



**Chicago Housing Authority  
Board of Commissioners Public Session  
September 20, 2022 – CHA HQ – 60 E. Van Buren**

	Name	Question/Comment	Response
1	Michele Dreczynski	<p>I am with the Near North Unity Program. A community driven plan drives all of our work. On Sept. 10 I submitted via email a letter to the Board and I was unsure if you all go this letter? It outlines resident concerns about vacant properties. I know CHA is working with stakeholders to address illegal use of properties. Residents are frightened and because there are no addresses at the property it is tough for us to report concerns to police. I am asking if it is possible to put addresses on your properties. Also people are leaving trash after large illegal parties. I know we can all work together, thank you very much.</p>	<p>At the Board meeting CEO Scott responded to Ms. Dreczynski with the following:</p> <p>Thank you for your comments. We prioritize public safety and we want to be good neighbors. We have been discussing these gatherings in your neighborhood with Alderman Burnett's office as well as the Chicago Police Department and the Park District. We are working to coordinate that response to ensure that safety is paramount and that these gatherings that are not approved, are not happening. We have put up 'No Trespassing' signs recently and we are also in the process of looking at other barriers at our property and working closely with the police department and Park District to make sure the gatherings don't even start. We will continue working to address this with you, and other community stakeholders.</p>
2	Jennie Newsome	<p>I am the Senior South Regional President. I am here to address a couple of things. Number one the bullying and intimidation, threatening of not only senior residents but LAC and CAC people, even CHA personnel and the property managers personnel. I am asking that we should revisit letting the PM's know that in article 23 of our lease there are house rules. And also that our PM should know that they can add on rules according to their particular property. This is becoming a real epidemic and it is a problem. Nobody should go anywhere and have fear that someone will attack you verbally or physically. Also my other thing I want to bring up about senior properties not having screens on windows. Most buildings have missing screens, please someone get screens on these windows. And also for occupancy, we have seniors who have been livin in studio apartments, and they are waiting for one-bedroom apartments.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments. Property managers portfolio-wide have been instructed to replace window screens and this concern is actively being addressed. Pertaining to unit transfers, CHA is working to generate waitlists based on residency tenure and residents at senior properties living in studio apartments will be offered one out of every two newly available one-bedroom units, in accordance with waitlist position.</p>

3	Carla Jackson	<p>My concern is that everytime I get a letter, there is always a conviction at the end of it. If it is a newsletter, there is an eviction at the end of it. Every time that inspectors have come to my apartment they speak to me any kind of way. They stepped in my bathtub with a shoe on and left it dirty and totally disrespected me. You have all these rules for the tenants but where are the rules for employees? When we break them, our backs are against the walls. If the rules apply to us, they should apply to you too. I feel like when you send a letter, I am a prisoner. If nobody is breaking the rules, like selling drugs, that's different. But if someone can't pay rent or had an emergency and couldn't tell you what was going on, you make us feel like you're nailing us to the cross.</p>	Thank you for your comment.
4	Tamiko Holt	<p>Thank you for the change in the public comments, that was helpful. I have been a CHA resident basically all my life, and I got out. I watched my mother fight for contract opportunities in the 80's and I sat around and learned. I am now 50, just now getting out. That's 30 years ago. I sit here and watch and learn. I say all that to say this, money has been made off our backs. A lot of friends are Board members. When you sit here it is formality because you know it's going to pass. You ask questions but you don't ask the right questions. How many of your residents move upward and onward, that have the mental wherewithal to do so? Not all of us do, but some of us do. You've been conducting business on the back of our people for a long time and still to this day you are ready to put a bunch of them out. Most of them are the ones that have incubated in your environment and living in Chicago public housing. I implore you to start looking at the way you do business.</p>	Thank you for your comment.

5	Ernie Norrman	<p>I am a resident of Edith Spurlock Sampson. You have a major project going on there now, building affordable housing between two senior towers, I have many questions and comments about that but that's not why I am here today. I want to comment on the election procedures that CAC and LAC are now holding. I realize this may be not be as much a CHA issue as a CAC issue. The questions I will ask were brought up at a recent SHAC meeting, and we believe we did not get satisfactory answers to these questions. I want to say something good about Lee Taylor Professional consultants, they are the people who were handling the elections and my dealings with them have been positive. I am running for Treasurer in our building and I was mistakenly rejected and that got handled very quickly and I am happy about that. Participation is very bad and most buildings have residents who run unopposed and this is not a good thing. Also swiching from a paper ballot to an electronic ballot has many questions, such as where does the software come from, who has used it before, who will be monitoring the voting site, how will they be hired. I have many more questions I will present them in writing.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments and commitment to resident representation.</p> <p>On September 28, CHA emailed Mr. Norrman two pages of responses to his questions related to LAC elections.</p>
6	Betty Thompson	<p>The following written comment was received by Ms. Thompson:</p> <p>All 12 washing machines in 3939 S Lakepark are broken. Out of the 12 washing machines in 3983, only 9 are working. What is the current contract agreement for washers and dryers, if any? Will machines be replaced with commercial ones, if so, when? Only one elevator is operable in 3939 S Lakepark. What is the status of the elevator repairs in both buildings?</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, and we apologize for these inconveniences at Lake Parc. At 3983, one car is in service, and the other elevator car is in modernization and expected to return to operations by the end of November. At 3939, one elevator car is currently under modernization, and we also expect that car will be complete by the end of November. We will then begin work on the second elevator car, which should resume operation by the end of 2022.</p> <p>For the washers and dryers, there is a service contract to repair these machines. We are aware that the machines have been having ongoing issues. CHA is in the process of evaluating the types of machines as well as other options for improving the overall reliability for tenants at Lake Parc.</p>