



January 9, 2009

Honorable Members of City Council City of Los Angeles Room 395, City Hall Attention: City Clerk

#### REMOVAL OF PROPERTIES FROM THE RENT ESCROW ACCOUNT PROGRAM (REAP)

The Los Angeles Housing Department is recommending the termination of the rent reductions and the termination of the escrow account for the properties listed below, thereby removing the properties from the Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP).

- 1 Case No. <u>53681</u> represents property at <u>1612 W 84TH ST</u>
  The Notice of Acceptance was sent on <u>4/18/2002</u>
  Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies.
  The corrections have been verified by the <u>Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit</u>
  Furthermore, verification of all tenant issues at the property have also been addressed by the Inquilinos Unidos
- 2 Case No. 151893 represents property at 1961 S HOLT AVE
  The Notice of Acceptance was sent on 1/10/2008
  Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies.
  The corrections have been verified by the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit
  Furthermore, verification of all tenant issues at the property have also been addressed by the
  Los Angeles Housing Law Project
- 3 Case No. 179166 represents property at 2220 S WEST BLVD
  The Notice of Acceptance was sent on 8/14/2008
  Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies.
  The corrections have been verified by the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit Furthermore, verification of all tenant issues at the property have also been addressed by the Inner City Law Center
- 4 Case No. 172381 represents property at 2952 WELLINGTON ROAD

  The Notice of Acceptance was sent on 6/12/2008

  Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies.

  The corrections have been verified by the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit Furthermore, verification of all tenant issues at the property have also been addressed by the Coalition for Economic Survival
- 5 Case No. 179720 represents property at 3321 W 54TH ST
  The Notice of Acceptance was sent on 9/4/2008
  Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies.
  The corrections have been verified by the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit Furthermore, verification of all tenant issues at the property have also been addressed by the Inner City Law Center

- 6 Case No. 77065 represent property at 3612 W 30TH ST

  The Notice of Acceptance was sent on 2/22/2007

  Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies.

  The corrections have been verified by the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit Furthermore, verification of all tenant issues at the property have also been addressed by the Los Angeles Housing Law Project
- 7 Case No. 54297 represents property at 3612 W 30TH ST
  The Notice of Acceptance was sent on 7/28/2005
  Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies.
  The corrections have been verified by the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit Furthermore, verification of all tenant issues at the property have also been addressed by the Los Angeles Housing Law Project
- 8 Case No. 198467 represents property at 8711 W BURTON WAY
  The Notice of Acceptance was sent on 11/20/2008
  Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies.
  The corrections have been verified by the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit Furthermore, verification of all tenant issues at the property have also been addressed by the 0
- 9 Case No. 205378 represents property at 9718 S GLASGOW PL
  The Notice of Acceptance was sent on 11/13/2008
  Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies.
  The corrections have been verified by the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit Furthermore, verification of all tenant issues at the property have also been addressed by the Los Angeles Housing Law Project

The Los Angeles Housing Department requests the City Council to consider this matter as soon as possible for the purpose of removing the properties from the REAP/RRP.

MERCEDES MÁRQUEZ GENERAL MANAGER

> Anny Surmenian, Manager Rent Escrow Account Program

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Attachments: Resolutions





1/9/2009

Honorable Herb J. Wesson, Jr. Council Member, Tenth District Room 430, City Hall Office

Attention: Andrew Westall

PROPERTY RECOMMENDED FOR REMOVAL FROM THE RENT ESCROW ACCOUNT PROGRAM (REAP)

The Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) is recommending to the City Council the termination of the rent reductions and the termination of the escrow account for the units placed into the REAP program at the following address: 3612 W 30TH ST (Case No. 54297). The LAHD Code Enforcement Unit has signed off on all orders affecting the units and the common areas and there are no other outstanding orders affecting the units or the common areas. The Los Angeles Housing Law Project has verified that all tenant issues have been addressed. In addition, the utility charges pertaining to the property have been paid to the satisfaction of the Department of Water and Power. Attached is the referral letter listing the outstanding deficiencies noted by the citing department. The matter is scheduled to be heard by the City Council on 1/16/2009.

Should you or your staff need additional information, please call the REAP/RRP Unit at (213) 808-8500.

MERCEDES MARQUEZ GENERAL MANAGER

Attachments: Referral Notice

| Jase Ac   | tivity Report   | CASE #   | : 54297  | Hes_  | 8538 111                         |
|---|---|--|--|---|----------------------------------|
| APN:<br>CD:   | 5051030001<br>10  | 3612 W 30TH ST<br>Los Angeles 90018  | ```  | Case Sub Type   | Le<br>De                         |
| Census Tract: 219300<br>RSU: 0377135                                      |   | LUPAMS / BOE<br>JABE,DESALEGN K AND  | Source REAP Ro   |   |                                  |
| HPOZ:   | No  | 03002 S BRONSON AVE<br>LOS ANGELES CA 90018                                  | Inspector<br>Case Manager                                  |   | H<br>M                           |
| Total Units (LAHD): 4 Total SCEP Exemptions: 4                            |   | LAHD:<br>DESALEGN K JABE/ DEMI<br>3002 S BRONSON AVE<br>LOS ANGELES CA 90018 | Phone No.  |   |                                  |
| View NTC/S Comp NTC I   | Substandard Print Date liance Date Reinspection Date ctor Extension | 12/05  | Referred to Buil<br>Referred to<br>Referred to             | Sr. Inspector<br>Pr. Inspector<br>eferred to CM<br>PMTP | 7/2/05                           |
| Sr.Inspector Extension  View Photos  Supporting Documents of approved use |   |  | Notice of  | er To Hearing<br>f GM Hearing                           | 7/22/05                          |
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| <u>View</u> Tenant Matrix<br><u>View</u> FTC                              |   |  | GM Hearing Date<br>Referred To Legal Date                  |   |                                  |
| View Substandard Document # Substandard Record Date                       |   |  | Referred to CA Date CA Filed Date Remaining Violations N/A |   |                                  |
| Substandard Termination Date  View FTB Document #  FTB Record Date        |   |  | All Violations   | •   | 9/19/08 -                        |
|   | Cermination Date Cancellation Date                                  |  | Outreach   | en Contractor L   | os Angeles Housing<br>aw Project |
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| View Sr. Appeal  View Re-Inspection Report                                |   |  | REAP   | Case Balance<br>ccount Closed<br>Date                   |                                  |
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# STATU REPORT FOR CITY COUNCIL M TING

City Council Date: 1/16/2009

To:

Honorable Members of City Council

From:

Anny Surmenian

Manager, Rent Escrow Account Program

Date:

1/9/2009

**REAP Case No.:** 

54297

Address:

3612 W 30TH ST

CD#:

10

Owner:

Desalegn K Jabe/Demis Girma

No. of units:

4

No. of units cited:

4

Citing Agency:

Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit

**Violations:** 

Fire Warning Devices, Exiting, Sanitation, Weatherproofing, Maintenance, Electrical, Plumbing/Gas, Heating/Ventilation

Recommendation:

REMOVAL

Effective date:

3/2/2005

# **Background:**

On 7/22/2005, LAHD received the referral from the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit listing outstanding Fire Warning Devices, Exiting, Sanitation, Weatherproofing, Maintenance, Electrical, Plumbing/Gas, Heating/Ventilation violations with an effective date of 3/2/2005. The owner failed to comply and therefore was referred to REAP.

The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent out on 7/28/2005, placing the property into REAP.

## **Update:**

On 9/19/2008, the LAHD Code Enforcement Unit provided documentation signing off the property. On 1/5/2009 the Los Angeles Housing Law Project verified that all tenant issues have been addressed.

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has made a commitment to preserve the City's housing stock in safe and sanitary conditions using code enforcement and encouraging landlord compliance with respect to the maintenance and repair of residential buildings; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 173810, (REAP) was adopted by the City Council and Mayor to be cumulative to and in addition to any other remedy available at law, to enforce the purposes of the Housing Code and to encourage compliance by landlords with respect to the maintenance and repair of residential buildings, structures, premises and portions of those buildings, structures, premises; and

WHEREAS, the owner(s) of the property located at 3612 W 30TH ST, hereinafter "the subject property", was cited for violations which caused the placement of the property into the Rent Escrow Account Program, (REAP Case No. 54297); and

WHEREAS, the property owner has corrected the cited violations and the staff of the Los Angeles Housing Department have verified compliance with regard to the above mentioned REAP Case; and

WHEREAS, the property owner has paid to the satisfaction of the Department of Water and Power any electric service and/or water charges; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Housing Law Project verified that all tenant issues have been addressed; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Housing Department is recommending closing the REAP escrow account, terminating the rent reductions and that the City Council allow the Los Angeles Housing Department to release escrow funds as provided for in the REAP Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, LAMC section 162.08 (d) through (g) (REAP) provides recovery by the Los Angeles Housing Department of administrative fees and penalties including outstanding rent registration fees and penalties, inspection fees, added inspection costs or administrative costs, and pre-paid monitoring fees for two annual inspections beyond the initial inspection and reinspections included in the Systematic Code Enforcement fee;

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL THAT:

All orders affecting the units and the common areas have been signed off by the appropriate Enforcement Agency; that there are no other outstanding orders affecting the units or common areas of the building, and all electric service and/or water charges pertaining to the property have been paid to the satisfaction of the Department of Water and Power.

**FURTHERMORE**, City Council terminates the rent reductions and pursuant to Section 162.08F the rent will be restored to the original level 30 days after the Department mails the tenants the notice of the restoration.

IN ADDITION, City Council terminates the rent escrow account and the funds in the escrow account shall be paid to the extent available in the following order: Administrative fees pursuant to Section 162.07B1 that have not yet been collected, any outstanding fees and penalties imposed pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter XV of the Rent Stabilization Ordinance, any outstanding rent registration fees in an RSO building and any penalties thereto pursuant to Section 151.05, any remaining funds shall be returned to the current landlord.

**SPECIFICALLY**, The subject property shall be removed from the Rent Escrow Account Program and the Controller is authorized to expend funds from the Code Enforcement Trust Fund #41M to reduce liability from the REAP Escrow Account #2220 upon proper demand by the General Manager of the Los Angeles Housing Department.

IN ADDITION, the Los Angeles Housing Department shall conduct an expedited systematic inspection of the subject property and impose inspection fees and administrative costs associated with such inspections; the owner of the subject property shall prepay the Los Angeles Housing Department for two annual inspections beyond the initial inspection and reinspection included in the Systematic Code Enforcement fee for the subject property. Termination of the REAP recording, filed with the County Recorder's Office, and release of the escrow funds to the owner of the subject property shall be conditioned on the payment of all outstanding fees penalties, and costs to the Los Angeles Housing Department.

# REAP RESOLUTION

| COUNCIL FILE NO.:                  | CD: <u>10</u>                      |  |  |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|
| REMOVAL x INCLUSION                | RELEASE OF ESCROW FUNDS            |  |  |
| CITED BY: Los Angeles Housing D    | epartment Code Enforcement Unit    |  |  |
| ADDRESS: 3612 W 30TH ST            |                                    |  |  |
| CASE NO.: <u>54297</u>             | ,                                  |  |  |
| EFFECTIVE DATE: 3/2/2005           |                                    |  |  |
| TYPE OF VIOLATION(S): Fire Warr    | ning Devices, Exiting, Sanitation, |  |  |
| Weatherproofing, Maintenance       | e, Electrical, Plumbing/Gas,       |  |  |
| Heating/Ventilation                |                                    |  |  |
| ASSESSOR ID NO.: <u>5051030001</u> |                                    |  |  |
| REGISTRATION NO. NONE              | ,                                  |  |  |
| OTHER REAP-RELATED ACTIVITIES      | AND/OR PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTIONS:   |  |  |
| None                               |                                    |  |  |
|                                    |                                    |  |  |
| COMMENTS: The Los Angeles Hous     | ing Law Project verified that all  |  |  |

tenant issues have been addressed.