

Press Release – Chuck Austin Place

The Yakima Housing Authority would like to inform the Yakima Community that construction of the new 41-unit Chuck Austin Place, located at the former Marine Armory at 1703 Tahoma Ave in Yakima, has been delayed, due to regulatory conflicts between two of our major funding sources. Unfortunately, the regulations that govern Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) funding and the regulations that govern Department of Health and Human Services' donation of surplus federal property are at odds with one another. This issue affects not only the Yakima Housing Authority but housing authorities and other non-profits throughout the country that wish to use LIHTC's to fund affordable housing development on surplus land donated by the federal government. The Housing Authority is working directly with our legislators on a solution.

The Housing Authority and its funding partners are committed to the construction and completion of Chuck Austin Place. We have confidence that this delay is temporary and that Congress will address this issue prior to Summer 2020. We appreciate the continued support of the community for this much needed housing for our homeless veterans.

About the Yakima Housing Authority

The Housing Authority of the City of Yakima was created in 1977 by the City of Yakima to provide affordable housing for low- and moderate-income residents of the community. Its mission is to build stronger communities through a commitment to safe and affordable housing. The Housing Authority currently owns and manages more than 500 units of affordable housing throughout Yakima, Toppenish, Granger, Cowiche and Tieton and manages over 1,100 housing choice vouchers for Yakima and Kittitas Counties. The Housing Authority continues to meet its mission through the maintenance, preservation and construction of affordable housing throughout the communities that it serves.

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