



**GARDEN GROVE**

**GARDEN GROVE  
HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**FY 2021  
ANNUAL PLAN**

**Garden Grove, CA 92842  
(714) 741-5150  
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<b>Streamlined Annual PHA Plan</b> <i>(HCV Only PHAs)</i>	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing	OMB No. 2577-0226 Expires 02/29/2016
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**Purpose.** The 5-Year and Annual PHA Plans provide a ready source for interested parties to locate basic PHA policies, rules, and requirements concerning the PHA's operations, programs, and services, and informs HUD, families served by the PHA, and members of the public of the PHA's mission, goals and objectives for serving the needs of low- income, very low- income, and extremely low- income families

**Applicability.** Form HUD-50075-HCV is to be completed annually by **HCV-Only PHAs**. PHAs that meet the definition of a Standard PHA, Troubled PHA, High Performer PHA, Small PHA, or Qualified PHA do not need to submit this form. Where applicable, separate Annual PHA Plan forms are available for each of these types of PHAs.

**Definitions.**

- (1) **High-Performer PHA** – A PHA that owns or manages more than 550 combined public housing units and housing choice vouchers, and was designated as a high performer on both of the most recent Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) and Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) assessments if administering both programs, or PHAS if only administering public housing.
- (2) **Small PHA** - A PHA that is not designated as PHAS or SEMAP troubled, or at risk of being designated as troubled, that owns or manages less than 250 public housing units and any number of vouchers where the total combined units exceeds 550.
- (3) **Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Only PHA** - A PHA that administers more than 550 HCVs, was not designated as troubled in its most recent SEMAP assessment, and does not own or manage public housing.
- (4) **Standard PHA** - A PHA that owns or manages 250 or more public housing units and any number of vouchers where the total combined units exceeds 550, and that was designated as a standard performer in the most recent PHAS and SEMAP assessments.
- (5) **Troubled PHA** - A PHA that achieves an overall PHAS or SEMAP score of less than 60 percent.
- (6) **Qualified PHA** - A PHA with 550 or fewer public housing dwelling units and/or housing choice vouchers combined, and is not PHAS or SEMAP troubled.

<b>A.</b>	<b>PHA Information.</b>				
A.1	PHA Name: <u>Garden Grove Housing Authority</u> PHA Code: <u>CA102</u> PHA Plan for Fiscal Year Beginning: (MM/YYYY): <u>07/2021</u> PHA Inventory (Based on Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) units at time of FY beginning, above) Number of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs) <u>2331</u> PHA Plan Submission Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual Submission <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Annual Submission				
<p><b>Availability of Information.</b> In addition to the items listed in this form, PHAs must have the elements listed below readily available to the public. A PHA must identify the specific location(s) where the proposed PHA Plan, PHA Plan Elements, and all information relevant to the public hearing and proposed PHA Plan are available for inspection by the public. Additionally, the PHA must provide information on how the public may reasonably obtain additional information of the PHA policies contained in the standard Annual Plan, but excluded from their streamlined submissions. At a minimum, PHAs must post PHA Plans, including updates, at the main office or central office of the PHA. PHAs are strongly encouraged to post complete PHA Plans on their official website.</p>					
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>PHA Consortia:</b> (Check box if submitting a joint Plan and complete table below)					
	Participating PHAs	PHA Code	Program(s) in the Consortia	Program(s) not in the Consortia	No. of Units in Each Program
	Lead HA:				

<b>B. Annual Plan.</b>	
<b>B.1</b>	<p><b>Revision of PHA Plan Elements.</b></p> <p>(a) Have the following PHA Plan elements been revised by the PHA since its last Annual Plan submission? Y N</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Needs and Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs.  <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Deconcentration and Other Policies that Govern Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions.  <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Resources.  <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Rent Determination.  <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Operation and Management.  <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Informal Review and Hearing Procedures.  <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Homeownership Programs.  <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs and Treatment of Income Changes Resulting from Welfare Program Requirements.  <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantial Deviation.  <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Amendment/Modification.         </p> <p>(b) If the PHA answered yes for any element, describe the revisions for each element(s):</p>
<b>B.2</b>	<p><b>New Activities</b></p> <p>(a) Does the PHA intend to undertake any new activities related to the following in the PHA's current Fiscal Year? Y N Project Based Vouchers. <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(b) If this activity is planned for the current Fiscal Year, describe the activities. Provide the projected number of project-based units and general locations, and describe how project-basing would be consistent with the PHA Plan.</p> <p>The Garden Grove Housing Authority (GGHA) plans to use up to 50 vouchers for project-based units, located within the City of Garden Grove. This is consistence with our goals of maximizing assistance to qualified tenants, and providing better access to participants.</p>
<b>B.3</b>	<p><b>Most Recent Fiscal Year Audit.</b></p> <p>(a) Were there any findings in the most recent FY Audit? Y N N/A <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(b) If yes, please describe:</p>
<b>B.4</b>	<p><b>Civil Rights Certification</b></p> <p>Form HUD-50077 <i>PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations</i>, must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan.</p>
<b>B.5</b>	<p><b>Certification by State or Local Officials.</b></p> <p>Form HUD 50077-SL <i>Certification by State or Local Officials of PHA Plans Consistency with the Consolidated Plan</i>, must be submitted by the PHA as an electronic attachment to the PHA Plan.</p>
<b>B.6</b>	<p><b>Progress Report.</b></p> <p>Provide a description of the PHA's progress in meeting its Mission and Goals described in its 5-Year PHA Plan.</p> <p>The GGHA is constantly exploring ways to maximize assistance to qualified tenants, and improve customer satisfaction as stated in the 5 Year Plan. In 2020, we achieved a lease-up rate of 95% with a 100% utilization rate. We were able to maintain our "High Performing" rating, as designated by HUD, with a SEMAP score of 100% achieved in fiscal year 2018-2019. We will continue to collaborate with other agencies in the area and perform outreach to provide better access to participants.</p>
<b>B.7</b>	<p><b>Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Comments.</b></p> <p>(a) Did the RAB(s) provide comments to the PHA Plan? Y N <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(b) If yes, comments must be submitted by the PHA as an attachment to the PHA Plan. PHAs must also include a narrative describing their analysis of the RAB recommendations and the decisions made on these recommendations.</p>

**Attachment A**

**Comments received from the Public and  
the Resident Advisory Board**

**Tenant Advisory Board**  
**2021-22 Annual Plan**

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Garden Grove, CA 92844  
714-276-5350

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Anaheim, CA 92801  
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Garden Grove, CA 92840  
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**Karen Hostetter**  
12811 Garden Grove Blvd #411  
Garden Grove, CA 92843  
714-539-4467

**Carol E Beckles**  
9765 Bixby Ave #B  
Garden Grove, CA 92840  
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200 S. Citron St. #226  
Anaheim, CA 92805  
714-955-8303

None of the advisory board members had any substantive changes to the plan.

**Attachment B**

**Required Certifications**

**Certifications of Compliance with  
PHA Plans and Related Regulations  
(Standard, Troubled, HCV-Only, and  
High Performer PHAs)**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Office of Public and Indian Housing  
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**PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plan and Related Regulations including  
Required Civil Rights Certifications**

*Acting on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Public Housing Agency (PHA) listed below, as its Chairman or other authorized PHA official if there is no Board of Commissioners, I approve the submission of the \_\_\_ 5-Year and/or <sup>x</sup> Annual PHA Plan for the PHA fiscal year beginning 7/1/21, hereinafter referred to as "the Plan", of which this document is a part and make the following certifications and agreements with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in connection with the submission of the Plan and implementation thereof:*

1. The Plan is consistent with the applicable, ~~comprehensive housing~~ affordability strategy (or any plan incorporating such strategy) for the jurisdiction in which the PHA is located.
2. The Plan contains a certification by the appropriate State or local officials that the Plan is consistent with the applicable Consolidated Plan, which includes a certification that requires the preparation of an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, for the PHA's jurisdiction and a description of the manner in which the PHA Plan is consistent with the applicable Consolidated Plan.
3. The PHA has established a Resident Advisory Board or Boards, the membership of which represents the residents assisted by the PHA, consulted with this Resident Advisory Board or Boards in developing the Plan, including any changes or revisions to the policies and programs identified in the Plan before they were implemented, and considered the recommendations of the RAB (24 CFR 903.13). The PHA has included in the Plan submission a copy of the recommendations made by the Resident Advisory Board or Boards and a description of the manner in which the Plan addresses these recommendations.
4. The PHA made the proposed Plan and all information relevant to the public hearing available for public inspection at least 45 days before the hearing, published a notice that a hearing would be held and conducted a hearing to discuss the Plan and invited public comment.
5. The PHA certifies that it will carry out the Plan in conformity with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Housing Act, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.
6. The PHA will affirmatively further fair housing by examining their programs or proposed programs, identifying any impediments to fair housing choice within those programs, addressing those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available and work with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdiction's initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA's involvement and by maintaining records reflecting these analyses and actions.
7. For PHA Plans that includes a policy for site based waiting lists:
  - The PHA regularly submits required data to HUD's 50058 PIC/IMS Module in an accurate, complete and timely manner (as specified in PIH Notice 2010-25);
  - The system of site-based waiting lists provides for full disclosure to each applicant in the selection of the development in which to reside, including basic information about available sites; and an estimate of the period of time the applicant would likely have to wait to be admitted to units of different sizes and types at each site;
  - Adoption of a site-based waiting list would not violate any court order or settlement agreement or be inconsistent with a pending complaint brought by HUD;
  - The PHA shall take reasonable measures to assure that such a waiting list is consistent with affirmatively furthering fair housing;
  - The PHA provides for review of its site-based waiting list policy to determine if it is consistent with civil rights laws and certifications, as specified in 24 CFR part 903.7(c)(1).
8. The PHA will comply with the prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of age pursuant to the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.
9. The PHA will comply with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 and 24 CFR Part 41, Policies and Procedures for the Enforcement of Standards and Requirements for Accessibility by the Physically Handicapped.
10. The PHA will comply with the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Employment Opportunities for Low-or Very-Low Income Persons, and with its implementing regulation at 24 CFR Part 135.
11. The PHA will comply with acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24 as applicable.

12. The PHA will take appropriate affirmative action to award contracts to minority and women's business enterprises under 24 CFR 5.105(a).
13. The PHA will provide the responsible entity or HUD any documentation that the responsible entity or HUD needs to carry out its review under the National Environmental Policy Act and other related authorities in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58 or Part 50, respectively.
14. With respect to public housing the PHA will comply with Davis-Bacon or HUD determined wage rate requirements under Section 12 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.
15. The PHA will keep records in accordance with 24 CFR 85.20 and facilitate an effective audit to determine compliance with program requirements.
16. The PHA will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act, the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, and 24 CFR Part 35.
17. The PHA will comply with the policies, guidelines, and requirements of OMB Circular No. A-87 (Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments), 2 CFR Part 225, and 24 CFR Part 85 (Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State, Local and Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments).
18. The PHA will undertake only activities and programs covered by the Plan in a manner consistent with its Plan and will utilize covered grant funds only for activities that are approvable under the regulations and included in its Plan.
19. All attachments to the Plan have been and will continue to be available at all times and all locations that the PHA Plan is available for public inspection. All required supporting documents have been made available for public inspection along with the Plan and additional requirements at the primary business office of the PHA and at all other times and locations identified by the PHA in its PHA Plan and will continue to be made available at least at the primary business office of the PHA.
22. The PHA certifies that it is in compliance with applicable Federal statutory and regulatory requirements, including the Declaration of Trust(s).

Garden Grove Housing Authority  
 PHA Name

CA102  
 PHA Number/HA Code

Annual PHA Plan for Fiscal Year 2021

5-Year PHA Plan for Fiscal Years 20     - 20    

I hereby certify that all the information stated herein, as well as any information provided in the accompaniment herewith, is true and accurate. **Warning:** HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802).

Name of Authorized Official Scott C. Stiles	Title Executive Director
Signature	Date March 23, 2021



**Certification by State or Local  
 Official of PHA Plans Consistency  
 with the Consolidated Plan or  
 State Consolidated Plan  
 (All PHAs)**

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**Certification by State or Local Official of PHA Plans  
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I, Scott C. Stiles, the Executive Director  
*Official's Name* *Official's Title*

certify that the 5-Year PHA Plan and/or Annual PHA Plan of the  
Garden Grove Housing Authority  
*PHA Name*

is consistent with the Consolidated Plan or State Consolidated Plan and the Analysis of  
 Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice of the  
The City of Garden Grove  
*Local Jurisdiction Name*

pursuant to 24 CFR Part 91.

Provide a description of how the PHA Plan is consistent with the Consolidated Plan or State  
 Consolidated Plan and the AI.

The City of Garden Grove uses various funding sources, including the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher  
 Program, to preserve and increase the supply of affordable housing. The Housing Authority's mission is to  
 promote adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment free of  
 discrimination.

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Name of Authorized Official	Title
Scott C. Stiles	Executive Director
Signature	Date
	March 23, 2021

**Civil Rights Certification**  
**(Qualified PHAs)**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Office of Public and Indian Housing  
OMB Approval No. 2577-0226  
Expires 02/29/2016

**Civil Rights Certification**

**Annual Certification and Board Resolution**

*Acting on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Public Housing Agency (PHA) listed below, as its Chairman or other authorized PHA official, I approve the submission of the 5-Year PHA Plan for the PHA of which this document is a part, and make the following certification and agreements with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in connection with the submission of the public housing program of the agency and implementation thereof:*

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Name of Authorized Official	Title
Scott C. Stiles	Executive Director
Signature	Date: March 23, 2021

**Attachment C**

**Proof of Publication**

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE GARDEN GROVE HOUSING AUTHORITY will hold a Public Hearing in the COUNCIL CHAMBER AT THE COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California, on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IS to provide citizens, public agencies and other interested parties an opportunity to provide input for the Garden Grove Housing Authority Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said Public Hearing and express opinions related to the Annual Plan.

The Annual Plan for the Garden Grove Housing Authority will be available for public view by February 28, 2021 at:

Garden Grove Housing Authority  
12966 Euclid Street, Ste 150  
Garden Grove, CA 92840

The Garden Grove Housing Authority's business hours are Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The office is closed every other Friday with business hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the open Friday.

**PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Community Meeting Center  
Council Chambers  
11300 Stanford Avenue  
Garden Grove, California 92840

All written testimony must be received no later than March 23, 2021, at 12:00 noon. Any person or organization may file written testimony on the Annual Plan with the City Clerk's office, located at 11222 Acacia Parkway, P.O. Box 3070, Garden Grove, CA 92840.

/s/ TERESA POMEROY, CMC  
Secretary

DATE:

PUBLISH:

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**Affidavit of Publication**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }  
COUNTY OF ORANGE } SS

PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

I am a citizen of the United States; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above-entitled matter. I am the principle clerk of the printer of ORANGE COUNTY NEWS, a newspaper of general circulation, published ONCE WEEKLY in the city of GARDEN GROVE, County of ORANGE, which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of ORANGE, State of California under the date of March 20, 1964, Case Number A-31502; that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy (set in type not smaller than nonpareil), has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit:

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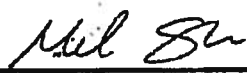
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/s/ TERESA POMEROY, CMC  
Secretary  
Orange County News 1/6,13/21-101861

January 06, 2021, January 13, 2021

That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

SIGNED:



Orange County News

Subscribed to and sworn by me this 13th day of January 2021.

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P.O. BOX 3070  
GARDEN GROVE, CA 92842

**Attachment D**

**Violence Against Women Act  
(VAWA) Policy**

## **ATTACHMENT A**

### **Garden Grove Housing Authority Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Policy**

On March 7, 2013, President Obama signed the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA 2013) into law. VAWA 2013 expands applicability of the VAWA protections to HUD programs beyond HUD's public housing program and HUD's tenant-based and project-based Section 8 programs, and provides additional protections. All PHA Plans submitted after January 5, 2006 must address VAWA. Provisions of VAWA are applicable to Section 8 programs and to owners renting to families under the Section 8 rental assistance programs.

#### **I. Purpose and Applicability**

The purpose of this Policy is to implement the applicable provisions of VAWA and set forth goals, policies and procedures intended to assist victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

#### **II. Goals and Objectives**

This Policy has the following principal goals and objectives.

- A. The GGHA supports the goals of the VAWA Amendments and will comply with its requirements.
- B. The GGHA will ~~continue to administer~~ its Section 8 Housing choice Voucher program in ways that support and protect residents who may be victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking.
- C. The GGHA will not take any adverse action against a participant or applicant solely on the basis of her or his being a victim of such criminal activity, including threats of such activity. "Adverse action" in this context includes denial or termination of housing assistance.
- D. The GGHA will not subject a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking to a more demanding standard for lease compliance than other tenants.

- E. The GGHA will continue to develop policies and procedures as needed to implement the requirements of VAWA, and to collaborate with other agencies to prevent and respond to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking, as those criminal activities may affect applicants for and participants in the GGHA's housing program.
- F. The GGHA will provide notices explaining the VAWA protections to applicants and participants for housing assistance and to property owners participating in the voucher program.

### III. Definitions As Used In VAWA

- A. The term **domestic violence** includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse of the victim, by a person with who the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.
- B. The term **dating violence** means violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:
- The length of the relationship
  - The type of relationship
  - The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship
- C. The term **stalking** means:
- To follow, pursue, or repeatedly commit acts with the intent to kill, injure, harass, or intimidate; or
  - To place under surveillance with the intent to kill, injure, harass, or intimidate another person; and
  - In the course of, or as a result or, such following, pursuit, surveillance, or repeatedly committed acts, to place a person in reasonable fear of the death of, or serious



bodily injury to, or to cause substantial emotional harm to (1) that person, (2) a member of the immediate family or that person, or (3) the spouse or intimate partner of that person.

D. The term ***immediate family member*** means, with respect to a person:

- A spouse, parent, brother or sister, or child of that person, or an individual to whom that person stands in the position or place of a parent; or
- Any other person living in the household of that person and related to that person by blood and marriage.

#### **IV. Victim Documentation**

- When the actions of a tenant, household member, guest or other person under the tenant's control call for the termination of tenancy or assistance, and a tenant or other household member claims that she or he is the victim of such actions and that the actions are related to domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, the GGHA or owner/manager will ensure that the family is provided the protections afforded under VAWA.
- The GGHA or owner/manager may request that an individual certify that s/he is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, and that the incident or incidents in question are bona fide incidents of such actual or threatened abuse.
- The certification must include the name of the perpetrator and be provided within 14 business days after the individual receives a request from the GGHA, owner or manager.

The GGHA or owner/manager may extend the 14-day deadline, at their discretion.

If the individual does not submit the certification within the required time frame (including any approved extension), the GGHA or owner/manager may proceed with terminating the tenancy or assistance of the family.

- An individual may satisfy the certification requirement by providing documentation "signed by an employee, agent, or volunteer of a victim service provider, an attorney, judge, law enforcement agent or a medical professional, from whom the victim has sought assistance in addressing the actual or threatened abuse"

OR

- The GGHA or owner/manger may provide benefits to an individual based solely on the individual's statement or other corroborating evidence.

**V. Evicting Or Terminating Assistance Of A Perpetrator**

- Notwithstanding any Federal, State, or local law to the contrary, the GGHA may terminate assistance to, or an owner or manager may bifurcate a lease, or remove a household member from a leases, without regard to whether a household member is a signatory to a lease, in order to evict, remove, terminate occupancy rights, or terminate assistance to any individual who is a tenant or lawful occupant and who engages in criminal acts of physical violence against family members or others, without evicting, removing, terminating assistance to, or otherwise penalizing the victim of such violence who is also a tenant or lawful occupant. GGHA may require a restraining order, police report and/or other form of verification from the victim prior of termination of the assistance of a tenant who engages in criminal acts of physical violence against family members and others.

Such eviction, removal, termination of occupancy rights, or termination of assistance shall be effected in accordance with the procedures prescribed by Federal, State, and local law for the termination of leases or assistance under the relevant program of HUD-assisted housing.

**VI. Right To Terminate Tenancy**

- The GGHA and owner/manager retain the authority to terminate the tenancy, occupancy, or program assistance of a victim under either of the following conditions:
  - The termination is for a lease violation premised on something other than an act of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking against the victim and the GGHA or owner is holding the victim to a standard no more "demanding" than the standard to which other tenants are held.
  - The GGHA or owner/manager can demonstrate an "actual and imminent threat to other tenants or those employed at or providing service to the property" if the tenancy of the victim is not terminated.

## **VII. Notice Requirements**

- The GGHA will provide notice to HCV participants of their rights under VAWA, and to HCV owners/managers of their rights and obligations under VAWA. A "Notice of Occupancy Rights under the Violence Against Women Act" will be provided at the time a person applies for housing, when an applicant is denied assistance or admission, when a person is admitted as a tenant of a housing unit, and when a tenant is threatened with eviction or termination of housing benefits.

## **VIII. Confidentiality Requirements**

- All information provided to the GGHA or owner/manager regarding domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, including the fact that an individual is a victim of such violence or stalking, will be retained in confidence and may neither be entered into any shared database nor provided to any related entity, except to the extent that the disclosure (a) is requested or consented to by the individual in writing, (b) is required for use in an eviction proceeding, or (c) is otherwise required by applicable law.
- HCV participants are notified of their confidentiality rights in the "Notice of Occupancy Rights under the Violence Against Women Act" form.

## **IX. Other Federal, State Or Local Laws**

- VAWA does not supersede any provision of federal, state, or local law that provides greater protection to victims of domestic violence, or stalking. The GGHA will comply with the HUD adopted model emergency transfer plan.

**Attachment E**  
**Garden Grove Housing Authority**  
**Organizational Chart**

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