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RE: Notice of planned conversion of public housing to vouchers

Dear [REDACTED]

The Housing Authority has been approved for the Streamlined Voluntary Conversion (SVC) of the Low-Income Public Housing properties to convert to Section 8 Voucher Tenant Protection Vouchers (TPV). You may recall the letter we sent you November 4, 2019 with a program comparison attached. We were pleased to receive so much resident feedback via phones, meetings, email and at the Resident meeting we held November 20th at our office. This letter is to provide you with notice that the Low-Income Public Housing Program will convert to a Section 8 Voucher Tenant Protection Voucher program in no less than ninety days.

All 234 units owned by the Housing Authority will continue to be available as affordable housing to our current residents. **The public housing conversion retains every low-income residents' right to remain in their unit**, continuing to pay an affordable rent, approximately 30% of their income. The Housing Authority will conduct a new eligibility determination for each household. Within the next few weeks, we will reach out to all residents with a Section 8 voucher application packet to begin your eligibility determination. We will also schedule meetings with each household prior to the conversion, to answer any questions you may have, and to provide more information about your options with regards to housing.

All low-income residents (families at or below 80% median income) will receive Section 8 Vouchers Tenant Protection Vouchers (TPV). The TPV gives you options. In addition to the option of remaining in your current unit, **the voucher will give you the opportunity to move anywhere in the private rental market, in any unit where the landlord is willing to accept a voucher!** If you are interested in moving off-site with your Section 8 Voucher (tenant-based assistance), you need to request and receive approval from the Housing Authority. The Housing Authority can provide information about your choices, called 'mobility counseling.' The Housing Authority will pay reasonable relocation costs for residents who choose to move at the time of conversion.

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Again, no one will be required to move, and all residents may continue to remain in their unit paying an affordable income-based rent. All low-income residents will receive Section 8 vouchers giving you the OPTION to move if you want to. We are doing everything possible to make the conversion to vouchers easy and straightforward for you, and we would be happy to answer any questions you have. You can call Amy Gear at (831) 454-5928 or email her at AmyG@hacosantacruz.org or call Martin Gomez at (831) 454-5952 or email him at MartinG@hacosantacruz.org, or call Lizette Cantolan at (831) 454-5935 or email her at LizetteC@hacosantacruz.org.

Best regards,

Housing Authority of the County of Santa Cruz
Property Management Department

If you have a disability which precludes you from complying with this letter, please call (831) 454-5955, Monday through Thursday between 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM. The office is closed on Fridays.

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