



**Chicago Housing Authority
Board of Commissioners Public Session
May 16, 2023-CHA Central Office, 60 E. Van Buren**

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| 1 | Dallas Pickett | <p>Prior to this meeting I had conversation with LaDar Jones and EJ about the impact security has on residents of senior buildings. I am the vice-president for Judge Green and Senior South region, 18 buildings in my region. One in particular is Vivian Gordan Harsh, 4227 S. Oakenwald. There is an extensive amount of drug dealing and participation by residents of the building. This information is coming from residents that live in the building. There is a lot of traffic coming in and out of that apartment and on another floor. Another impact on security is non-residents of the buildings using washers and dryers. People that come visit other residents or just in the building using W/D. This puts wear and tear on machines. There is a great need for security to be more mindful in securing or buildings, and that needs to be addressed.</p> | <p>Thank you for your comment and your continued engagement with CHA on this issue. CHA's Safety and Security team continues to monitor this site in-person and through video to identify and address alleged criminal activity both inside and outside of the building.</p> <p>CHA is aware that non-residents, typically family members of residents, occasionally use CHA laundry facilities. CHA shares your concern that this can cause wear and tear on the equipment and adversely impact CHA residents' ability to use the equipment. CHA will continue to work with property management to ensure that CHA laundry facilities are reserved for use by residents only and that anyone entering our properties is appropriately registered as a guest.</p> |

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| 2 | Otis Tomas | <p>I want to speak about the illegal eviction notices given to CHA Lathrop residents and how CHA can help file a complaint against Related and about Lathrop Homes union laborers getting permanent hire in the last phases of the Lathrop construction. 2000 CHA promise to give CHA residents on developments to be first hires in construction on the development site.</p> | <p>Thank you for your comment and for giving CHA the opportunity to address your concerns. Over the past year and a half, CHA received \$9.1 million in Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) funds from the City's Department of Housing to aid CHA residents with past-due balances. These funds were ultimately used to provide an average of \$3,345 in assistance to more than 2,300 eligible CHA families.</p> <p>In May, the property manager at Lathrop sent notices to residents who continued to have past due rent balances. The property manager then met individually with these residents to explain the balance and, if necessary, address any errors. In addition, residents who received a notice were offered a repayment plan and given referrals to service providers to explore additional rental assistance options. CHA is committed to providing support to residents who have past due balances to ensure that they continue to receive housing and supportive services from CHA.</p> |
| 3 | Brenda Perry | <p>Money being spent and nothing is being accomplished. Elevators not working. Safety of residents is being compromised. CHA is not monitoring the work that is being done at the Lincoln Perry Apts. HUD needs to look closely at CHA and how contracts are lead. Anytime you have a contract worth millions and the work is inadequate, then you have to recontract the work out, there's a problem. I have been reporting about this since 2017, and I haven't seen any improvement. I hope HUD and the new mayor are monitoring these meetings because we do have to work together. Go to the residents to find out what's really going on for real and not listen to contractors. Taking someone's word just because they have contracts to manage the building doesn't mean they manage them. I have a problem with that. We don't have money to throw away. We need things done, especially in senior buildings. I hate to say but It's like senior abuse, my building is included. I have questions about it and I hope you resolve it. I'm looking for follow-up and communications.</p> | <p>Thank you for your comment. All four elevators at Lincoln Perry and Lincoln Perry Annex are currently in service. CHA closely monitors maintenance and repair work on elevators and this work is also inspected and approved by City of Chicago inspectors. CHA is aware that out of service elevators can adversely impact the quality of life of residents in our senior buildings. We are committed to ensuring that elevators that are taken out of service for maintenance and repairs are restored to use as expeditiously as possible.</p> <p>CHA continues to monitor contracted work at Lincoln Perry and this work is going as planned. CHA has not re-issued any current contracts. If there are more specific items that are being referred to Ms. Perry can contact the portfolio manager directly to discuss.</p> |
| 4 | Carla Jackson | <p>Not Present</p> | |

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| 5 | Tamiko Holt | <p>I want to discuss three things, Loomis Courts, and moving residents, and moving them out of depreciated apartments. You have leadership that we didn't vote for. CHA has not talked to the impacted residents in the decision making of their fate in the quality of their life. This is happening where my daughter lives...just don't. I see you highlight passing out turkeys & hams, song and dance. You don't highlight long-term residents that's why the needle is not moving, there's a reason for that. Resident leadership is not changing and you're keeping residents muted. Quality control needs to be undertaken.</p> <p>Wasteful spending- where is the quality control on these contractors? that's coming up next. I'm a contractor and you scrutinize my work like nothing, do the same thing to those contractors when you're giving them million dollar contracts.</p> | <p>Thank you for your comment. The quality of life of residents at Loomis Courts is a priority for CHA, and we are currently reviewing all our options to improve housing at the site.</p> |
| 6 | Tamiko Holt | <p>My persistence comes from being a CHA resident all life. I see the same issues perpetuating for the next generation. I learned and watched as I grew older, and I had my child. I don't go along to get along. Tired of seeing our ppl used as human capital. I want to talk about pest control. No one is talking to the customer/residents. We want to act like everyone is in tune, when in fact 3/4 of them don't even see resident leadership. They have no choice but to go along because they can't just pick up and move. They get tired of complaining so they take it. Procurement was taking from PPMs because of corruption and stealing money.</p> | <p>Thank you for your comment. Regarding pest control, in May, the Board of Commissioners approved a \$23 million contract with Platinum Pest Control for pest control services at CHA properties. Platinum Pest Control is a Section 3 business, and it was deemed highly qualified during the evaluation process.</p> |
| 7 | Tamiko Holt | <p>Some of the commissioners just regurgitated what I've been saying. Because I live in public housing and my family lives in public housing, I know what it's like to live in these apartments. The problem is that units are not being scoped properly. We can only do what we are being paid to do, nothing extra. When you tell them about extra items, they act like they haven't heard anything. That's why I use the word sharecropping because you don't do the big firms like that, the ones that developers always use the ones you pay millions of dollars to, and they produce substandard housing. Scoping should be automatic.</p> | <p>Thank you for your comment.</p> |