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Dear Development Community Partners,

The Accessible Housing Program (AcHP) team of the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) is issuing a clarification of the LAHD's Affordable Housing Managed Pipeline NOFA, Exhibit 8 - ENHANCED ACCESSIBILITY PROGRAM (EAP) requirements set forth in the VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT (VCA) between the City and the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).

This letter is providing direction for compliance with the EAP and VCA in the following mandatory requirement which states:

EAP Requirement #10 - Table 1A. Required Enhanced Accessibility Features for Both Future Housing Developments & Developments Subject to Substantial Alterations

10. Provide accessible trash disposal options at all trash disposal sites throughout the development by providing power or (in the case of fire doors) manually operated door openers and closers that allow for five (5) pounds maximum force.

VCA Appendix 5 Requirement #10 - Required Enhanced Accessibility Features for Both Future Housing Developments & Developments Subject to Substantial Alterations

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Clarification of Requirement #10 from Table 1A of Exhibit 8 EAP

The requirement is for the trash rooms, trash areas, entry doors or gates. Shall have power operated openers or manually operated door openers and closers that allow for five (5) pounds maximum force. Trash chute doors shall comply with 2010 ADA 309, CBC 11B-309.

Compliance with Requirement #10 from Table 1A of Exhibit 8 EAP

The Development team shall include all of the following information on the specification sheets of the plans submitted for permit clearance and approval by the Los Angeles Department of Building & Safety (LADBS) and AcHP:

EAP Requirement #10 - Table 1A

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- The door openers and closers that allow for five (5) pounds maximum force is an ongoing requirement throughout the life of the building; ensure the products specified at these locations will continually comply with the requirement;
- Plans that clearly identify accessible trash disposal options at all trash disposal sites throughout the development by providing power or manually operated door openers and closers that allow for five (5) pounds maximum force;
- The system is to be used for compliance with Requirement #10;
- Elevations on plans showing accessible trash disposal systems installed and hardware installed at accessible heights.

Prior to AcHP Pre-TCO inspections, the Development team shall provide a CASp report confirming the trash disposal with Requirement #10 Table 1A. The report shall include the accessible trash disposal has been installed according to the approved stamped plans.

Sincerely,

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