



Eric Garcetti, Mayor  
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11/5/2018

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 and Community Investment Department (HCIDLA) recommends that City Council ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTIONS removing the following properties from the Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP), inasmuch as the owner(s) have corrected the cited REAP violations and provided proof of compliance with HCIDLA, Code Enforcement Unit, habitability citations, pursuant to Ordinance 173810, and ADOPT the Findings contained in the HCIDLA's report attached to the Council File.

Please calendar the following REAP cases for the **November 14, 2018** Housing Committee agenda.

1. Case No. **203794** represents the property at **758 E 79TH ST.** The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on **11/6/2008**. 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 **HCIDLA Code Enforcement Unit** independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.
2. Case No. **383998** represents the property at **1134 E 49TH ST.** The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on **4/9/2013**. 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 **HCIDLA Code Enforcement Unit** independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.
3. Case No. **560346** represents the property at **983 S ARDMORE AVE.** The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on **9/1/2016**. 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 **HCIDLA Code Enforcement Unit** independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.
4. Case No. **228170** represents the property at **2100 S RIDGELEY DR.** The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on **12/22/2009**. 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 **HCIDLA Code Enforcement Unit** independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.
5. Case No. **171174** represents the property at **1726 N ECHO PARK AVE.** The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on **8/7/2008**. Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies. **Strategic Actions for a Just Economy** has

provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Furthermore, the **HCIDLA Code Enforcement Unit** independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.

6. Case No. **616538** represents the property at **5154 W ROMAINE ST.** The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on **5/14/2018.** 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 **HCIDLA Code Enforcement Unit** independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.
7. Case No. **25536** represents the property at **325 N FICKETT ST.** The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on **10/5/2006.** 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 **HCIDLA Code Enforcement Unit** independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.
8. Case No. **637541** represents the property at **2818 E MICHIGAN AVE.** The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on **3/27/2018.** 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 **HCIDLA Code Enforcement Unit** independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.

After public hearings are held, the HCIDLA requests that the Housing Committee recommend the items to the City Council for consideration as soon as possible, for the purpose of removing the properties from the REAP.

RUSHMORE D. CERVANTES  
GENERAL MANAGER



By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emerson Belen  
Rent Escrow Account Program

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Attachments: Resolutions



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Honorable Mitch O'Farrell  
Council Member, Thirteenth District  
Room 480, City Hall Office

Attention: Jeanne Min

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

The Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department (HCIDLA) 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: **5154 W ROMAINE ST (Case No. 616538)**. **Inquilinos Unidos** has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work and the **HCIDLA Code Enforcement Unit** inspected and determined the cited code violations were corrected. Attached is the referral letter, listing the outstanding deficiencies noted by the citing department. The matter is scheduled to be heard by the Housing Committee on **11/14/2018**.

Should you or your staff need additional information, please call the REAP Unit at (844) 864-REAP.

**RUSHMORE D. CERVANTES**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

Attachments: Referral Notice

## STATUS REPORT FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**Housing Committee Date: 11/14/2018**

**To:** Honorable Members of City Council  
**From:** Emerson Belen  
Rent Escrow Account Program  
**Date:** 11/5/2018  
**REAP Case No.:** 616538  
**Address:** 5154 W ROMAINE ST  
**Effective date:** 10/16/2017  
**Citing Agency:** HCIDLA Code Enforcement Unit  
**Violations:** Maintenance, Plumbing/Gas  
**Recommendation:** REMOVAL

### **Background:**

On 3/21/2018, the HCIDLA Hearings Unit received the referral from the HCIDLA Code Enforcement Unit listing outstanding Maintenance, Plumbing/Gas violations with an effective date of 10/16/2017. The owner failed to comply and therefore was referred to REAP.

### **Update:**

The Notice of Acceptance into REAP was sent on 5/14/2018. 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. Subsequently, the HCIDLA Code Enforcement Unit inspected the property and determined the cited code violations were corrected. HCIDLA 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, the Rent Escrow Account Program (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 **5154 W ROMAINE ST**, hereinafter "the subject property," was cited for violations which caused the placement of the property into REAP (Case No. **616538**); and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department's (HCIDLA) 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 Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) any outstanding and non-appealable electric service and/or water charges; and

WHEREAS, the **Inquilinos Unidos** has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work; and

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

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 162.08 (D) through (G) (REAP) provides recovery by HCIDLA 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 re-inspections included in the Systematic Code Enforcement Program (SCEP) 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 outstanding and non-appealable electric service and/or water charges pertaining to the property have been paid to the satisfaction of LADWP.

**FURTHERMORE**, City Council terminates the rent reductions and pursuant to Section 162.08.F the rent will be restored to the original level 30 days after the Department mails the tenants the notice of the restoration. The Department shall file and record with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office a certificate terminating the REAP recording on the subject property.

**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 162.07.B.1 that have not yet been collected, any outstanding fees and penalties imposed pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter XVI of the LAMC, any outstanding rent registration fees due if the subject property is subject to the Rent Stabilization Ordinance 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 REAP 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 HCIDLA.

**IN ADDITION**, HCIDLA 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 HCIDLA for two annual inspections beyond the initial inspection and re-inspection included in the SCEP fee for the subject property.

**Revised September 2018**

REAP RESOLUTION WORKSHEET

COUNCIL FILE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ CD: 13

REMOVAL x INCLUSION \_\_\_\_\_ RELEASE OF ESCROW FUNDS \_\_\_\_\_

CITED BY: HCIDLA Code Enforcement Unit

ADDRESS: 5154 W ROMAINE ST

CASE NO.: 616538

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/16/2017

TYPE OF VIOLATION(S): Maintenance, Plumbing/Gas

ASSESSOR ID NO.: 5537023002

REGISTRATION NO. NONE

OTHER REAP-RELATED ACTIVITIES AND/OR PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTIONS:

None

COMMENTS: Inquilinos Unidos has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work.