IMPORTANT NUMBERS

LOCATION:

Mayor's Office of Housing
1 S. Van Ness Ave, 5th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94103
Main Line: (415) 701-5500
www.sf-moh.org

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF HOUSING

- **To Request a Certificate Search:** (415) 701-5613
- **To Confirm Eligibility:** Brooke Barber (415) 701-5560
- **Certificate Holder Housing Questions:** Brooke Barber (415) 701-5560
- **Housing Hotline:** (415) 701-5613
- **Fax Number:** (415) 701-5501
- **Non-Certificate Holders**: Mayor's Office of Housing Main Line, (415) 701-5500
- **MOH Web-site:** www.sf-moh.org

Other Important Numbers

- **Mayor's Office of Housing** (housing listings, only) - www.sf-moh.org

No other entity or organization is authorized to check eligibility for a Certificate of Preference, or to grant a Certificate of Preference.

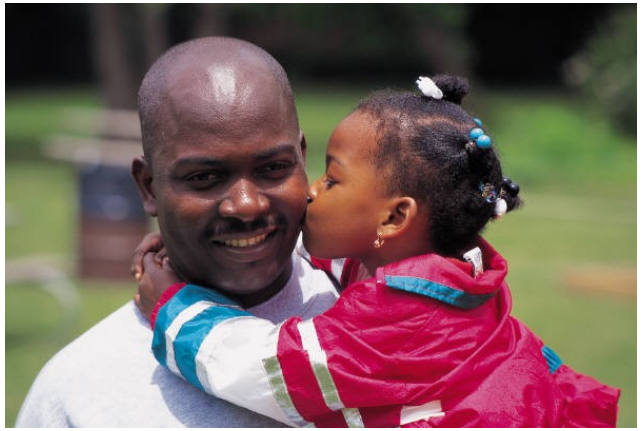
The Certificate of Preference does *not* administer the Section 8 program, or provide emergency shelter.

Mayor's Office of Housing

Certificate *of* Preference

WHAT IS A CERTIFICATE OF PREFERENCE?

A Certificate of Preference is a document issued by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency ("Agency") to displaced residents and businesses in the 1960's when the Agency was implementing its federally-funded urban renewal program. This Certificate gives such households preferential consideration for Agency-sponsored and citywide housing and business opportunities in Redevelopment Project Areas.



HOW DO I KNOW IF I'M ELIGIBLE FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PREFERENCE?

The only way to know if you're eligible for a Certificate of Preference ("Certificate") is to **request a certificate search**. A search is required to see if you, your family members, or household members were displaced from your rental unit or home by redevelopment activities in the Western Addition Area Two (A-2) or Hunters Point redevelopment areas. The search will determine if the address given was land or property acquired by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency, or a private entity under contract with or on behalf of the Agency.

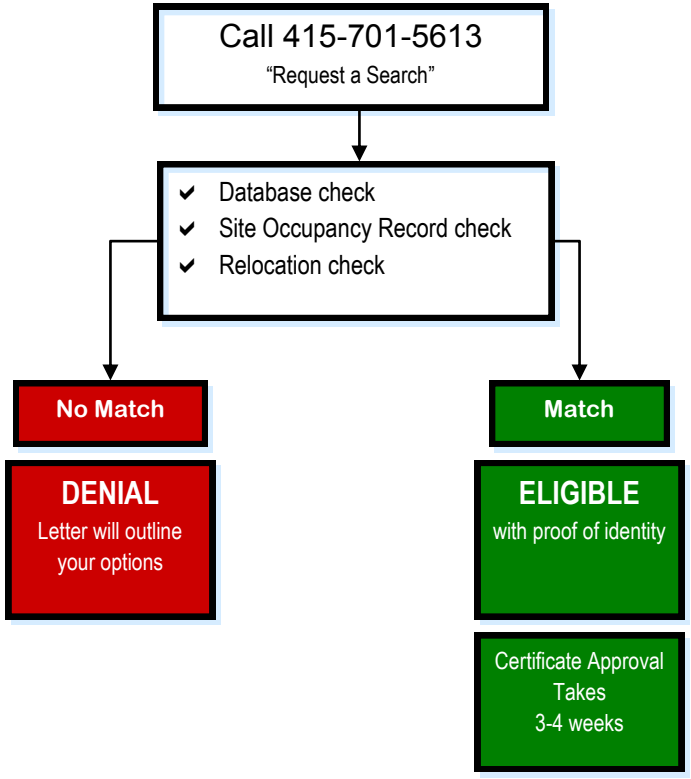
HOW DO YOU DETERMINE IF MY FAMILY WAS DISPLACED?

We check several areas in our records:

- Certificate of Preference database
- Site Occupancy Records
- Relocation/Acquisition Records

If your family name or address appears in any of these locations, AND, you were a part of that household **at the time of displacement**, then you may be eligible.

HOW THE CERTIFICATE SEARCH WORKS



BENEFITS OF BEING A CERTIFICATE HOLDER

- ✔ Priority in Agency-funded and Mayor's Office of Housing projects
- ✔ Opportunity to use your Certificate for a rental and/or purchase
- ✔ Priority in rental and homeownership lotteries

Since the Certificate is for those families who were displaced by redevelopment activities in the 1960's and 1970's in Western Addition A-2 and Hunters Point, then those Certificate holders are given priority in agency-funded housing. Certificate holder *must be eligible according to a development's requirements in order to be prioritized*.

WHAT THE CERTIFICATE IS *NOT*!

- A "voucher" with a monetary value
- Section 8 (if you need information on Section 8, please contact the San Francisco Housing Authority at 415-554-1200)
- A subsidy
- Transferable to family members
- Redeemable for cash