



CASE STUDY

LA County Public Housing Authority



In one of the most dangerous parts of South Central Los Angeles sits an L.A. County Housing Authority complex with 250 units—and just a handful of occupants. The property has its own reasons for becoming vacant, but as long as it remains so, the management team employs the VPS system to keep it and its remaining residents secure.

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Gangs remain a problem in this part of South Central Los Angeles, and vacant units here could serve as an invitation for criminals to stake a claim of their own. Plywood window board-ups are the conventional means of securing property—but against experienced criminals, plywood offers little protection. And boarded-up windows signify an abandoned and poorly secured building, which can make them an invitation instead of a deterrent. Frequent 911 calls and “guns drawn” situations are a drain on resources—and with a few residents still living in this housing complex while they wait for relocation, the county housing authority wasn’t going to take that kind of risk.

Unfortunately Ujima is a vacant property that still must be managed. VPS provides solutions for the vacant property manager. Security systems are affordable, attractive—and environmentally sound.

The solution: VPS steel doors and window screens. An aesthetically pleasing and effective alternative to plywood board-ups, steel windows are impenetrable to criminals and invulnerable to arson. The VPS system is more affordable than security guards—and never “sleeps on the job.” The building’s remaining

residents feel safe knowing criminals cannot enter neighboring units. And county authorities like knowing their rented security system is reusable, sustainable and environmentally friendly.

From government-run properties like schools or public housing communities to privately owned buildings like hospitals or foreclosed homes, every property has a story. And every property has its own security challenges. VPS is there to meet those challenges—to protect vacant properties from criminal activity and to prevent theft of fixtures and other valuables. Whatever your situation, VPS has you covered.

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