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## **HUD REVIEW: SB COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY A STATE LEADER**

***The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino receives all A's on HUD report cards rating Section 8 and Public Housing program management.***

**San Bernardino, CA** — The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino has received a top score in California for large housing authorities in a national review designed to measure the efficiency and performance of public housing authorities.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which provides primary oversight and funding to housing authorities, issues annual "report cards" that assess the performance of more than 3,000 housing authorities nationwide in the Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) and Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS).

The Housing Authority provides housing to low-income residents through the Section 8 and Public Housing programs. The HUD report cards evaluate housing authorities' administration of these two programs in the areas of crime reduction, tenant satisfaction, inspections, property condition and other criteria.

Among California's large housing authorities, San Bernardino County's 92 of 100 score is the highest among those that have reported scores in PHAS. In its Section 8 report card, the Housing Authority exceeded the highest possible score, receiving 150 out of 145 (103 percent).

"We take our role of providing housing to more than 32,000 wonderful people in San Bernardino County seriously and we want to do it as effectively and efficiently as we possibly can," said Dan Nackerman, Executive Director. "To see our efforts recognized by HUD in these scores is very gratifying."

HUD considers an extensive set of data in order to arrive at its scores, including detailed submissions from the housing authority, national on-line data, audits, questionnaires and actual on-site inspections. HUD's "high performer" designation within its programs means less administrative burden and more access to funding.

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"The report card scores given to the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino demonstrate clearly that they are delivering affordable housing to those who

need it at an extremely high level of success," said HUD spokesman Larry Bush., "This score indicates that the San Bernardino Housing Authority is serving tenants and the community, and being responsible with tax dollars. It is good news."

San Bernardino Mayor Pat Morris, who has worked closely with the Housing Authority to implement his crime fighting plan, Operation Phoenix, praised the Housing Authority for its performance in meeting a critical need in his City. "Here in San Bernardino, the Housing Authority is at the center of building strong communities, opening doors to over 8,135 people who might otherwise not have a place to call home," he said.

In addition to its public housing programs, the Housing Authority offers programs designed to promote economic self-sufficiency including the Family Self Sufficiency Programs, Homeownership Preparation and Education (HOPE) Program, Resident Services Program, and Neighborhood Networks.

In 2006, the Housing Authority owned and/or managed 2,536 housing units and administered 8,040 units leased from private owners under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program.

The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino is one of the largest in California, providing the critical resource of housing to a clientele of which the majority are seniors, persons with disabilities and children. From providing housing and home ownership to job training and child care, the Housing Authority helps tens of thousands of people elevate their lives every day.

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