



**Chicago Housing Authority
Board of Commissioners Public Session
July 20, 2021 – CHA Central Office, 60 E. Van Buren**

	Name	Question/Comment	Response
1	Ms. Jackson	For Emergency Vouchers, the process for the most vulnerable people who need emergency housing is lengthy and challenging. It is unfair that the homeless and people who most need emergency housing have to jump hoops to apply and get an emergency voucher.	<p>Thank you for your comment. Available starting July 1, 2021, CHA received approximately 1,100 Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs) as part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. CHA is working with the Chicago Continuum of Care to develop an applicant screening and prioritization process. For additional information, please visit CHA’s website: https://www.thecha.org/residents/housing-choice-voucher-hcv-program/emergency-housing-vouchers-ehvs</p> <p>If you need a place to sleep immediately, please call the City of Chicago’s 311 service system to be connected to an emergency shelter. If you need homeless prevention resources, please contact the City of Chicago’s 311 service system and use the term “short-term help” to be transferred to the Homeless Prevention Call Center.</p>
2	Denise Mason	Forced to move into project-based voucher unit with mold that is affecting her health.	Thank you for your comment. HCV Operations staff continue to work with Ms. Mason on concerns related to her housing.
3	Jackie Paige	Would like to speak in support of voucher holder Denise Mason and why cases like hers highlight the need for an elected representative Board for voucher participants.	Thank you for your comment. The CHA reestablished the HCV Participant Advisory Council in March 2021 with a focus on aligning it with HUD regulations. The new council was selected by CHA following eight weeks of public outreach (including e-blasts and info. sessions) and submission of applications by interested voucher participants. The Participant Advisory Council meets quarterly to assist and make recommendations regarding the development of the CHA MTW Annual Plan. In addition, CHA will also solicit feedback on changes to the HCV Administrative Plan and other policies and procedures that may impact the HCV Program.

4	Leslie Kniskern	Concerns about a CHA property at 2956 N Oak Park. The property has been vacant for 11 years and is in disrepair. The gutters are not functional and unrestrained rainfall is causing foundation problems for the senior citizens living north of the property. The property is overrun by raccoons and other animals and Animal Control refuses to leave their traps unattended. The smell of dead animal from across the alley became so overwhelming my family experienced negative physical symptoms and we could not enjoy the outdoors for three days. We implore CHA to immediately tear down 2956 N. Oak Park Ave.	<p>Thank you for your comment. CHA has been working closely with Alderman Villegas to address community concerns regarding the property. The property has been secured from the inside, and it remains barricaded and locked. The posted property management sign includes the management firm's phone number so neighbors can call if the site requires attention between scheduled maintenance visits.</p> <p>CHA contacted City of Chicago Animal Care and Control and they visited the neighborhood to address complaints regarding raccoons.</p>
5	Angela Parker	Commenting about challenges with the Section 3 Program.	<p>Thank you for your comment. CHA is committed to fulfilling HUD'S Section 3 requirements and supporting resident-owned small businesses. CHA's new Section 3 pre-qualified vendor pool includes many vendors who have previously had contracting relationships with our agency. Work has been assigned to vendors in this pool since the beginning of the year, and we continue to make more opportunities available.</p> <p>In addition, Section 3 vendors who are not part of the pre-qualified vendor pool also have opportunities for contracts, which are posted on CHA's website. CHA values the role minority, small, and resident-owned businesses play in helping us deliver quality, affordable housing, and we will continue working with these businesses to ensure they have access to opportunities. For additional information and resources, please visit CHA's website: https://www.thecha.org/residents/workforce-opportunity-resource-center</p>
6	George Blakemore	Comment concerning the negative impact that illegal immigrants have on CHA.	Your comment has been received.

7	Herman Bonner	<p>I have seen results of gentrification and displacement of public housing tenants. Now the tenants are being displaced all around the country and they can't move back to where they came from. For example, Stateway Gardens was not just a place to stay, it had a lot of history. When you redevelop the community there was no consideration for people who were removed from the community. The system didn't care about where they went. Because it's affordable doesn't mean you can afford it. I was born and raised in public housing but I am not now and wasn't during demolition. When the land got beautiful why couldn't people come back.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. Through CHA's Choose to Own Homeownership Program (CTO), qualified Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher participants can use their housing subsidy to buy a home and receive monthly assistance with a portion of their mortgage payment. For additional information and resources pertaining to this program, please visit CHA's website: https://www.thecha.org/residents/services/choose-to-own-homeownership-program</p>
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