Los Angeles
HOUSING+COMMUNITY
Investment Department

Eric Garcetti, Mayor
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5/22/2018

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 **June 13, 2018** Housing Committee agenda.

1. Case No. **446670** represents the property at **5117 N BAKMAN AVE**. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on **4/17/2014**. 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.

2. Case No. **293756** represents the property at **1412 W 22ND ST**. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on **7/15/2010**. 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. **612442** represents the property at **1572 E VERNON AVE**. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on **7/3/2017**. 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.

4. Case No. **477719** represents the property at **3825 S WALL ST**. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on **4/9/2015**. 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. **612107** represents the property at **6505 PACIFIC AVE**. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on **8/17/2017**. 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. **591931** represents the property at **641 E VERNON AVE**. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on **7/3/2017**. 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. **588255** represents the property at **10030 S WESTERN AVE**. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on **1/4/2017**. 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. **458212** represents the property at **628 S VETERAN AVE**. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on **12/9/2014**. 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.

9. Case No. **620847** represents the property at **427 W 49TH ST**. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on **12/1/2017**. 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.

10. Case No. **612860** represents the property at **1204 S BEVERLY GREEN DR**. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on **7/31/2017**. 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.

11. Case No. **576151** represents the property at **523 W 39TH ST**. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on **1/4/2017**. 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.

12. Case No. **561033** represents the property at **844 S PLYMOUTH BLVD**. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on **9/15/2016**. 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.

13. Case No. **523710** represents the property at **1318 W MARYLAND ST**. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on **9/24/2015**. 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.

14. Case No. **516183** represents the property at **1318 W MARYLAND ST**. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on **9/24/2015**. 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.

15. Case No. **480914** represents the property at **1318 W MARYLAND ST**. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on **3/26/2015**. 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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Eric Garcetti, Mayor
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5/31/2018

Honorable Marqueece Harris-Dawson
Council Member, Eighth District
Room 450, City Hall Office

Attention: Solomon Rivera

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: **10030 S WESTERN AVE (Case No. 588255). Coalition for Economic Survival** 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 **6/13/2018.**

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: 6/13/2018

To:	Honorable Members of City Council
From:	Emerson Belen Rent Escrow Account Program
Date:	5/31/2018
REAP Case No.:	588255
Address:	10030 S WESTERN AVE
Effective date:	9/19/2016
Citing Agency:	HCIDLA Code Enforcement Unit
Violations:	Fire Warning Devices, Sanitation, Weatherproofing, Maintenance, Electrical, Plumbing/Gas, Heating/Ventilation
Recommendation:	REMOVAL

Background:

On 1/3/2017, the HCIDLA Hearings Unit received the referral from the HCIDLA Code Enforcement Unit listing outstanding Fire Warning Devices, Sanitation, Weatherproofing, Maintenance, Electrical, Plumbing/Gas, Heating/Ventilation violations with an effective date of 9/19/2016. The owner failed to comply and therefore was referred to REAP.

Update:

The Notice of Acceptance into REAP was sent on 1/4/2017. 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 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, (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 **10030 S WESTERN 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. **588255**); and

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment 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 and Community Investment Department is recommending closing the REAP escrow account, terminating the rent reductions and that the City Council allow the Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment 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 and Community Investment 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 re-inspections 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 XVI of the LAMC, any outstanding rent registration fees in a building 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 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 and Community Investment Department.

IN ADDITION, the Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment 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 and Community Investment Department for two annual inspections beyond the initial inspection and re-inspection 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 and Community Investment Department.

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REAP RESOLUTION WORKSHEET

COUNCIL FILE NO.: _____ CD: 8

REMOVAL x INCLUSION ____ RELEASE OF ESCROW FUNDS ____

CITED BY: HCIDLA Code Enforcement Unit

ADDRESS: 10030 S WESTERN AVE

CASE NO.: 588255

EFFECTIVE DATE: 9/19/2016

TYPE OF VIOLATION(S): Fire Warning Devices, Sanitation, Weatherproofing, Maintenance, Electrical, Plumbing/Gas, Heating/Ventilation

ASSESSOR ID NO.: 6059001007

REGISTRATION NO. NONE

OTHER REAP-RELATED ACTIVITIES AND/OR PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTIONS: None

COMMENTS: **Coalition for Economic Survival has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work.**