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### **Oakland Housing Authority Announces Opening of Waitlist for Public Housing and Project-Based Voucher Sites**

OAKLAND, CA – Today, the Oakland Housing Authority (OHA), dedicated to providing quality housing for low-income families, seniors and people living with disabilities, announced it will open its waitlist inviting pre-applications for nine (9) different Public Housing and Project-Based Voucher Sites scattered throughout Oakland. Pre-applications will be accepted during a five (5) day period, from 12:01 a.m., Monday, September 24, 2012 to 11:59 p.m., Friday, September 28, 2012, using a web-based submission process only. For the third time, OHA will partner with the Oakland Public Library (OPL) and community-based organizations to provide access to computers and on-site technical assistance.

Following the close of the waitlist on Friday, September 28, a computerized lottery will be conducted by an independent third party vendor in which each pre-application will be assigned a number and drawn at random. The pre-applications selected in the lottery will then be ranked by preferences established in OHA's administrative policies. OHA sets numeric scores for preferences, which include applicants who are veterans, elderly, disabled, or who live or work in Oakland. Through the automated lottery system, an estimated 8,000 total households will be chosen for all nine (9) locations included in this waitlist opening. Notifications of lottery results will be sent to all applicants within 120 days from the close of the waitlist.

A separate waitlist will be generated for each location listed below. Households have the option to apply for more than one (1) location using the same web-based pre-application. Among the

many sites available, the newly renovated and award-winning, 100-unit Palo Vista Gardens in East Oakland, is designated for seniors. The Project-Based Voucher sites are typically 4-8-unit apartment complexes and are located throughout diverse neighborhoods in Oakland. Lockwood Gardens and Peralta Village are larger complexes that accommodate families, seniors and people with disabilities.

<b>Lockwood Gardens (AMP 4)</b> Located in East Oakland area	<b>Palo Vista (AMP 7)</b> Seniors only, 62 years of age or over Located in Central Oakland area	<b>Peralta Villa (AMP 8)</b> Located in West Oakland area
<b>Scattered Sites (AMP 9)</b> Located in Deep East Oakland area	<b>Scattered Sites (AMP 10)</b> Located in East Oakland area	<b>Scattered Sites (AMP 11)</b> Located in Fruitvale area
<b>Scattered Sites (AMP 12)</b> Located in San Antonio area	<b>Scattered Sites (AMP 13)</b> Located in West Oakland area	<b>Scattered Sites (AMP 14)</b> Located in North Oakland area

This current opening marks OHA’s commitment to open the waitlist more frequently and move potential residents from the waitlist into homes at a faster pace.

Eric Johnson, OHA Executive Director, stated, “We continue to improve both the quality of the housing we manage and the choices our clients have in where they live. This waitlist opportunity allows families to determine which property they feel is best for their household, which could be based on a number of considerations including their work, family and school.”

OHA provides affordable housing options for low- or very low-income families, who are at 50% Area Median Income (AMI) for Project-Based Voucher site units and 80% AMI for Public Housing units. The following chart indicates the income levels that qualify for the housing currently available.

<b>FY 2012 Income Limits</b>		
<b>FAMILY SIZE</b>	<b>Project-Based Voucher (AMP 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, &amp; 14) 50% AMI</b>	<b>Public Housing (AMP 4, 7, &amp; 8) 80% AMI</b>
<b>1 Person</b>	\$32,750	\$45,750
<b>2 Persons</b>	\$37,400	\$52,300
<b>3 Persons</b>	\$42,100	\$58,850
<b>4 Persons</b>	\$46,750	\$65,350
<b>5 Persons</b>	\$50,500	\$70,600
<b>6 Persons</b>	\$54,250	\$75,850
<b>7 Persons</b>	\$58,000	\$81,050
<b>8 Persons</b>	\$61,750	\$86,300

OHA continues its outreach to diverse cultures assuring equal access to the affordable housing that is so highly sought and critical to healthy communities throughout the Bay Area. Recognizing that many people, and low income people in particular, do not have home access to the internet, OHA is working hand-in-hand with OPL branches to facilitate the pre-application process. In addition to computer kiosks at OHA's East and West District Offices, eight (8) libraries throughout the City will be staffed with OHA staff volunteers during branch business hours, to assist potential tenants through the streamlined pre-application process.

The web-based pre-application process was incredibly successful during the last two (2) waitlist openings and is an invaluable tool in reducing human error, cutting printing costs and shortening the turnaround time for processing pre-applications. OHA is enthusiastic about the expansion of the online process because of the tremendous reduction of paper and waste that accompanies tens of thousands of paper applications.

The outreach and pre-application itself are available in four (4) languages, English, Spanish, Cantonese, and Vietnamese. Over fifty non-profit organizations are promoting and explaining the waitlist process to their clients after participating in a recent OHA-sponsored training.

**Computer and Internet Access Locations:**

- Oakland Housing Authority West District Office:  
935 Union Street, Oakland CA 94607 from 8:00 a.m.to 5:00 p.m.
  
- Oakland Housing Authority East District Office:  
1327 65th Avenue, Oakland, CA 94612 from 8:00 a.m.to 5:00 p.m.
  
- Oakland Public Library Branches:
  1. Asian branch
  2. Cesar Chavez
  3. Dimond Branch
  4. Eastmont Branch
  5. Golden Gate Branch
  6. Main Library
  7. West Branch
  8. 81st Ave East Oakland

**About Oakland Housing Authority**

Oakland Housing Authority is the largest provider of affordable housing in the City of Oakland and proudly delivers diverse housing choices to over 15,000 households in a service-oriented environment, while improving and expanding the housing options for future generations. For more information about the Oakland Housing Authority, please contact us at [info@oakha.org](mailto:info@oakha.org), visit our website at [www.oakha.org](http://www.oakha.org), or call 510-874-1653.

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