

## Public Housing Strategy

### 1. Describe actions taken during the last year to improve public housing and resident initiatives.

HACLA manages and maintains a diverse affordable housing portfolio:

#### HACLA - Total Units Available for Occupancy: 3-31-06

Category	Total Units Available For Occupancy
Senior Housing-Public Housing	455
Senior Housing-S8NC/PBA	790
Senior Housing-Unsubsidized	384
Family Housing-Public Housing	6,900
Family Housing-S8NC/PBA*	35
Family Housing-Unsubsidized	358
Family Housing-LIHTC**	31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,953</b>

\* S8NC/PBA – Section 8 New Construction/Project-Based Assistance

\*\* LIHTC – Low-Income Housing Tax Credit

### Section 3

HACLA made resident employment a key component of its Comprehensive Modernization program and other construction work even before Section 3 of the HUD Act was amended in 1995. HACLA has partnered with trade unions to train and employ hundreds of public housing residents in the construction field, with some residents moving on to independent employment in the private sector.

HACLA has an active Section 3 program to assure maximum participation in hiring of residents, and view HUD's Section 3 mandate -- to foster local economic development, neighborhood improvement, and individual self-sufficiency -- in its construction contracting efforts as a key part of its overall mission.

In addition to providing opportunities in construction trades, the Authority provides significant employment opportunities in association with its construction activities in areas such as relocation counseling, organizing and packing resident relocations, and security for construction and relocation services.

### Resident Management Corporations (RMCs)

To develop economic self-sufficiency and build leadership capacity, HACLA has contracted with several of its Resident Management Corporations (non-profits formed by the elected representatives of public housing residents.) Most of these contracts were for ancillary services related to redevelopment or modernization of the public housing stock, such as security, moving, or cleaning.

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## **HACLA Resident Leadership and Citywide Services**

Accomplishments during 2005-2006 include:

- Developing a strategic plan to implement HUD's Community Service Policy in public housing
- Instituting seven Section 8 Joint Advisory for Neighborhood Empowerment (JANE) districts
- developing strategic planning goals for each, and establishment of four Tenant Advisory Councils
- Creating a Leadership Academy curriculum and implementation for housing sites.
- Coordinating and implementing a City-Wide Voter Registration Campaign.
- Conducting monthly intensive training sessions for all RAC/RMC board members.
- *Serving over 1,300 youth and adults through March 2006 with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds that enable Mar Vista, Rancho San Pedro, Ramona Gardens Nickerson, Gardens, San Fernando Gardens, William Mead, Imperial and Pico-Aliso to support recreational, educational, family development, and cultural activities.*

### **Computer Learning Centers**

HACLA operates 12 Computer Learning Centers (CLCs) at Aliso Village, Estrada Courts, Imperial Courts, Independent Square, Jordan Downs, Mar Vista Gardens, Nickerson Gardens, Pueblo del Rio, Ramona Gardens, Rose Hills, San Fernando Gardens, and William Mead. During the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2006, over 575 residents participated in CLC programs, spending over 12,857 hours in CLCs cumulatively.

### **Language Services**

The Language Service Unit's 2005-2006 accomplishments included

- Translating and editing approximately 270 documents of varying length for the Housing Services, Resident Relations, Section 8, Executive, and Planning Departments;
- Completing and coordinating translation of 50 documents into languages such as Cambodian, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Russian, American Sign Language, and Armenian.
- Providing simultaneous and consecutive interpretation for approximately 384 meetings, including HACLA Board, Resident Advisory Council/Resident Management Council, and other HACLA meetings;
- Coordinated interpretation services for approximately 46 RMC/RAC monthly meetings.