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**Karen Bass, Mayor** 

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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 optional features requirement which states:

## EAP Requirement #10 - Table 2. Optional Enhanced Accessibility Features – At least 5 Features Must Be Selected

10. Install accessible smart home controls (e.g., thermostat, lighting, etc.) operable by means of a smartphone, tablet, or other type of computer.

# VCA Appendix 5 Requirement #9 - Optional Enhanced Accessibility Features – At least 5 Features Must be Selected

9. Install accessible in-home controls (e.g., thermostat, lighting, etc.).

#### Clarification of Requirement #10 from Table 2 of Exhibit 8 EAP

The requirement is to provide commercially available smart thermostats and lighting controls in all units throughout the Development.

All smart controls shall be operable via smartphone, tablet, or computer.

Motion sensors are not smart controls unless they are operable via smartphone, tablet, or computer.

The Development shall not be responsible for providing phones, tablets, computers, Wi-Fi, or internet service in order for devices to operate.

## Compliance with Requirement #10 from Table 2 of Exhibit 8 EAP

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

### EAP Requirement #10 - Table 2.

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• Plans that clearly identify smart thermostats and lighting controls to be used throughout the Development.

Prior to AcHP's final inspections, the Development team shall provide a CASp report confirming that the units are provided with smart controls per Requirement #10 and this clarification.

Sincerely,

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Tricia Keane

**Executive Officer and AcHP Settlement Coordinator** 

Los Angeles Housing Department