

# Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation Compliance Review Observation Report

**Los Ebanos Apartments**  
 2133 Barnard Road Brownsville, TX 78520  
**OWNER:** RHAC-Ebanos, LLC  
**INSPECTION DATE:** 7.9.2014 at 8:00 a.m.  
**INSPECTOR'S NAME:** James M. Matias

<b>Number of Units:</b> 65	<b>Number of required LI units:</b> 65	<b>Number of required VLI units:</b>	NA	
COMPLIANCE AUDIT		YES	NO	N/A
1) Are procedures that ensure compliance with the set aside requirements and rent requirements effective?		X		
2) Is the property accepting Section 8 households?		X		
3) Is the income to rent ratio for Section 8 households less than 2.5?		X		
4) Are the rent increases smaller than 5%?		X		
5) Is there any discriminatory language on the Application for Tenancy or Occupancy Qualifications?			X	
6) Does the lease or rental agreement inform the resident of Very Low Income/Low Income and Recertification requirements?		X		
7) Is additional monitoring by TSAHC recommended?			X	

**COMMENTS:**

SET-ASIDES		YES	NO	N/A
1) Do the files reviewed establish that the property is meeting the Low Income residency requirement whereby 75 percent of the units are rented to tenants whose adjusted income is 80 percent or less of the median gross income for the Metropolitan Statistical Area where the property is located?				X
2) Do the files reviewed establish that the property is meeting the Very Low Income residency requirement?		X		
3) Are the set-aside units evenly distributed?				
a) No more than 60% of the set-aside requirements consist of one unit type?				X
b) No less than 20% of the set aside requirements consist of any particular unit type?				X
4) If either of the set asides have not been met, are any units :				
a) Rented for less than 30 days, not including month-to-month?			X	
b) Utilized as a hotel, motel, dormitory, fraternity house, sorority house, rooming house, nursing home, hospital, sanitarium, rest home, or trailer court or park?			X	
c) Leased to a corporation, business or university?			X	
d) Owned by a cooperative housing corporation?			X	
e) Not available for rental on a continuous basis to members of the general public?			X	

**COMMENTS:**

**UNITS WALKED**  
 (units vacant and unready for extended period of time and all down units)

Unit #	USR Designation	New Designation	Comments
NA			

**COMMENTS:**

RESIDENT SERVICES		YES	NO	N/A
1) Does the programming appear to cater to the resident profile of the property?		X		

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2) Does the programming appear to be effective? Discuss your observations in the comments section below. Provide examples of the program effectiveness or ineffectiveness.	X		
3) Is there a resident services notebook available to review?	X		
4) TSAHC provided Technical assistance regarding:			
a) Resident attendance	X		
b) Frequency of service provided	X		
c) Transportation provided for off site services	X		
d) Notification to residents of services	X		
e) Number or type of services	X		
f) Survey of residents	X		
g) On-line reporting		X	
5) Does the property comply with the resident services requirement?	X		

**COMMENTS:** The resident service binders provided by the property manager showed an adequate resident services program. The property offered a resident survey regarding services needed in 2014, but they did not receive any resident response.

OFFICE	YES	NO	N/A
1) Is the office neat, the desk uncluttered?	X		
2) Are accurate office hours posted?	X		
3) Are the following displayed in full view:			
a) Occupancy Qualifications?	X		
b) Fair Housing Poster?	X		

**COMMENTS:**

RESIDENT FILE REVIEW	YES	NO	N/A
1) Are there any Next Available Unit Rule Violations?		X	
2) Does the file audit establish that residents are being recertified on an annual basis?	X		
3) Does the owner maintain all records relating to resident income certifications, together with supporting documentation?	X		
4) Does the Owner/Agent make an effort to determine that the income certification provided by the resident is accurate?	X		
5) Does the file audit indicate that staff needs additional training?		X	

**COMMENTS:** The most common discrepancies found during the file review included differences between the Tenant Income Certification and the Unit Status Report, inconsistency between the Tenant Income Certification and the HUD 50059 and incorrect ethnicity designations on the Unit Status Report. However, management was able to submit all of the required corrective action before the completion of this Report.

*If a new household moves in to any of the units with Findings (listed below), instead of submitting the required Corrective Action documents, submit with your response: the application for tenancy, the verifications, the Income Certification, and the 1<sup>st</sup> page of the lease for the new household occupying the unit.*

Unit	Finding	Corrective Action Requirement
NA		

**COMMENTS:** Management did a great job correcting all compliance findings prior to the submittal of the compliance report.

### SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND OBSERVATIONS

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No Findings or Observations.