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**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF ANTICIPATED TERMINATION OF SECTION 8 ASSISTANCE UNDER THE EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHERS (EHV) PROGRAM**

Dear Participant,

This letter serves as formal notice that funding for the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program administered by the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara (HACSB) is anticipated to be exhausted on or about September 30, 2026.

The EHV program was created as a temporary COVID pandemic relief program to provide rental assistance for a limited time. At the inception of this program, housing assistance payments were projected to remain available through 2030, or until allocated funding had been expended.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has informed all housing authorities nationwide, including HACSB that available funding for the EHV program will not extend through 2030 as originally anticipated.

At this time, based on all information available, there are no additional funds to cover housing assistance payments starting October 1, 2026. As a result, Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) made on your behalf under the EHV program will end **September 30, 2026**.

This decision is not eligible for appeal via informal hearing, as it is not a decision being made about a specific family. HUD is ending the program for all families.

HACSB is closely monitoring Federal updates, maintaining active communication with HUD and exploring any viable option to prolong providing you with rental assistance. As stated, if there are any updates we will inform you immediately. If there are no updates to the funding, you will receive a final notice of termination of assistance at the end of July 2026.

You landlord has been made aware of this situation.

At this time, HACSB:

- Is reviewing all households for possible transition opportunities.
- Is coordinating with community partners and service providers.
- Encourages households to begin preparing for changes in rental assistance.
- HACSB will not enter into a new HAP contracts, meaning we will not approve any moves, transfers, or portability requests.

Please note:

- Your lease with your landlord remains in effect.
- If EHV assistance ends and no alternate subsidy is available, you will become responsible for the full contract rent.
- Additional resources and referrals may be available through local service providers.
- HACSB cannot guarantee we can connect all EHV households with another affordable housing solution

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You may contact Tiffany Morten, your Housing Authority Case Manager, at 805-897-1084 with any questions. Please also refer to the frequently asked questions attached.

Sincerely,

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