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Dear AHDF Staff Team,

Since I will not be able to attend the meeting today, I am writing you all to express my support of the AHDF Draft RFP, in particular, the recommendations from Supervisor Wegleitner that ensure that housing is not only affordable but also accessible to those who need it most. As a resident who has been involved with homeless advocacy for 10 years and has worked on assisting residents find housing, I am very aware of the barriers, challenges, and discrimination people in our community face in finding housing.

Despite significant efforts to redress the affordable housing crisis in our community, it is more challenging than ever to find housing for those experiencing homelessness or housing instability. This is largely due to the screening standards that most property management companies and for-profit affordable housing providers use to select tenants. By maintaining impossibly high standards, those who are most in need of housing are selected out.

In addition, our community's housing priority list, which attempts to document and prioritize those experiencing homelessness in need of housing, has stalled due to a lack of options for housing placements. Without measures to ensure that developers are reserving a percentage of units for individuals and families from the priority list, our community's adoption of Housing First will remain an empty promise.

The recommendations in this draft RFP that reserve units for the priority list, restrict discriminatory tenant selection criteria, and place an emphasis on supportive services are critical to solving the affordable housing crisis, making real the promise of Housing First, and creating a truly integrated community.

I strongly urge you all to support these recommendations. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Conner Wild