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## SACRAMENTO HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER (FORMERLY SECTION 8) WAIT LIST OPENS JANUARY 16, 2018

**Sacramento, CA** – The Housing Authority of the County of Sacramento will open the wait list for the Housing Choice Voucher program on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 12:01 a.m. until Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 11:59 p.m.

Applicants can use any device with internet access to complete the application at www.sacwaitlist.com. There is no cost to apply for housing and a credit report is not needed to apply. However, Sacramento Housing Authority officials caution applicants not to use any other website to apply for the wait list. A number of websites charge fees to submit an application and may require personal information such as social security numbers or debit/credit card information to apply for assistance. This is a scam and could lead to possible identity theft. Housing Authority officials advise that the best way to find the correct website to fill out the application is to type www.sacwaitlist.com directly into the website address bar usually located at the top left of the browser on the computer screen.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The application submission process is supported in the following browsers: Google Chrome, FireFox, and Internet Explorer 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and Safari. The application can be completed using iPhone, Android and iPad mobile devices.

Wait list preferences are given to families who are homeless or rent burdened, have a family member who is a veteran, have a family member who is disabled, and who live or work in Sacramento County.

A confirmation receipt is issued immediately after the application is submitted.

A total of 7,000 applicants will be placed on the wait list through random selection after the wait list has closed. For more information, go to <u>www.shra.org</u>. Under the Find Housing tab, select Housing Choice Voucher Program.

The Housing Authority of the County of Sacramento's housing programs serve very low income families and individuals. Eligible families will receive rental assistance as funds are available. Criminal background checks are conducted on all adults applying for housing.

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**SHRA** (www.shra.org) is a Joint Powers Authority created by the City and County of Sacramento to represent both jurisdictions for affordable housing and community redevelopment needs. SHRA has a FY 2018 budget of \$190.7 million and 232 employees. The Agency owns and/ manages over 2,700 units of affordable housing and is one of the largest landlords in Sacramento. SHRA also administers approximately 12,900 rent assistance vouchers per month.