Class Action Notice

This Notice is authorized by the U.S. District Court. This is not an advertisement from a lawyer. This is an important legal document; we recommend that you read all of it.

Records show that you resided at the La Vista Del Rio Apartments in Española, NM on or after September 8, 2022 and received housing assistance through the United States Department of Agriculture- Rural Development.

There is a settlement of a lawsuit.

Your household is entitled to receive \$2,500.

You do not have to do anything to receive the money, other than make sure the settlement administrator has your information.

You can also exclude yourself from the settlement, object or attend a hearing to speak about the fairness of the settlement.

This notice is to tell you about a proposed settlement of a class action lawsuit that was filed in the United States District Court for the district of New Mexico. The lawsuit is called, *Chavez v. Vilsack and Bosley Management Inc.*, Case No. 1:24-CV-00572 JB/KK (D. NM). The plaintiffs, or people who brought the class action lawsuit in their name, have reached a settlement with Bosley Management Inc. In the lawsuit, plaintiffs alleged that Bosley Management Inc. violated the law by failing to maintain habitable conditions as the owner of the property and by telling residents that the complex would close. In agreeing to settle, Bosley Management Inc. has not admitted they did anything wrong.

Important Information About Your Legal Rights

The proposed settlement covers all tenants that lived at the La Vista Del Rio Apartment Complex since September 8, 2022, and received low-income housing assistance through the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development.

The settlement requires Bosley Management Inc. to:

- Pay \$150,000. Which includes:
 - 1) \$2,500 for each class member household.
 - 2) \$1,000 for each class member household who moved prior to January 1, 2024.
 - 3) \$10,000 for costs to administer the settlement.

Your Options: Read this notice to understand the settlement and to determine if you are a class member. Then decide if you want to:

Do Nothing

GO TO A HEARING	Ask to speak in Court about the fairness of the settlement. The hearing will be at [time] on [date].
OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT	If you want to object to the settlement, you can do so in writing and sending your objection to all of those listed below <i>no later than [date]</i> :
	The Court: The Hon. James O. Browning United States District Court, Pete V. Domenici United States Courthouse 333 Lomas Blvd NW, Suite 660, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102
	Class Counsel: Sovereign Hager and Maria Griego
	New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty
	P.O. Box 27290, Albuquerque, NM 87125
	Defense Counsel: Richard H. Cravens, IV Priest & Miller, LLP 6100 Uptown Blvd. NE, Suite 620, Albuquerque, NM 87110
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OPT OUT BY REQUESTING TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE CASE	At this time, you are considered a member of the class for settlement purposes. However, if you want to exclude yourself from the proposed class action settlement, you would keep the right to sue Bosley Management Inc. about the same issues. To opt out you must send a written request specifically stating that you request exclusion. Mail your request to:
	Settlement Administrator
	PO Box [number], [city, state, zip code].
	Your request must be postmarked <i>no later than [date]</i> .

Do I have a lawyer in this lawsuit?

In a class action, the judge appoints class representatives and lawyers to work on the case and represent the interests of all class members. For this settlement, the judge has appointed the following individuals and lawyers:

New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty

Sovereign Hager Maria Griego P.O. Box 27290 Albuquerque, NM 87125 (505) 255-2840 **National Housing Law Project**

Natalie Maxwell Marcos Segura 90 New Montgomery St., Suite 1015 San Francisco, CA 94105

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These are the lawyers who negotiated this settlement on your behalf. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

If you have questions, please contact the Settlement Administrator at [phone number], or NM Center on Law and Poverty, the attorneys for Plaintiff and the Class, at (505) 255-2840.