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

4. Where carpet is used in public and common use areas of the development, specify pile thickness of 3/8 inch or less measuring to the backing cushion or pad that is firm.

VCA Appendix 5 Requirement #4 - Optional Enhanced Accessibility Features – At least 5 Features Must be Selected

4. Where carpet is used, specify pile thickness of 3/8 inch or less measuring to the backing cushion or pad that is firm.

Clarification of Requirement #4 from Table 2 of Exhibit 8 EAP

The requirement is: Carpets can be used in Public or Common areas; and if carpet is used, it has to have a hard surface underneath and not a soft padding that makes it difficult to push on. Additionally, the pile has to be a bit shorter than what is allowed in the Standards, with a 3/8" total thickness.

Optional Requirement #4 from Table 2 shall not be claimed if the development provides laminate throughout the common areas since the EAP states "*where carpet is used...*"

EAP Requirement #4 - Table 2

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Compliance with Requirement #4 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:

- Provide plans with the flooring to be installed;
- Provide notes on plans that when the flooring is carpet, it has to have a hard surface underneath and not a soft padding that makes it difficult to push on. Moreover, the pile has to be a bit shorter than what is allowed in the Standards with a 3/8" total thickness.

Before AcHP's final inspections, the Development team shall provide a CASp report confirming that all flooring complies throughout the Development.

Sincerely,



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