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Zero Tolerance of Illegal Drug Activity in Housing

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Purpose

To establish a Housing Authority policy for zero tolerance of illegal drug activity in all Housing Authority programs.

Background

The Housing Authority of the County of San Diego (HACSD) was formed in 1975 to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing to low-income residents of the Urban County and contract cities. HACSD currently serves the Urban County and the cities of Chula Vista, Coronado, Del Mar, El Cajon, Escondido, Imperial Beach, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, Poway, San Marcos, Santee, Solana Beach, and Vista.

HACSD administers various programs providing rental assistance to low-income families.

The Housing Authority of the County of San Diego is committed to providing housing that is free from illegal drug activity.

Policy

It is the policy of HACSD that there shall be zero tolerance for illegal drug activity by participants in any housing program administered by HACSD. To create and ensure a drug-free environment in all HACSD-supported housing, the Housing Authority employs aggressive strategies that reflect zero tolerance of illegal drug activities, including:

1. Enforcing the program regulations that allow for the termination of assistance when a household member engages in illegal drug activity.
2. As permitted by law, incorporating the obligation to keep premises free from illegal drug activity as a condition of any lease agreement and participation in any assisted housing program.
3. Clearly informing all participants in the program about the obligation to keep rental units free from illegal drug activities.
4. In conjunction with San Diego Apartment Owners Association, San Diego Board of Realtors, law enforcement agencies and other interested agencies,

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providing training and resources for participating landlords for screening tenants, inspecting premises, and taking action against occupants involved in illegal drug activity.

5. Applying for and receiving local certification for a drug-free environment for all County-owned housing sites.

Sunset Date

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 12-31-22

Board Action

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