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GENERAL INFORMATION NOTICE (GIN)

RESIDENTIAL TENANT TO BE DISPLACED

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

As you know, the Boston Housing Authority is undertaking a redevelopment of the Bunker Hill public housing community where you live. The attached Letter of Assurance affirms the BHA, the developer Bunker Hill Redevelopment Company LLC, and the Charlestown Resident Alliance’s commitment to the Bunker Hill residents. BHA is working in close collaboration with the Charlestown Resident Alliance. Our intention is to create brand new deeply affordable subsidized housing to replace the public housing units existing today while adding additional new housing. The result will be a truly mixed-income community.

The purpose of this notice is to inform you that you will be displaced (with a right to return and be rehoused) as a result of the proposed redevelopment. **BUT DO NOT MOVE OUT NOW**. **YOU WILL BECOME INELIGIBLE FOR RELOCATION ASSISTANCE AND YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO RETURN IF YOU VOLUNTARILY MOVE OUT OR TRANSFER NOW OR IF YOU GET EVICTED FOR A LEASE VIOLATION**. To remain eligible, you must continue to pay your usual rent and meet all other ongoing public housing lease obligations. To protect your eligibility, it is important for you to contact us before making any plans to move.

This notice also serves to inform you of your potential eligibility as a displaced person to (1) receive relocation assistance and payments under the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act and Massachusetts state relocation laws, G.L. c. 79A, and (2) be rehoused at the redeveloped Bunker Hill community.

# This is not a notice to vacate your apartment. (That will come later.)

# This is not a notice of eligibility for relocation assistance. (That too will come later).

If the project moves forward, you will receive a minimum of 120 days’ advance written notice of the date by which you must move.

Before then, as a next step you will receive a formal relocation Notice of Eligibility that will lay out the relocation assistance and benefits that BHA will provide to you, including for example:

* Advisory services to explain your relocation rights and help finding a comparable place to live temporarily;
* Help completing housing applications and forms;
* Identification of a specific available rental housing unit comparable to your current apartment, which may be at another BHA public housing property;
* Payment for your moving expenses; and
* Rental payment assistance if needed to ensure that you can afford the identified comparable temporary replacement housing unit; or
* Assistance toward the purchase of home, if that is your preferred relocation option.

# You will have the right to appeal if you feel that your eligibility or your application for relocation assistance was not properly considered.

As new housing units are constructed at the Bunker Hill redevelopment, all BHA tenants who were displaced will have the right to return to new housing units at the mixed-income community, provided they have not been evicted due to a violation of a material term of their public housing lease during their temporary displacement or voluntarily moved out or transferred permanently. By the time the redevelopment is completed, every resident who receives relocation assistance and is temporarily displaced will be contacted and offered the opportunity to exercise their right to return to the new mixed-income community. Your household will not be rescreened for eligibility, except for income qualification.

If you have any questions about this notice or the proposed redevelopment, please contact Amy Tran at (617) 988-4316 or by email at: amy.tran@bostonhousing.org

We remind you too that the Charlestown Resident Alliance is a valuable resource for information. The CRA is located at 76 Monument Street, Charlestown, MA.

Again, this is not a notice to vacate at this time. There will be a future notice of your eligibility for relocation assistance and payments and at least 120 days’ advance written notice of a move-out date.

Sincerely,

Joe Bamberg

Director of Planning and Development