

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!



**HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
of the City of Long Beach

## New Year – New Changes!



As we welcome 2020, we also welcome new changes in laws, policies, and procedures. Added to that, we are also changing locations! We are excited to announce that we are moving! The details are still being ironed out, but we anticipate being in our new home by this summer. Stay tuned for updated information as we get closer to our move date.

By now, we're sure that you've heard of the new state law AB 1482, which deals with rent increases and evictions, among other things. We ask that you be patient with us as we try to figure out what pertains to the Housing Authority and what does not. There are many different legal opinions and, as we are not an enforcement agency, we have decided to continue business as usual. We are not rejecting any

rent increases or go day notices; however, should we receive these documents, we will direct the participants, your tenants, to go to Fair Housing or Legal Aide for further assistance. Please be advised that this new policy may change in the future. We will keep you updated on our website, [www.haclb.org](http://www.haclb.org), as changes occur.

Another change in policy has to do with our current shortfall. Because our payment standards are so high, we have overspent our budget. We had to revoke all new vouchers and place those applicants back on the waiting list. The shortfall also affects participants in the move process; we are unable to approve rents at an amount that is higher than the contract rent currently being subsidized. We are advising participants not to voluntarily move at this time.

Admittedly, all of these changes can be confusing. You are always welcome to attend an owner orientation or call the Housing Authority should you need more information. A complete list of 2020 orientation dates are listed on our website. You may also call or email Kari Faithful at [kari.fatihful@longbeach.gov](mailto:kari.fatihful@longbeach.gov) or (562) 570-6033.

As always, we thank you for your partnership and look forward to a productive and prosperous year. Welcome, 2020!

## United States Census 2020



The 2020 Census counts every person living in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and 5 U.S. territories. The count is mandated by the Constitution and conducted by the US Census Bureau. Each home will receive an invitation to respond to a short questionnaire – online, by phone, or by mail. The census provides critical data that is used to provide daily services. Products, and support for our community. Every year billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, housing, and other resources based on census data. The results of the census also determine the number of seats each state will have in the US House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional, state, and local legislative districts. The country conducts a count of its population once every 10 years. The 2020 census will mark the 24<sup>th</sup> time that the country has counted its population since 1790.\*

Don't miss your chance to be counted!

\*[2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov)

**2020 Owner Orientations**

Tuesday, January 21st, 12pm  
Orientation

Wednesday, February 19th, 4pm  
Presentation

Tuesday, March 17th, 4pm  
Orientation

Wednesday, April 15th, 12pm  
Presentation

Tuesday, May 19th, 12pm  
Orientation

Wednesday, June 17th, 4pm  
Presentation

Tuesday, July 21st, 4pm  
Orientation

Wednesday, August 19th, 12pm  
Presentation

Tuesday, September 15th, 12pm  
Orientation

Wednesday, October 21st, 4pm  
Presentation

Tuesday, November 17th, 4pm  
Orientation

Wed., December 16th, 12pm  
Presentation

Presentations will be updated on the HACLB website as more information becomes available. If there is a certain topic that you would like discussed, please email [kari.faithful@longbeach.gov](mailto:kari.faithful@longbeach.gov) to offer suggestions. We are open to all suggestions; however, we are unable to host presentations for any for-profit businesses or agencies.

We look forward to hearing from you!

**Long Beach Gray Panthers**



The HACLB is excited to announce that we are partnering with the Long Beach Gray Panthers to host a housing forum, tentatively scheduled for March 21, 2020. The event will be held at the Long Beach Senior Center, located at 1150 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Long Beach, 90802.

The purpose of the event is to provide for the education of the older adult community on the building of, enrolling in, and maintaining of housing. We are hopeful that many of you, our partner owners, will attend. For more information, please visit the Long Beach Gray Panther website at [longbeachgraypanthers.org](http://longbeachgraypanthers.org).

See you there!

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

***Fair Housing Foundation – (562) 989-1206***

*Fair Housing Workshop*  
March 25, 2020  
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Michelle Obama Library  
5870 Atlantic Ave.  
Long Beach, CA 90805  
(562) 989-1836

To RSVP to an event, visit <http://www.fairhousingfoundation.com/10/2017/calendar.html>. These events are held free of cost.

**Important Numbers**

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**Intake Coordinator**

Mechell Roberts 570-6285

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