

**ATTACHMENT F
LOCAL PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEM
HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM**

I. Involuntarily Displaced Preference 20 Points

Applies to the following:

- Victims of Domestic Violence that has been so declared by Marin Abused Woman Service (MAWS) or Marin County CalWorks. Maximum of 15 per year.
- Victims of a Natural Disaster that has be so declared by a local, state, or federal government entity (fire, flood, earthquake, etc.) and documented by the American Red Cross. Maximum of 15 per year.
- Victims of Imminent Domain subject to a documented action by a local, state, or federal government entity related to code enforcement, public improvement, or development. Maximum of 5 per year.
- Participant in a State or Federal Witness Protection Program- documented by the State or Federal protection program. Maximum of 5 vouchers per year.

II. Family, Elderly or Disabled Preference 8 Points

- a. Family Preference is available to two or more persons related by blood, marriage, adoption, or laws who will live together in the same dwelling, or two or more persons who live together and whose income and resources are available for use in meeting regular living expenses for the family.
- b. Elderly Preference is available when the head of household or spouse/significant other is aged 62 or older.
- c. Disabled Preference is available when the applicant's household will contain one or more members who are considered disabled as defined in Marin Housing's policy.

III. Individuals or Families With Disabilities Who Have Successfully Participated in or Are A Current Participant in a Supportive Housing Program for Disabled Homeless Person(s). 8 Points

Applies to applicants who:

- Were formerly homeless.
- Are disabled.
- Participated in or are a current participant in a supportive housing program.
- No longer are in need of supportive services.

IV. Homeless Preference 4 Points

Applies to applicants who:

- Lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence,
- Have a primary nighttime residence that is a supervised public or private shelter providing temporary accommodations,
- A public or private place not ordinarily used as an accommodation for human beings (lacks indoor plumbing, toilet facilities, bathing facilities, adequate or safe electrical service, heat, or kitchen).

V. Working or Educational Preference 2 Points

Applies to applicants who meet any of the following requirements:

- The head of household, spouse/significant other or sole member is employed,
- The head of household, spouse/significant other or sole member is age 62 or older,
- The head of household, spouse/significant other or sole member is disabled,
- The head of household, spouse/significant other or sole member is currently a student enrolled in, or a graduate in the last six months of, a school training program designed to prepare enrollees for the job market.
(A student is an individual who is attending a school or training program full-time. A full-time student is a student who is enrolled for the number of hours or courses the school considers full-time attendance.)

VI. Residency Preference 2 Points

Applies to applicants who meet the following requirements:

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- The head of household, spouse/significant other or sole member is a current resident of Marin County.
- The head of household, spouse/significant other or sole member is employed in Marin County at least 32 hours a week.

VII. Veteran Preference

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Applies to applicant whose head of household or spouse/significant other is a current member of the military, a veteran, or the surviving spouse of a veteran.

VII. Family Unification

Based on the availability of targeted voucher funding, MHA recognizes the following separate local preference to its Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List:

- Families certified by Marin County Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, Children & Family Services (CFS) as a family for whom the lack of adequate housing is a primary factor in the imminent placement of the family's child, or children, in out-of-home care, or in the delay of discharge of a child, or children, to the family from out-of-home care and that MHA has determined to be eligible for a Family Unification Program (FUP) Housing Choice Voucher. These families may be:

1. A current MHA waiting list applicant identified to and certified by the CFS as a FUP-eligible family and assisted in position number order after certification; or
2. A FUP-eligible family referred from the CFS and placed on the MHA Section 8 waiting list in order of first come, first served.

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