HOUSING SEARCH RESOURCES

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To help you on your search for a new home

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INTERNET ACCESS
A lot of housing resources can be found online. You can access the web resources via an internet compatible device. The following resources are affordable options to access internet.

Local public library
lacountylibrary.org/library-locator/
findwifi.lacounty.gov

Equipment Loans (Laptops and Hotspots)
lacountylibrary.org/laptop/
lacountylibrary.org/work-ready/

Low-income cell phone providers
Assurance Wireless
assurancewireless.com/
The California LifeLine Program (California LifeLine)
californialifeline.com/en

Affordable Internet Providers
LAUSD All Families Connected Program
213-443-1300
Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)
affordableconnectivity.gov

AFFORDABLE HOUSING
These search engines will help direct you to affordable housing units. Affordable housing developers provide lotteries or waitlists for available units.

Housing Search Sites
Project Place Monthly Rental Listings
housingrightscenter.org/rental-listing
Los Angeles Affordable and Accessible Housing Registry
lahousing.lacity.org/AAHR
housing.lacounty.gov
affordablehousing.com (affordable housing and section 8)
chirpla.org/page/search-housing
rentcafe.com/apartments-for-rent/us/ca/los-angeles/

Affordable Housing Developers
Abode Communities
(213)629-2702
abodecommunities.org
LINC Housing Corporation
(562)684-1100
linchousing.org
Menorah Housing Foundation
(310)477-1476
menorahhousing.org
Mercy Housing
(866)338-0557
mercyhousing.org/california
Meta Housing Corporation
310-575-3543
metahousing.com
Thomas Safran & Associates
310-855-7100
tsahousing.com

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**MARKET RATE HOUSING**

Housing based on the existing area market values and demand can be found on the following sites.

- Zillow: zillow.com
- Craigslist: losangeles.craigslist.org
- Apartments.com: padmapper.com

**HOUSING PREFERENCES**

Use this data to narrow your housing search based on affordability.

- rentcafe.com/average-rent-market-trends/us/ca/los-angeles/
- laalmanac.com/economy/ec40b.php

**FINANCIAL TOOLS**

Keeping a budget will help narrow down your housing search. The following resources will help you plan.

**Budget Apps/ Worksheets**

- Mint mobile: mint.intuit.com/
- consumer.gov/content/make-budget-worksheet

**Affordable Banking**

- BankOn Los Angeles County: dcba.lacounty.gov/bankon

**Financial Coaching/ Resources**

- Get Ahead LA: getaheadla.org
- Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs: 800.593.8222
  info@dcba.lacounty.gov
- LIFT-Los Angeles: (213) 744-9468
  losangeles@whywelift.org
- Familiesource Centers: (818) 887-3872
  communityinvestmentforfamilies.org/familysource-centers

**HOUSING CALL SCRIPT**

Use the script below to ask about available units.

**Phone Call Script**

“Hello, my name is _____ and I am looking at your ad for the apartment at ____. Is the unit still available?

If the unit is no longer available: “Do you have any other properties with a vacancy?”

If the unit is available: “Is it possible to set up a time to see the apartment?”

Collect contact information: “Can you please share your name and best number to reach you at?

**Voicemail Script**

“Hello, my name is _____ and I am calling about your ad on _____ for the unit on _____. If it’s still available, I would like to ask you a couple of questions about it. If you could give me a call back, my number is ______. Thank you, goodbye.”

**Questions To Ask**

What date is the unit available?
How much is... rent, security deposit, utilities?
Do you charge an application fee?
Do you require me to have a certain income to rent the unit?
**CREDIT HISTORY**

Your credit history will let landlords know if you are reliable tenant. Check yours out below.

Annual Credit Report Request Service  
(877) 322-8228  
annualcreditreport.com

ChexSystems  
800.428.9623  
chexsystems.com

**LEGAL RESOURCES**

Knowing your legal rights is important throughout your tenancy and housing search.

**Legal Aid Support**
Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County  
800-433-6251  
nlsla.org

Stay Housed LA (Evictions)  
stayhousedla.org

American Bar Association  
ca.freelegalanswers.org

Free Legal Help Directory  
calbar.ca.gov/Public/Need-Legal-Help/Free-Legal-Help

**Housing Legal Resources**  
nlsla.org/services/housing/tenant-services/

**Private Attorney Search**
Los Angeles County Bar Association  
lacba.org/?pg=contact-us  
(213) 243-1525

SmartLaw  
Smartlaw.org

**MOVING RESOURCES**

The resources below will help you with your move.

DPSS Moving Assistance Program  
866-613-3777

Not-At-Fault Eviction; Relocation Assistance  
866-557-7368  
housing.lacity.org

Move for Hunger- food donation  
moveforhunger.org

Forward Mail  
usps.com/manage/forward.htm

Update Voter registration  
sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration

**SUPPORT SERVICES**

Please refer to the resources below for additional housing related support.

**Housing Services Providers**
LA County Homeless Initiative  
homeless.lacounty.gov/service-providers/

**Shelters**
LAHSA  
800-548-6047 (Adults)  
800-304-7152 (Seniors)  
211 (Families)  
800-548-6047 (Youth)

**Safe Parking Sites**
lahsa.org/documents?id=5742-2021-2022-safe-parking-sites.pdf

**Resource Directory**
211 LA  
2-1-1  
211la.org