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Honorable Members of City Council

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Room 395, City Hall

Attention: City Clerk

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

The Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) recommends 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).

Please calendar the following REAP cases for the **4/19/2022** City Council agenda.

1. Case No. **722640** represents the property at **1812 S UNION AVE**, Assessor I.D. No. **5135026019**. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on **10/8/2021**. Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies. **Coalition for Economic Survival** has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Furthermore, the **LAHD Code Enforcement Unit** independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.
2. Case No. **692437** represents the property at **8617 N WILBUR AVE**, Assessor I.D. No. **2784004055**. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on **1/31/2020**. Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies. **Inner City Law Center** has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Furthermore, the **LAHD Code Enforcement Unit** independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.
3. Case No. **764938** represents the property at **1519 E BRIDGE ST**, Assessor I.D. No. **5174003005**. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on **1/19/2022**. Since that time, **Strategic Actions for a Just Economy** has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Furthermore, the **LAHD Code Enforcement Unit** independently evaluated and cleared the property of all cited code violations.

4. Case No. **702016** represents the property at **1459 W HEPNER AVE**, Assessor I.D. No. **5480022030**. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on **10/8/2021**. Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies. **Inner City Law Center** has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Furthermore, the **LAHD Code Enforcement Unit** independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.

5. No. **734843** represents the property at **357 E IMPERIAL HWY**, Assessor I.D. No. **6073028001**. The notice of acceptance into REAP was sent on **11/5/2021**. Since that time, the owner of the indicated property has corrected the cited deficiencies. **Strategic Actions for a Just Economy** has provided their advisory opinion to the Department as to the completion of the work. Furthermore, the **LAHD Code Enforcement Unit** independently evaluated and determined the cited code violations were corrected.

The LAHD requests the City Council to consider this matter as soon as possible for the purpose of removing the properties from the REAP.

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GENERAL MANAGER

By: _____

Angela Strauss

Rent Escrow Account Program

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Attachments: Resolutions

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Honorable Kevin De Leon

Council Member, Fourteenth District

Room 465, City Hall Office

Attention: Sarah Palacios

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

The Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) recommends City Council terminate the rent reductions and escrow account for the units placed into the REAP program at the following address: **1519 E BRIDGE ST (Case No. 764938)**. The **LAHD Code Enforcement Unit** inspected and cleared all cited code violations. 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 **4/19/2022**.

Should you or your staff need additional information, please call the REAP Unit at (844) 864-REAP.

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GENERAL MANAGER

Attachments: Referral Notice

STATUS REPORT FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Council Date: 4/19/2022

To: Honorable Members of City Council
From: Angela Strauss
Rent Escrow Account Program
Date: 4/12/2022
REAP Case No.: 764938
Address: 1519 E BRIDGE ST
Effective date: 9/30/2020
Citing Agency: LAHD Code Enforcement Unit
Violations: Maintenance, Plumbing/Gas
Recommendation: REMOVAL

Background:

On 9/1/2021, the LAHD Hearings Unit received the referral from the LAHD Code Enforcement Unit listing outstanding Maintenance, Plumbing/Gas violations with an effective date of 9/30/2020. The owner failed to comply and therefore was referred to REAP.

Update:

The Notice of Acceptance into REAP was sent on 1/19/2022. Since that time, the LAHD Code Enforcement Unit inspected the property and cleared the cited code violations. LAHD recommends that the property be removed from REAP.

RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 173,810, the Rent Escrow Account Program (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, and premises and portions of those buildings, structures, and premises; and

WHEREAS, the owner(s) of the property located at **1519 E BRIDGE ST**, hereinafter "the subject property," was cited for violations which caused the placement of the property into REAP (Case No. **764938**); and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) Code Enforcement Unit independently evaluated and cleared the cited code violations; and

WHEREAS, the property owner has paid to the satisfaction of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) any outstanding and non-appealable electric service and/or water charges; and

WHEREAS, LAHD recommends closing the REAP escrow account and terminating the rent reductions ordered for the subject property and releasing escrow funds pursuant to REAP; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 162.08 (D) through (G) provides recovery by LAHD 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 re-inspections included in the Systematic Code Enforcement Program (SCEP) fee;

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

All orders affecting the units and the common areas have been cleared by the appropriate enforcement agency; no other outstanding orders affecting the units or common areas of the building remain; and all outstanding and non-appealable electric service and/or water charges pertaining to the subject property have been paid to the satisfaction of LADWP.

THEREFORE, City Council terminates rent reductions ordered pursuant to REAP and pursuant to LAMC Section 162.08.F, rent will be restored to the original levels 30 days after LAHD mails the tenants of the subject property the notice of the restoration. The Department shall file and record with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office a certificate terminating the REAP recording on the subject property.

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 LAMC Section 162.07.B.1 that have not yet been collected; any outstanding fees and penalties imposed pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter XVI of the LAMC; any outstanding rent registration fees due if the subject property is subject to the Rent Stabilization Ordinance and any penalties thereto pursuant to LAMC Sections 151.05 and 151.15. Any remaining funds shall be returned to the property owner.

The subject property shall be removed from REAP 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 LAHD.

IN ADDITION, LAHD 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 LAHD for two annual inspections beyond the initial inspection and re-inspection included in the SCEP fee for the subject property.

REAP RESOLUTION WORKSHEET

COUNCIL FILE NO.: _____ CD: 14 _____

REMOVAL x INCLUSION _____ RELEASE OF ESCROW FUNDS _____

CITED BY: LAHD Code Enforcement Unit

ADDRESS: 1519 E BRIDGE ST

CASE NO.: 764938

EFFECTIVE DATE: 9/30/2020

TYPE OF VIOLATION(S): Maintenance, Plumbing/Gas

ASSESSOR ID NO.: 5174003005

REGISTRATION NO. NONE

OTHER	REAP-RELATED	ACTIVITIES	AND/OR	PREVIOUS	COUNCIL	ACTIONS:
<u>None</u>						

COMMENTS: _____