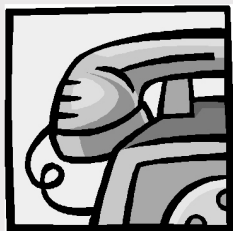
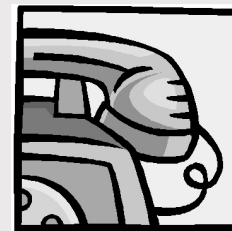


January 2019



# housing hotline



Norwalk Housing Authority  
Newsletter

## Housing Authority Commission Establishes Limited Homeless Preference

On November 20, 2018, the Commission of the Norwalk Housing Authority established a waiting list preference for homeless families and individuals to further the goals contained in the City's adopted plan to prevent and combat homelessness.

Under the new homeless preference, the Housing Authority will accept seven (7) homeless referrals per year from Kingdom Causes Bellflower. The referrals will be processed for vouchers upon receipt rather than being placed on the Housing Authority's lengthy waiting list.

The Commission also authorized the Housing Authority to contract with the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles for Measure H funds to provide funding for landlord incentives and for removal of barriers for homeless voucher holders. The funding provides assistance with payment of application fees, credit check fees, utility deposits, security deposits, and household supplies. The program also provides landlords with up to one month's rent to hold a unit while homeless

voucher holders are referred for screening and selection by participating landlords.

## Tax Time Reminders

The Housing Authority will be sending 1099-MISC forms to all owners by the end of January. The form will include the Housing Assistance Payments and signing bonus payments that you received during calendar year 2018. If you have received any tenant security deposits paid by the City, these will not appear on your 1099.

Please check all the information on the 1099-MISC form and notify us immediately of any corrections.

Be sure to notify us writing if your address has changed. If you have not received your 1099-MISC form from us by mid-February, call us at (562) 929-5588 so that we may send you a duplicate. Don't wait until the last minute to request a copy of your 1099-MISC form.



Kingdom Causes Bellflower is a homeless service provider for the region and will coordinate with other local homeless organizations to identify and refer the most vulnerable homeless residents, who are considered housing ready.

*Continued on page 2*

## Homeless Preference (continued)

A case manager will be assigned to assist the homeless residents through the voucher issuance and housing search process. After lease-up, the participant will be eligible for on-going case management and support from one of the County of Los Angeles' contracted providers. Continued case management will help to ensure sustained housing success.

The Housing Authority will be scheduling a property management workshop about the Homeless Incentive Program (HIP) in early 2019. We hope you will consider participating in HIP and being a part of the solution to homelessness.

## Stay Informed with the Landlord Resource Page

The Housing Authority has been continually updating the Landlord Resource page on the City of Norwalk's website. Please be sure to bookmark our page and check it periodically for updates.

The page lists the various programs and landlord incentives, current payment standards, upcoming events, newsletters, and forms.

You can access forms to change your direct deposit account information, tax identification number (W-9 form), and property ownership, submit a vacancy referral, and get a sample Bed Bug Notification Addendum. Important booklets and links are also available.

The website can be found in the Community Development Department's Housing & Neighborhood Development section: <https://www.norwalk.org/city-hall/departments/community-development/housing-authority/landlord-resource-page>

## Have you Received a Signing Bonus Yet?

The Housing Authority is giving out \$500 signing bonuses to property owners who lease to Section 8 tenants (some exceptions apply).

Since the program started on September 1, 2018, \$6,000 in signing bonuses have been paid.



Call the Housing Authority at (562) 929-5588 to list your next vacancy.



### City Council

Jennifer Perez, Mayor  
Margarita Rios, Vice Mayor  
Tony Ayala, Councilmember  
Leonard Shryock, Councilmember  
Luigi Vernola, Councilmember

### Housing Authority Commission

Jennifer Perez, Chair  
Margarita Rios, Vice Chair  
Tony Ayala, Commissioner  
Gardenia De La Garza, Commissioner  
Leslie Franklin, Commissioner  
Leonard Shryock, Commissioner  
Luigi Vernola, Commissioner

City of Norwalk  
Housing & Neighborhood  
Development Division  
12700 Norwalk Blvd., Room 11  
Norwalk, CA 90650  
(562) 929-5588  
[norwalk.org](http://norwalk.org)