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.
- Case No. 375416 represents the property at 3900 S PACIFIC AVE. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on 4/25/2012. Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies. Coalition for Economic Survival has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Furthermore, the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.
  - 10. Case No. 220427 represents the property at 4723 W LEXINGTON AVE. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on 2/12/2009. Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies. Inquilinos Unidos has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Furthermore, the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.
  - 11. Case No. 292783 represents the property at 1128 N HYPERION AVE. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on 8/11/2011. Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies. Inquilinos Unidos has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Furthermore, the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.
  - 12. Case No. 322364 represents the property at 641 E IMPERIAL HWY. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on 3/10/2011. Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies. Coalition for Economic Survival has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Furthermore, the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.
  - 13. Case No. 345410 represents the property at 641 E IMPERIAL HWY. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on 12/15/2011. Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies. Coalition for Economic Survival has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Furthermore, the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.
  - 14. Case No. 357240 represents the property at 1527 E 92ND ST. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on 3/15/2012. Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies. Coalition for Economic Survival has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Furthermore, the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.

The Los Angeles Housing Department requests the City Council to consider this matter as soon as possible for the purpose of removing the properties from the REAP.

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GENERAL MANAGER

Nell Dizon, Supervisor

Rent Escrow Account Program

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Attachments: Resolutions

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Honorable Bill Rosendahl Council Member, Eleventh District Room 415, City Hall Office

Attention: Jim Horwitz

PROPERTY RECOMMENDED FOR REMOVAL FROM THE RENT ESCROW ACCOUNT PROGRAM (REAP)

The Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) is recommending to the City Council the termination of the rent reductions and the termination of the escrow account for the units placed into the REAP program at the following address: 3900 S PACIFIC AVE (Case No. 375416). The Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected. Coalition for Economic Survival has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Attached is the referral letter, listing the outstanding deficiencies noted by the citing department. The matter is scheduled to be heard by the City Council on 1/9/2013.

Should you or your staff need additional information, please call the REAP Unit at (213) 808-8500.

MERCEDES M. MARQUEZ GENERAL MANAGER

Attachments: Referral Notice

### STATUS REPORT FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Council Date: 1/9/2013

To:

Honorable Members of City Council

From:

Nell Dizon

Manager, Rent Escrow Account Program

Date:

1/2/2013

**REAP Case No.:** 

375416

Address:

3900 S PACIFIC AVE

Citing Agency:

Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit

Violations:

Maintenance, Electrical

Recommendation:

REMOVAL

Effective date:

2/8/2012

## Background:

On 4/13/2012, LAHD received the referral from the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit listing outstanding Maintenance, Electrical violations with an effective date of 2/8/2012. The owner failed to comply and therefore was referred to REAP.

### **Update:**

The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on 4/25/2012. Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies. Coalition for Economic Survival has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Subsequently, the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit contacted the property owner and inspected the property. The Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected. LAHD recommends that the property be removed from REAP.

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has made a commitment to preserve the City's housing stock in safe and sanitary conditions using code enforcement and encouraging landlord compliance with respect to the maintenance and repair of residential buildings; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 173810, (REAP) was adopted by the City Council and Mayor to be cumulative to and in addition to any other remedy available at law, to enforce the purposes of the Housing Code and to encourage compliance by landlords with respect to the maintenance and repair of residential buildings, structures, premises and portions of those buildings, structures, premises; and

WHEREAS, the owner(s) of the property located at 3900 S PACIFIC AVE, hereinafter "the subject property", was cited for violations which caused the placement of the property into the Rent Escrow Account Program, (REAP Case No. 375416); and

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected; and

WHEREAS, the property owner has paid to the satisfaction of the Department of Water and Power any electric service and/or water charges; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition for Economic Survival has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Housing Department is recommending closing the REAP escrow account, terminating the rent reductions and that the City Council allow the Los Angeles Housing Department to release escrow funds as provided for in the REAP Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, LAMC section 162.08 (d) through (g) (REAP) provides recovery by the Los Angeles Housing Department of administrative fees and penalties including outstanding rent registration fees and penalties, inspection fees, added inspection costs or administrative costs, and pre-paid monitoring fees for two annual inspections beyond the initial inspection and reinspections included in the Systematic Code Enforcement fee;

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL THAT:

All orders affecting the units and the common areas have been signed off by the appropriate Enforcement Agency; that there are no other outstanding orders affecting the units or common areas of the building, and all electric service and/or water charges pertaining to the property have been paid to the satisfaction of the Department of Water and Power.

**FURTHERMORE**, City Council terminates the rent reductions and pursuant to Section 162.08F the rent will be restored to the original level 30 days after the Department mails the tenants the notice of the restoration.

IN ADDITION, City Council terminates the rent escrow account and the funds in the escrow account shall be paid to the extent available in the following order: Administrative fees pursuant to Section 162.07B1 that have not yet been collected, any outstanding fees and penalties imposed pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter XV of the Rent Stabilization Ordinance, any outstanding rent registration fees in an RSO building and any penalties thereto pursuant to Section 151.05, any remaining funds shall be returned to the current landlord.

**SPECIFICALLY**, the subject property shall be removed from the Rent Escrow Account Program and the Controller is authorized to expend funds from the Code Enforcement Trust Fund #41M to reduce liability from the REAP Escrow Account #2220 upon proper demand by the General Manager of the Los Angeles Housing Department.

IN ADDITION, the Los Angeles Housing Department shall conduct an expedited systematic inspection of the subject property and impose inspection fees and administrative costs associated with such inspections; the owner of the subject property shall prepay the Los Angeles Housing Department for two annual inspections beyond the initial inspection and reinspection included in the Systematic Code Enforcement fee for the subject property. Termination of the REAP recording, filed with the County Recorder's Office, and release of the escrow funds to the owner of the subject property shall be conditioned on the payment of all outstanding fees, penalties, and costs to the Los Angeles Housing Department.

### REAP RESOLUTION

| COUNCIL FILE NO.:                             | CD: <u>11</u>                    |
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| REMOVAL x INCLUSION                           | RELEASE OF ESCROW FUNDS          |
| CITED BY: Los Angeles Housing De              | partment Code Enforcement Unit   |
| ADDRESS: 3900 S PACIFIC AVE                   |                                  |
| CASE NO.: <u>375416</u>                       |                                  |
| EFFECTIVE DATE: 2/8/2012                      |                                  |
| TYPE OF VIOLATION(S): Maintenance, Electrical |                                  |
| ASSESSOR ID NO.: 4225010028                   |                                  |
| REGISTRATION NO. NONE                         |                                  |
| OTHER REAP-RELATED ACTIVITIES                 | AND/OR PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTIONS: |
| None  |                                  |
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COMMENTS: Coalition for Economic Survival has provided their advisory opinion to the

Department as to the completion of the work.