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DCRHA Letter to The HB Review Committee & Coalition

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To:

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Hi Jim,

We see that the Review Committee's schedule has changed but wanted to answer your last request for a bullet list pulled from the points of review included in the initial letter.

To restate the original intent, the DCRHA Board saw an opportunity for distinction between funding and permitting agency (MassHousing, DHCD) particulars that the Housing Authority must comply with, and the possibility of different parameters for Housing Bank activity given this new source of "local" funding. Additionally, Housing Bank funding might allow for project prioritization of municipal and other "essential" town, regional and non-profit employees in ways that, again, were not conscribed in the same fashion as Affordable Housing is by State and Federal funding.

To flesh out the letter's list of elements for review:

- ongoing use of municipal employee preference for rental and ownership offers v. limitation to initial offer only;
- complete project designation as employee or other preference v. 70% currently allowed for any preference category;
- applicable definition of residency/citizenship v. contrasting State & Federal requirements;
- definition of allowable asset value and type relative to the higher incomes to be addressed by Housing Bank funding;
- Affirmative Fair Housing objectives such as full access by all Island residents v. required state-wide marketing;
- and definition of ADA and Public Accommodation provisions as related to the smaller, scattered site projects envisioned by the Coalition.

The Housing Authority Board recognizes the complicated nature of these issues and definitions as they relate to enabling legislation and future Housing Bank policy. We hope that the clarifications above address the Housing Bank Review Committee's needs at this time.

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