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RE: UPDATE ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN AND THE IMPACT ON THE HOUSING  
CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

Dear Landlords:

As you may know, due to the federal government's inability to approve a federal budget or extend funding authorization through a Continuing Resolution, the federal government entered into a partial government shutdown on December 22, 2018. One of the agencies impacted is the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which administers the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program (HCV).

Housing agencies, including the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara, received funding for the HCV program for payments to our landlord partners for January and we have been informed by HUD that HCV program funding will also be available for February. ***However, as of the date of this letter, no Section 8 HCV funding from HUD to pay landlords is in place or authorized for March.***

The Housing Authority is seeking approval from HUD to access reserves to fund the March payments to landlords should the shutdown continue. Our office will continue to keep you updated, as well as updating the Housing Authority website [www.hacsb.org](http://www.hacsb.org), with new information as it becomes available.

We value our relationship with all of our participating landlords and given the extraordinary circumstances, I ask for your continued partnership in housing voucher families in need. We will continue to explore options to avoid any interruptions in housing assistance payments beyond February.

Should you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 805-897-1051 or Veronica Loza, our Director of Housing Programs, at 805-897-1032. Thank you for your patience and consideration.

Sincerely,

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ROB FREDERICKS  
Executive Director/CEO

cc: Housing Authority Commission  
Santa Barbara City Council