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### **SACRAMENTO HOUSING AUTHORITY OPENS HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER (HCV/FORMERLY SECTION 8) PROGRAM TENANT BASED WAIT LIST**

**Sacramento, CA** - The Housing Authority of the County of Sacramento will open the wait list for the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV/formerly Section 8) tenant based vouchers on Monday, September 15 at 12:01 a.m. until Friday, September 26 at 11:59 p.m.

Interested persons should apply online at [www.sacwaitlist.com](http://www.sacwaitlist.com). Applicants can use any device with Internet access to complete the application. A confirmation receipt is issued immediately after the application is submitted. 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 or a search engine like Google to apply for the voucher 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 a voucher. These websites falsely claim that this information is needed for a credit check to submit an application for a housing voucher. This is a scam and could lead to possibly identify 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](http://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 preference is given to families who are:

- Living, or working in Sacramento County, and
- Permanently disabled, and
- Rent burdened (pay over 50 percent of gross income toward rent).

A total of 5,000 applicants will be placed on the wait list through random selection after the wait list has closed.

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. Fingerprint criminal background checks are conducted on all adults applying for housing.

**SHRA** ([www.shra.org](http://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 2014 budget of \$167.7 million and 225 employees. The Agency owns and manages 3,144 units of public housing and is one of the largest landlords in Sacramento. SHRA also administers approximately 11,800 rent assistance vouchers per month.