

Table 2
When the Housing Agencies Most Recently Opened Their Waiting Lists, They Did So for Varying Time Periods

HOUSING AGENCY	MOST RECENT OPENINGS OF WAITING LIST	LENGTH OF TIME WAITING LIST WAS OPEN	AGENCY'S REASON FOR LENGTH OF TIME WAITING LIST WAS OPEN	AGENCY'S METHOD FOR ADDING APPLICANTS TO WAITING LIST
Orange	2023	12 days	Alignment with the duration the housing agency understood to be industry best practice through conversations with other housing agencies.	Random selection
Riverside	2015–2025* (stayed open during this period)	10 years	Display large housing need in hope of obtaining additional HUD funding.	Accepted all applicants
Sacramento	2022	29 days	Planned for two weeks, but extended the waiting list opening period to four weeks to address fair housing concerns from HUD.	Random selection

Sources: Orange and Sacramento public notices, Riverside administrative plan and website, staff interviews, and HUD.

Note: We did not identify a requirement for how long housing agencies must open their waiting lists in HUD HCV regulations.

* Riverside closed its waiting list in 2023 to applicants that did not meet certain preferences. In 2025, Riverside closed its waiting list to all applicants.