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## **RRHA OPENS SELECTED WAITLISTS, CLOSES ONE**

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA (July 12, 2023) — On Monday, July 17, 2023, Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) will open two (2) project-based voucher (PBV) waitlists of various bedroom sizes and close the public housing waitlist for four and five bedrooms. *A project-based voucher (PBV) is a housing choice voucher where the subsidy stays with the unit, not the individual voucher holder.* The pre-application period for the PBV waitlists will open Monday, July 17, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. and close July 19, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

The two (2) PBV waitlists that will open Monday July 17<sup>th</sup> total 27 units and are in the following communities:

- Townes at River South 214 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street: Three (3) and four (4) bedroom units
- The Planet Apartments 14 West Jackson Street: one (1), two (2) and three (3) bedroom units.

"While RRHA recognizes the total number of units may not be sufficient, it will be advantageous for individuals to move from the waitlist and into affordable housing. Our goal continues to focus on minimizing the impact of the current affordable housing crisis by reopening the waitlists and reducing the wait time to less than six months," explains RRHA Chief Executive Officer, Steven Nesmith.

To apply for these waitlists, visit <u>rrha.com</u>, click the "Applicant Portal" at the top of the page. Log in or click "Click here to register" in the box at the bottom of the page. Enter your registration code or complete the personal details section to be assigned a registration code if you do not have one. Applicants who have challenges applying or logging in or who may not be technologically savvy and in need of online assistance, should call the RRHA Customer Call Center at (804) 780-4200.

Paper applications are no longer distributed or accepted by mail, fax, or in person. "Our entire application process is now online," said Fatimah Smothers-Hargrove, Vice President of the Housing Choice Voucher and Tenant Selection Office.

For questions concerning the RRHA waitlist, contact the Tenant Selection Office at TenantSelection@rrha.com or RRHA's Call Center at (804) 780-4200. All emails will receive a response within two business days. RRHA also accepts walk-ins on Tuesdays from 9a – Noon and Thursdays 1p – 4p at our current location at 600 East Broad Street, 4<sup>th</sup> floor.



\* Building Communities. Changing Lives<sup>\*</sup> is the vision of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority. RRHA is Virginia's largest public housing authority serving over 10,000 residents and managing nearly 4,000 units through the public housing program. RRHA provides subsidized housing assistance to more than 3,000 families and is a catalyst for quality affordable housing and community revitalization. For more information about RRHA programs and objectives, visit <u>rrha.com</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Linkedin</u>, or <u>Instagram</u>.

