

**SUPPLEMENT #1**  
**BERKELEY HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
**SPECIAL AGENDA**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2004**

**Public Hearing**

*Each item in this supplement follows from the corresponding item on the City Council Agenda for the same date.*

**Item 4: FY 2004-2005 Annual Plan Update**

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**Subject:** BHA Administrative Plan 2004-05

I have three questions and/or concerns regarding the Berkeley Housing Authority's 2004-2005 Annual update:

1. The minimum rent affects only those tenants who are in the direst of need. By increasing it to \$50 per month plus tenant paid utilities you will not only severely impact the quality of life of those who already are living on the edge; but with temporary General Assistance set at \$334 per month the cost of Section 8 rent will be over 30% and in some cases over 40% of a person's income making them ineligible for the subsidy. I don't know how many BHA tenants are subject to the minimum rent, but I know that In my case raising the minimum rent to \$50 will void my existing Section 8 voucher.

2. I'm unclear regarding the Utility Allowance Reimbursement where the payment standard includes tenant paid utilities, is the reimbursement the responsibility of the landlord or the Housing Authority?

3. Although HUD does include lump sum benefits from entitlements such as Social Security, unemployment, workman's comp, or back child support, it specifically excludes lump sum payments from needs-based benefits such as supplemental security income (SSI)\*

\* 24 CFR 5.609 paragraph (c) (14).

Sincerely  
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