

May 11, 2026

Board of Directors  
Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency  
370 N St. Andrews Place  
Room B-16  
Los Angeles, CA 90028

To Members of the Board of Directors:

I am submitting public comment for Agenda Item #10 in the Consent Calendar - Approval of Renter Protection and Homelessness Prevention Renter Aid Prime Contractor Awards (26-2854). Little Tokyo Service Center (LTC) submitted a Letter of Intent under the RFI requesting to be a subcontractor under the Prime Contractor(s) selected by the Board for the Renter Outreach and Relocation and Stabilization Services programs.

LTSC submitted the LOI on behalf of a 9 agency collaborative of community based organizations providing services to the Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) populations in Los Angeles County.

We are submitting public comment to respectfully request that the Board of Directors of LACAHSa strongly urge the Prime Contractors you will be approving to subcontract with our AANHPI Collaborative. Our Collaborative members, collectively have served AANHPI communities for an average of 35 years, have the cultural and linguistic capacity to reach and assist low-income AANHPI renters to avoid losing their homes – with capacity to deliver services in 25 languages, reflecting the diverse AANHPI communities and the various dialects spoken by these populations.

AANHPI populations total more than 1.7 million countywide and faces distinct challenges that traditional housing support systems often fail to address. 55% of AA/NHPI individuals in L.A. County are rent-burdened (ACS 2023 Estimates), comparable to the 57% of Latinos, who are most rent-burdened; and 29% of AANHPI are considered severely rent-burdened, paying more than 50% of their income on rent. A recent study, *Hidden Precarious Housing* (Takahashi, et al., 2024), revealed that AANHPI households experience some of the highest rates of overcrowding in California - which is a major indicator of homelessness risk and housing instability. In L.A. County, AANHPI seniors aged 65 and older experience significantly higher rates of overcrowding than other demographic groups-- for AANHPI seniors 75 years and older, overcrowding is 3 times the Countywide average. This study also provides evidence that these populations are vastly undercounted in the annual PIT homeless count. For instance, the State Department of Education requires school districts to collect data from families about their housing status. For L.A. County, the Department of Education in 2022-23 count of AA/NHPI

homeless students was *35 times higher* than the 2022 HUD PIT count of AA/NHPI homeless youth.

However, due to language and cultural barriers, these AANHPI seniors, adults with disabilities or low income immigrants who are distrustful or unaware of government assistance programs are too often underserved. This gap was brought out in sharp relief during the COVID-19 pandemic. AANHPI's were the *least likely* of all ethnicities to apply for and receive rent relief and assistance. In 2021-22, only 25% of distressed AANHPI renters applied for rent relief, compared to 48% of whites, 39% of Latinos, 64% for Blacks. Only 11% of AANHPI's received rent relief, compared to 21% of whites, 14% of Latinos and 20% of Blacks.

The organizations recommended to be approved to be Prime Contractors under the RPHP program are excellent service providers with strong track record in serving unhoused and those at risk of losing their homes. Subcontracting with the AANHPI Collaborative can only strengthen their reach and ability to serve low income immigrant households that may otherwise not be effectively reached or served through RPHP programs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Little Tokyo Service Center - On behalf of the AANHPI Collaborative:

Chinatown Service Center

Koreatown Youth and Community Center

Pars Equality Center

South Asian Network

Southeast Asian Community Alliance

Southern California Pacific Islander Community Response Team

Thai Community Development Center

United Cambodia Communities