



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
Office of Multifamily Housing
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Fort Worth, TX 76102
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Mr./Mrs./Ms.:

This letter contains important information regarding your potential eligibility for a Tenant Protection Voucher (TPV). Please read this letter carefully, and return the enclosed certification to the indicated address within 45 days of the date of this letter. A return envelope has been enclosed for your convenience.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) records indicate that you were displaced from the **Josephine Apartments**, due to a Presidential Declared Disaster (PDD). Please be advised that due to the owner's decision to opt-out of the Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) Contract, you are entitled to be considered for a tenant protection voucher. You must meet the eligibility requirements of the Section 8 Housing voucher Program to receive voucher assistance.

The housing choice voucher program provides rental assistance to help families' rent decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private rental market. The family is free to choose housing that meets the requirements of the program and is not limited to a particular unit or development. Housing choice vouchers are administered locally by public housing agencies (PHAs) that operate within a particular area or jurisdiction. The PHA will determine if the unit that the family wishes to rent is eligible for the program. If the owner is willing to participate and the unit is eligible, the PHA will pay a monthly housing subsidy directly to the landlord on behalf of the family. The family pays the difference between the actual rent charged by the landlord and the amount subsidized by the program as their share of the rent.

If you are currently receiving Disaster Voucher Program (DVP) assistance, you are still eligible for consideration for a TPV. However, if you are eligible for the TPV and accept the voucher, you may no longer participate in the DVP. It is very important to note that DVP rental assistance is only temporary rental assistance, while the tenant protection voucher is part of the permanent housing program and is not time limited.

If you are currently residing in a HUD-assisted project and are receiving Section 8 project-based rental assistance, you are also still eligible for consideration for a TPV. However, you may not remain in the unit receiving the project-based Section 8 assistance if you choose to accept the TPV.

Please be advised that this will be your only opportunity to be considered for a TPV as a result of the owner's opt out of the Section 8 contract.

In order to be considered for a TPV, it is very important that you fill out the enclosed certification and return it to the Department within 45 days from the date of this letter. You must respond to this notice within 45 days. If you fail to respond to this notice within 45 days, you will not be considered for a TPV in the future.

If you choose to be considered for a TPV and have indicated that you wish to receive voucher assistance in the area in which you currently reside, the local PHA with jurisdiction over the area will be contacting you directly regarding the next steps in the eligibility process. If you indicate that you wish to move to another area to receive the voucher assistance (for example, you are exercising your opportunity to your pre-disaster HUD-assisted residence), the PHA with jurisdiction over the area that you have identified will be contacting you to continue the eligibility process.

Please note that all households displaced from a HUD insured and/or assisted multifamily property as a result of a PDD are provided the opportunity to return to the unit they occupied at the time of the PDD once the unit is repaired, restored, or otherwise becomes available for re-occupancy. Additional information concerning your right to return can be found at: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/mfh/hto/additionalguidance.pdf>

Acceptance of a TPV does not impact opportunity to return. You should continue to maintain contact with the property owner/agent and provide your whereabouts and contact information in order to obtain the most current information about the restoration status of the property and your pre-Katrina unit.

In addition, if you relocate within the next 120 days, to a location different from the contact information reflected on the certification sheet or you have any questions please contact:

*U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
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801 Cherry Street, 27th floor
Ft. Worth, TX 76102*

*Toll Free Telephone: (877) 615-5566
TPV@hud.gov
Fax: (817) 978-5520*

Please include the name of the property where you reside at the time of the disaster and your unit number in your correspondence/communication.

Sincerely,



Michael B. Backman, Director
Ft. Worth Multifamily Hub

Enclosure

TENANT PROTECTION VOUCHER (TPV)
FAMILY CERTIFICATION FORM
Josephine APARTMENTS

I resided at *Josephine* Apartments at the time of Hurricane Katrina in unit: _____

Yes, I would like to be considered for a Tenant Protection Voucher. (Please check below if any of the following circumstances that apply to your family.)

My household is the same size and composition as it was before the disaster. It consists of ___ adults, and ___ children.

My household is larger or smaller than before we were displaced by the disaster. It now consists of ___ adults, and ___ children.

Special accommodations (like accessibility) that you want to note:

I would like to use my Tenant Protection Voucher in – _____
(Please list the city and state where you plan to live.)

No, I do not want to be considered for a Tenant Protection Voucher. I UNDERSTAND THAT CHECKING THIS BLOCK MEANS THAT I WILL NO LONGER BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE SUCH A VOUCHER AND WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE FOUND PERMANENT HOUSING.

Print Name of Head of Household

Signature of Head of Household

Date

Current Address

Phone Number

Alternate Number (if available)

Instructions:

If you wish to be considered for a Tenant Protection Voucher (TPV) – a permanent form of rental assistance that may be used throughout the United States – please complete the following steps:

1. Complete this form.

It is critical that you:

- a. Include your current contact information (address and telephone number) on this form.
- b. It is also critical that you indicate which city you wish to reside in. Your name will be provided to the Public Housing Authority *in the city you request* for eligibility screening and issuing of the TPV.

2. Fax this form.

Return this certification form by fax to:
(817) 978-5520

To be considered for a Tenant Protection Voucher, your completed certification form must be received, or postmarked, by December 31, 2008.

You will receive written confirmation when your completed certification form is received.

3. Call or e-mail questions.

If you have any questions about Tenant Protection Vouchers, or completing this form, contact the HUD at (877) 615-5566.