



# HOUSE NOTES

*Building a Better Community*

## CITY OF PASADENA HOUSING DEPARTMENT

### Section 8 Program Participant/Owner Newsletter

March 2020

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#### **Celebrate Census 2020: Everybody Counts in Pasadena, and Your Response Matters!**

On April 1, 2020, two free breakfast events with giveaways will celebrate the 2020 Census.

**Census Day events will be held at:**

**Jackie Robinson Community Center from 9-11am at 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave., and**

**Villa-Parke Community Center from 9-11 am at 363 E. Villa St.**

Every 10 years, people living in the United States—citizens and non-citizens—are required by law to participate in the census. The census aims to count all people living in the U.S. Census data is used to determine fair political representation in government and the annual distribution of over \$675 billion in federal funds to support vital community services that you may use, such as housing assistance and nutrition programs, after-school programs, job training, Medi-Cal, daycare and public transit. Your answers can shape your future.

Sometime in March, you should receive an invitation from the U.S. Census Bureau requesting your response to the 2020 census. If you don't receive a census invitation by mail, a census worker will deliver it to your residence in person. Every household has the option of responding to the 2020 census online, over the phone, or by mail. On average, it takes no more than 10 minutes to answer the census questions.

For more information, call (626)744-7311 or visit [www.cityofpasadena.net/census](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/census).

#### **Stay Healthy! Stay Home if Sick**

To protect the health of our program participants, property representatives, and staff, we ask that you do not come to the office if you have flu or flu-like symptoms. Also, please inform our inspectors if you or anyone in the household is sick, so that we may reschedule your inspection or take other appropriate actions to prevent the spread of illness in the community.

Contact the following staff if illness will prevent you from coming in for a scheduled appointment or having your unit inspected:

**Arpie Akmakjian, Housing Specialist**-annual income reexaminations and other office appointments (626) 744-8313

[aakmakjian@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:aakmakjian@cityofpasadena.net)

**Angelica Ramirez, Housing Specialist**-inspections (626) 744-8309

[aramirez@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:aramirez@cityofpasadena.net)

## *Landlord News*

#### **Report Changes in Address or Bank Accounts Promptly**

We want to make sure you receive your payments from us promptly. To help us, it's important that you let us know if you have a change in mailing address, or if you changed your banking information and have direct deposit. Please contact **Angelica Ramirez, Housing Specialist** regarding address or ownership changes, and for instructions on how to change your bank information with PayMode, at (626) 744-8309 or via email at [aramirez@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:aramirez@cityofpasadena.net)