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UPDATE ON RAD/SECTION 18 PROJECT CONVERSION

Dear Resident of Ida Yarbrough Homes:

Recently you were sent a new lease document for your current unit. I wanted to provide further clarification on the rental amount that was listed on the lease you received and apologize for any confusion.

The unit that you currently reside in will start receiving a Project Based voucher through the Section 8 program. The new lease that you received in the mail has the total gross rent amount listed and not the tenant paid rent.

**You will only be required to pay the tenant portion of the rent which will continue to be based on 30% of your adjusted gross income.** If there is a rent increase due to conversion it will be handled based on regulations listed below and you will receive notification of such.

*\* If, purely as a result of conversion, the amount a tenant would pay for rent and utilities under the PBV program (the tenant's TTP) would increase the tenant's TTP by more than the greater of 10 percent or \$25, the rent increase will be phased in over 3 years.*

- *Year 1: Any recertification (interim or annual) performed prior to the second annual recertification after conversion – 33% of difference between most recently paid TTP or flat rent and the Calculated PBV TTP*
- *Year 2: Year 2 Annual Recertification (AR) and any Interim Recertification (IR) prior to Year 3 AR – 50% of difference between most recently paid TTP and the Calculated PBV TTP*
- *Year 3: Year 3 AR and all subsequent recertification's – Full Calculated PBV TTP*

We are very excited to have the opportunity to beautify your home and we appreciate your patience & cooperation throughout this process. As a reminder the following renovations of your home and throughout the development will take place:

- 2 separate towers with 112 units per tower. Each floor above the ground floor contains 16 apartments. Total of 224 apartment units in both towers.



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- The apartments will consist of 5 different floor plan layouts.
- Each floor will contain 2 apartments that are designed to be handicapped accessible.
- Additionally each tower will have 5 apartments to accommodate the hearing or visually impaired.
- Every bathroom and kitchen will be renovated entirely with new finishes, cabinetry, plumbing fixtures, lighting and appliances.

## Exterior:

- New roof
- New exterior metal panel system for an entirely new exterior look and added insulation
- New exterior doors
- Masonry repairs

## Interior:

- Patch and repair drywall
- Paint all walls ceilings and soffits
- New flooring throughout
- New kitchen cabinets and countertops
- New kitchen stoves (30") and refrigerator
- New bathroom vanity
- New plumbing fixtures in kitchen and bathroom
- New apartment entry and interior doors and door hardware
- Infrastructure improvements include new: central air conditioning, LED lights, fire sprinkler improvements, apartment heating units, boiler room pumps

All Common areas (corridors, link, and laundry rooms) will receive new finishes and lighting

Information can also be found on our website at [www.albanyhousing.org](http://www.albanyhousing.org).

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me at 518-641-7465.

Sincerely,  
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