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### **Austin Homes RAD Phone Conference April 16, 2020**

Meeting Attendees: Kara Davis, KCDC  
Jim Hatfield, KCDC  
Audrey Johnson, Former Austin Tenant  
Alberta McBee, Former Austin Tenant

#### FAQs

- Do I have to move back to Austin if I like where I live now?
  - No person will be forced back to Austin homes if they are happy with where they live now. However, all former Austin tenants do have the right to return to the property when work is complete. It may be best to not give up your right to return until after you have a chance to see what the new housing on the site will look like.
- How long until we actually get to move back?
  - Construction is expected to start in July 2020, and KCDC believes the first units will be ready in the Summer of 2021.
- Do we get our own porch?
  - There are several different building types and configurations which will be built on the site. Some will have porches, and others may not.
  - Be aware that there are also many amenities planned at the site. For example, there are plans for a large community space, fitness center, and resident storage space.
- Will we have to pay our rent at the Vista Office like we used to?
  - Austin will have its own management office on the site in the largest of the residential buildings being planned. Rent and other business will be conducted there, and you will no longer need to go to the Vista.
- Will we have to pay our own utilities at our new apartment?
  - Yes, you will have to have KUB in your name and you will pay for your utilities. However, you will also receive a utility allowance as you did when you lived at Austin before.



- Will we get help to move our stuff back to Austin when a unit is ready?
  - Yes, just like when you were required to move and KCDC gave you money to relocate, we will pay you an amount to move back. This amount will depend on whether you want KCDC to schedule your move with a contractor company, or whether you wish to handle your own move or hire your own moving company.
  
- What will the units be like on the inside?
  - KCDC is planning for quality interiors, with granite/stone countertops, quality flooring, quality appliances, and washer dryer hookups which will be behind sliding or accordion type doors.
  - There may be an opportunity to rent washer/dryer setups from KCDC for a small monthly fee should tenants not have their own appliances.
  
- What if I need a unit that does not have steps?
  - There will be some units with steps, as well as some ground floor units, flat units, and units with elevator access. If you have a need for a unit without steps due to a disability, you may request a reasonable accommodation. Call Kim Mills at 865-403-1195 and request the paperwork, and we will work to put you in an appropriate unit for your needs.
  
- Once we move back to Austin, will you be relocating us again when renovations need to happen?
  - KCDC does not plan for any known relocation after these units are complete. We are using quality building materials with the hopes that the units will last a long time. While future renovations may need to occur due to normal wear and tear and normal life expectancy of materials, there is no expectation that tenants would have to move out for any significant length of time such as had to occur for this redevelopment project.

Questions related to Austin Homes relocation should be sent to Kara Davis at [kdavis@kcdc.org](mailto:kdavis@kcdc.org) or by calling 865-403-1212. Any questions received will be added to this FAQ for the benefit of all.