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List of Abbreviations and Acronyms

ALAAP	Alliance for Language Access for All People
AWI	All Are Welcome Institute
BYHH	Bring You Home Housing Organization
CRT	Citizen Rights Collective
FANO	Finance Authority of New Orleans
HANO	Housing Authority of New Orleans
HJC	Housing Justice Coalition
HTAG	Help Them Achieve Greatness Organization
HUD	Housing and Urban Development
HUNO	Homes for Us New Orleans
IAF	Industrial Areas Foundation
LDPSC	Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections
LHC	Louisiana Housing Corporation
LHFA	Louisiana Housing Finance Agency
NBHI	Neighborhood-Based Housing Institute
NNG	Nearby Neighborhood Group
OCD	Office of Community Development
QAP	Qualified Allocation Plan
RSD	Recovery School District
SAF	Strategic Action Fields Theory
SIP	Strategic Interaction Perspective

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