



February 2, 2018

Executive Director Gregg Fortner

4100 Touro Street

New Orleans, LA 70122

Dear Mr. Fortner,

We, the members and developers of GNOHA, would like to commend HANO for the creation of the site-based Project Based Voucher (PBV) waitlist, and the general acceleration of the referral process in the past year. While we are not clear if this process has been sped up as a result of utilizing site-based waitlists versus a general waitlist, we still believe it is a positive step. We also understand that the general waitlist is large, with over 20,000 families, and we hope the new site-based PBV waitlist process will speed up referrals and better help families get placed in communities that fit their needs.

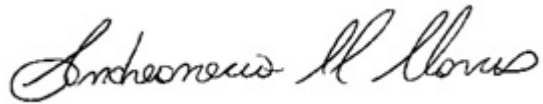
As we understand, under the site-based PBV waitlist process, the property managers of the various sites maintain the waitlist with oversight from HANO to prevent people from being overlooked from the general waitlist. Residents that were on the general waitlist were given the opportunity to be added to waitlists for specific sites and they receive calls based on where they are on the PBV waitlist. We understand being placed on the site-based PBV waitlist does not removed residents from other waitlists. However, one of our developer's properties, Wisdom Manor, had a vacancy that lasted over 10 months without receiving any referrals. Of the three referrals they did receive one of them was deceased and the other two were housed already outside of Wisdom Manor. The Property Manager eventually had to rent out the apartment to someone without a voucher. Therefore we'd like to clarify how are people removed from other waitlists when they are housed, how often the various lists are purged, and what does that process entail?

Although we appreciate the change to site-based waitlists, we would still like clarification on the frequency the waitlists are being updated both for PBV and HCVP. Also, would it be possible to have demographic information applied to the waitlist as well? Any information that would aid the developer in housing individuals and families quickly, so residents that do not qualify for particular sites are not referred.

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Neighborhood Development Foundation  
Neighborhood Housing Services  
New Day Homeowner Services  
New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity  
New Orleans Redevelopment Authority  
Northshore Housing Initiative  
Office of Housing Policy & Community Development  
Perez, APC  
Preservation Resource Center  
Project Homecoming  
Providence Community Housing  
Puentes New Orleans  
Rebuilding Together New Orleans  
Redmellon  
Renaissance Neighborhood Development Corporation  
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Service Providers and Professionals Assoc.  
Spottswood CDC  
St. John the Baptist Housing Authority  
St. Roch Community Development Corporation  
Tulane/Canal Neighborhood Development Corporation  
Tulane City Center  
United Way of Southeast Louisiana  
University of New Orleans  
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U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Volunteers of America  
Wells Fargo  
Whitney Bank

Furthermore, if there is a written official policy for the site-based PBV waitlist, would it be possible to share that with us? We would like to share it with our developers to clear up any further confusion about the process. Lastly, we would like to know if there are any interim steps being taken by HANO to fully adopt site-based waitlists maintained by property owners that can be made available, in case you are anticipating further guidance from HUD.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andreanecia M. Morris". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Andreanecia M. Morris**

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