

February 15, 2021

Mayor Ron Nirenberg

The Historic Westside Residents Association (HWRA) which represents residents in District 5's near westside, fully supports the proposed Source of Income Discrimination (SOID) ordinance and asks for your vote to approve this ordinance.

Our residents are hardworking individuals who contribute to the City's tax base, many of whom work in service industry and other low wage jobs which makes the residents of our district the lowest earning in San Antonio. Because housing has become unaffordable, especially for the lowest earning individuals, some of our residents require assistance through housing vouchers (Housing Choice, HOPWA and VASH). Unfortunately, finding housing for these residents is extremely difficult because landlords are allowed to discriminate and deny housing to individuals based on their source of income, specifically those using housing vouchers. Although our residents are hardworking and contribute to San Antonio's tax base they often receive less assistance from our city than developers who are granted large tax incentives, incentives that, in addition to allowing housing discrimination, take funding away from our residents, our schools and our city's infrastructure.

Our Association asks that you support the SOID ordinance which will protect low income individuals, disabled individuals, senior citizens and veterans from housing discrimination for those who seek housing from housing developments that receive tax incentives from the city.

Sincerely,

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