



SHANNON D. DICUS, SHERIFF-CORONER

Crime Free Multi-Housing Participants,

After careful consideration, this letter is to inform you the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Crime Free Multi-Housing program has been discontinued.

The Crime Free program has been a successful, long-standing partnership with property managers, owners, landlords, and residents. The program aimed to reduce crime through community partnerships and improve our community's quality of life.

In light of recent legislative changes, the Department of Justice (DOJ) has cited concerns with the program specifically as it relates to California Assembly Bill 1418 (AB1418) which went into effect this year and directly impacts local government's crime-free housing policies.

The bill further states that a local government cannot require or encourage a landlord to perform criminal background checks during tenant screenings. However, the bill does not prohibit landlords from conducting criminal background checks and terminating tenancies for nuisance activities at their discretion and in accordance with applicable Fair Housing laws.

The DOJ did not articulate specific concerns with our county's program, other than that they believe it conflicts with the recent legislation. Although, the Sheriff's Department believes the program was a positive way for landlords and property owners to manage their properties and combat illegal activity, we have elected to discontinue the program.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shannon D. Dicus".

Shannon D. Dicus, Sheriff-Coroner