



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Stakeholder Presentations

1. What are the 11 wait lists?

Housing Choice Voucher Program	Public Housing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voucher “General” List • Phoenix Park • Saybrook/Serna • 7th & H Street • Downtown Elderly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alder Grove • Marina Vista • Twin Rivers • Elderly Only • City Public Housing • County Public Housing

2. Where are Project based vouchers located?

- Phoenix Park
- Saybrook
- Serna
- Sierra Vista
- Sutterview
- Washington Plaza
- 7th & H Street
- Veteran’s Village at Mather

3. Who is currently on the wait lists?

Currently, there are approximately 70,000 families on a total of 11 wait lists for housing assistance. They are low income families, many of whom have children, and are disabled and/or elderly.

4. How long have families on the current wait lists been waiting for housing?

The average is 2-5 years but some families have been on wait lists since 2010.

5. Will current residents who are assisted lose their housing to serve homeless families?

No. The proposed changes will affect families on the wait lists and homeless families who are not currently on any wait lists.

6. Will previously homeless families be able to find housing using a voucher?

Landlords choose to participate in the Housing Choice Voucher program. This is a market-driven program; when the market is “soft” and there are more rental properties available, landlords are more willing to complete the paperwork to participate in the program and they receive the benefit of the stable rental subsidy. When the rental market is “tight” as it is now, there are more people looking for rentals than supply and there is not the same incentive for landlords to accept an HCV participant.

7. What are the differences between the General Preference and the Limited Preference?

	General Preference	Limited Preference
How is homelessness verified?	It is self-reported	A service provider serving homeless families confirms the family’s homelessness.
Are supportive services provided?	No.	A service provider is working with the family.
How many homeless families are assisted?	All of the families pulled from the wait list are homeless until there are no more homeless families on the wait list.	Every time families are pulled from the wait list, a portion is homeless and a portion is families already on the wait list who are not homeless.
What happens to families currently on the wait list?	They are pulled after all the homeless families are pulled.	Some families currently on the wait list are included in each pull.

8. What services will be provided if the limited preference is implemented?

Sacramento County staff is recommending the establishment of a *Flexible Supportive Rehousing Program* which would provide Intensive Case Management (ICM) and Re-Housing Specialists (RS). The ICM providers will be assigned to participants to offer a stabilized setting to address immediate issues and provide support from street engagement until placement in permanent housing. Services will be individualized based on the needs of the individual. The RS will assist in finding housing options and will develop ongoing relationships with owners and tenants and will assist on property related matters.

9. How can more housing units be created to serve the homeless?

More funding is needed to create more affordable housing.

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