

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: To Whom It May Concern: CAA understands that Section 8 vouchers are an important tool in serving the housing needs of low-income tenants. However, a mandate is the wrong approach. The County should be focusing on increasing housing supply as well as reforming the Section 8 process to make it a program that owners feel they can participate in without the risks that currently make this a burdensome and costly program for owners. Over the years the Section 8 approval process has become time consuming and difficult to understand, with little assistance available to owners who want to participate in the program. It includes a very lengthy document preparation process that owners and tenants must complete. Many small rental property owners simply do not have the time or resources to maneuver the long and complicated process. Adding additional penalties to these owners is simply unfair. We hope that you will work with our industry on solving the many problems with how Section 8 is administered and in turn encourage owners to voluntarily participate. Sincerely, L.G.