

Veteran Priority in the Affordable Housing Lottery

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Veteran Priority

Applies to Affordable Housing Lottery Preferences

	Certificate of Preference	Displaced Tenant Housing Preference	Neighborhood Resident Housing Preference	Live or Work in San Francisco
	Veteran Household	Veteran Household	Veteran Household	Veteran Household
Eligibility	Applicants who already hold a Certificate of Preference from being displaced by the former Redevelopment Agency in the 1960's and 70's.	Applicants who experienced Ellis Act or Owner Move In Evictions, displaced due to a fire, or evicted from a Planning Commission-determined unlawful unit.	Applicants who live in the same supervisorial district or within a ½ mile radius of the project.	Applicants who either live or work in San Francisco.
Resale/ re-renting	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
% of Lottery Units	100%	20%	40%	100%

Veteran Priority Eligibility

One household member must be:

- A Veteran who served in the active military, naval, or air service that was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable and/or
- A Veteran who served in the active military, naval, or air service that is recognized by Veterans Affairs to receive or qualify for benefits or assistance

Documenting Veteran Priority

Prior to the Lottery, MOHCD works with Veterans to:

1. Establish Veteran status
 - DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty)
 - Veterans Benefits Letter
2. Prove lottery preference eligibility
3. Verify Identity

Veteran Priority Rental Activity & Outcomes

	FY 24-25	FY 25-26
Validated Veterans at Fiscal Year-End	306	523
Individual Veteran Applicants	182	295
Applications	427	854
Signed Leases	12	34
Other Application Status		
<i>Withdrawn Applications</i>	<i>214</i>	<i>602</i>
<i>Waitlisted</i>	<i>186</i>	<i>181</i>
<i>Over Income</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>34</i>
<i>Under Income</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>3</i>

Veteran Priority Ownership Activity & Outcomes

	FY 24-25	FY 25-26
Validated Veterans at Fiscal Year-End	306	523
Individual Veteran Applicants	2	2
Applications	2	4
Purchased	1	1
Withdrawn Applications	1	3



Veteran Personal Stories

First-Time Homeowner

After serving in the Army, the 33-year-old Veteran lived in an Ingleside apartment with an annual income of around \$70,000 as a City College educator.

In August 2025, utilizing the Veteran Priority Live or Work in San Francisco Preference, the Veteran purchased a one-bedroom unit in 400 China Basin in Mission Bay.



DAHLIA Housing Pipeline

Building Name or Address	Neighborhood/ District	Number of Units	Unit Type	Listing Date 2026
3300 Mission	Bernal Heights / D9	34	Studios	September 15
850 Turk Street	Western Addition / D2	91	Studios, 1BR, 2BR, 3BR	September 22
Sunnydale - Luca	Visitacion Valley / D10	23	1BR, 2BR, 3BR	October 1
160 Freelon	SOMA / D6	62	Studios, 1BR, 2BR, 3BR	Mid - October
1515 S. Van Ness	Mission / D9	120	Studios, 1BR, 2BR, 3BR	Mid - October
Sunnydale - Cielo	Visitacion Valley / D10	21	1BR, 2BR, 3BR	Late - October



Thank you!

Questions?

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