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

- 5. When carpet is the standard in rooms within units in a development, ensure that a hard finished floor is installed beneath the carpet in such rooms in accessible units.*

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

- 5. When carpet is the standard in rooms within units in a development, ensure that a hard finished floor is installed beneath the carpet in such rooms in mobility units.*

Clarification of Requirement #5 from Table 2 of Exhibit 8 EAP

The requirement is: Carpet can be used in the units but it should be of equal quality, as compared to non-accessible units. 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 #5 from Table 2 shall not be claimed if the development provides laminate throughout the units, since the EAP states "*When carpet is the standard in rooms within units...*"

EAP Requirement #5 - Table 2

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Compliance with Requirement #5 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 the unit flooring complies throughout the Development.

Sincerely,



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