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Dear Mayor  Nirenberg

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I wanted to make you aware that I am supportive of a policy that is currently making its way up to you that would *end source of income discrimination by multi-family developments whom receive tax incentives within the City of San Antonio*. During this pandemic, you have voted to help those losing their homes with Risk Mitigation Funds and other initiatives; this is an opportunity to vote to help your residents gain access to homes that are already developed with taxpayer funds. Unlike most affordable housing initiatives, this is not asking for additional funding nor development of a new program, it only intends to end source of income discrimination of low-income Veterans, Seniors and Disabled Persons who use tax funded programs like:

Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8)

HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS)

VASH Voucher (Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing)

and other types of government or nonprofit administered income, such as SSI.

With your vote, we can see an increase of affordable housing without having to tap into funds set aside for affordable housing projects. The City of San Antonio can continue to lead Texas in its efforts to increase housing equity and be an example of acceptance and support for those most in need. With this pandemic increasing the affordability gap, now, more than ever, we must find new ways to increase housing opportunities with the limited funding we have available. For that reason and more, I hope you will join me in supporting this Source Of Income Discrimination Policy and I am hopeful this will influence more cities to follow in San Antonio's footsteps.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter, and hope to gain your support,

Sincerely,


Henry G. Cisneros

*Thanks you in advance for
considering this policy change.*