# HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

## **Zero Tolerance Fraud Policy**

### Dear Applicant / Participant,

To ensure housing assistance is available to as many families as possible, all participants in any housing assistance program must properly utilize government funds. Your signature on the voucher/family obligations contract obligates you to abide by the terms and conditions, applicable federal regulations, and Housing Authority policies. Incidence of fraud, willful misrepresentation, or intent to deceive with regard to any housing assistance program is a criminal act. Any incident(s) of fraud will be investigated and could result in the termination of your housing assistance and you being accused of a federal crime.

Some examples of fraud include (but are not limited to):

- 1. Unreported income.
- 2. Unauthorized people living in the assisted unit.
- 3. Sublet assisted units.
- 4. Applicants who are related to owners or having personal interest in the assisted unit.
- 5. Property owners and participants collecting and distributing Housing Assistance Payments on empty or vacated units.
- 6. Property owners living with the assisted family.

#### **Criminal and Administrative Actions for False Information**

I understand that knowingly supplying false, incomplete or inaccurate information is punishable under Federal or State criminal law. I further understand that false statements may lead to my prosecution and termination from any housing assistance program for violation of family obligations.

The Housing Authority will take any action warranted to ensure that cases of fraud are prevented and prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

#### I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS NOTICE

Signature of Head of Household	Date	Signature of Other Adult	Date
Signature of Other Adult		Signature of Other Adult	Date

