

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**CHA Voucher Program to Host Inaugural Landlord Symposium**

*More than 500 Landlords will receive foreclosure prevention advice*

- WHO:** **Danny K. Davis, U.S. Representative - 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District**  
**Lewis A. Jordan, Chicago Housing Authority CEO**  
**500 Landlords Leasing to Housing Choice Voucher holders**
- WHAT:** **Educational event for landlords renting to low-income residents**
- WHEN:** **Saturday, Nov. 15 at 9:00 a.m.**
- WHERE:** **South Shore Cultural Center, 7059 South Shore Drive**

CHICAGO – With a questionable housing market and foreclosure crisis at hand, landlords are struggling to stay afloat in these uncertain times. Recognizing the important role landlords play in providing quality rentals for Housing Choice Voucher holders, the Chicago Housing Authority is hosting its first landlord symposium.

On **Saturday, Nov. 15**, U.S. Representative Danny Davis will join CHA Chief Executive Officer Lewis Jordan to teach landlords how to battle today’s tough economic climate. Topics of the program will center on issues specific to property owners in the HCV Program, such as unit inspection processes and determination of rent payments.

“This symposium presents a wealth of opportunities for all parties involved,” said CHA CEO Jordan. “Landlords get the information they need to navigate this housing crisis and continue to follow guidelines set forth by the voucher program; and hopefully this will prevent voucher families from being victimized by landlords who are threatened by foreclosure.”

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the program beginning promptly at 9 a.m. The event will last until 1 p.m., and admission is free for all attendees.

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**About the Chicago Housing Authority**

The CHA was created by state legislation in 1937 to create and expand affordable housing opportunities for low income families and seniors. Today, through federal and other resources, the CHA assists approximately 35,000 families who participate in the Housing Choice Voucher program in private units owned by private landlords. In addition, the CHA owns 15,500 units for families in scattered site, traditional public housing or mixed income developments and 9,500 units of housing for senior citizens in 56 senior developments across the city.

**About the Housing Choice Voucher Program**

The Chicago Housing Authority Housing Choice Voucher Program is a rental assistance program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The voucher program allows low-income families to rent quality housing in the private sector by paying a portion of their rent each month to the property owner or manager. The program also aims to assist in personal development through educational resources and financial advising.