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Mr. Len Torres
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Subject: ERASE Racism Report – Long Beach Housing Authority
Status # 16-04181506

Dear Mr. Torres:

By letter dated April 6, 2016, you provided a copy of the subject report asking that we review the report which discusses concerns raised in connection with Channel Park Homes Development under the jurisdiction of the Long Beach Housing Authority. You requested that we provide relevant information and observations, provide a review of the Long Beach Housing Authority's physical, financial, and management assessments, dispatch a team of engineers to reevaluate HUD's survey of critical repairs for health and safety concerns and forward any and all annual assessment reports from the past 10 years and future annual assessment reports of the Long Beach Housing Authority.

On April 29th, Christopher Ingram, Housing Management Division Director sent you an email providing a partial response by forwarding information on how HUD measures PHA performance through the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) and HUD's Real Estate Assessment Center's inspection results from 2012 to 2015.

This letter is in response to your request that we reevaluate HUD's survey of critical repairs for health and safety concerns. The New York Field Office assembled a team to conduct a physical inspection at Channel Park Homes Development to confirm the 2014 REAC's inspection results. On April 28, 2016, the team inspected a sampling of six units in this development. Based on the inspection and after interviewing the residents in those units, it was found that:

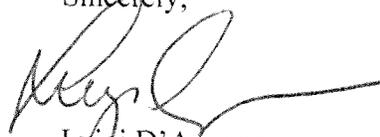
1. No mold was visible anywhere in the units.
2. All kitchen fixtures and wood work were in good condition with no damage beyond normal wear.

3. All of the sheetrock in the units from the floor up to the side of the walls were replaced, there was no water stain or marks on the walls.
4. No Problems found with the first floor tile, walls or closet spaces.
5. During the interviews, residents did not complain of any mold conditions and/or major deficiencies in the units.

In addition, the team was made aware that the LBHA hired a third-party mold testing company to inspect the units to eliminate any concerns the residents may have.

We appreciate your concerns and will continue to provide technical assistance to and monitor the LBHA as appropriate to ensure the residents of this development continue to have decent, safe and sanitary housing. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact David R. Griskey, General Engineer, at (212) 542-7609 or Suen Ping Yip, Director, Technical Services Division, at (212) 542-7610.

Sincerely,



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