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Fraud Alert

Fraudulent Service Charging to Sign up for Housing Assistance

(San Bernardino, CA) Several fraudulent websites are charging prospective Housing Choice Voucher (commonly referred to as Section 8) applicants fees to submit an application, along with collecting personal information such as social security numbers, credit card information, etc. falsely stating that this information is needed for a credit check to submit an application. Others falsely advertise that the Housing Choice Voucher waiting list is opened. **This is a scam and could lead to possible identify theft!**

Housing Authorities **do not charge fees to apply** to any of their affordable housing programs! Also the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino's Housing Choice Voucher **waiting list has been closed since 2007 and is currently not open**. Prospective applicants also **do not need to pull credit reports to apply** for affordable housing programs.

We urge our current and future program residents/participants and partners to be aware of these types of scams.

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The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino is one of the nation's most progressive housing authorities. As the largest provider of affordable housing in the County, we proudly serve in excess of 30,000 people, most of whom are seniors, disabled individuals, and children. We also work on providing our families with the resources, skills, and motivation to achieve their personal goals. For more information on the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino, please visit www.hacsb.com.