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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Phillip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: April 23, 2014

SUBJECT: Need for Commission Appointments to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

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The purpose of this Letter To Commission is to urge the Mayor and Commission to make the necessary appointments to ensure that the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) can convene no later than May 19, 2014. In order to ensure compliance with the City's Consolidated Plan public participation process, the AHAC must meet to review its recommendations for funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds before the June 11, 2014 Commission meeting.

Historically, the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) is the City committee charged with reviewing CDBG and HOME funding applications and subsequently issuing its recommendations to the Mayor and Commission. Ordinance 2014-3841 directs the sunset of CDAC on May 31, 2014. The ordinance further directs that the AHAC assumes CDAC's traditional role of reviewing CDBG and HOME requests and offering recommendations for funding to the Commission.

In order to ensure that a citizen committee reviews the funding applications and that the City complies with its Consolidated Plan, the AHAC would need to be convened no later than May 20<sup>th</sup> to ensure that the funding recommendations are forwarded to the Mayor and Commission at its June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. As it stands, only four people have been appointed to the 18-member AHAC. The following vacancies remain:

- Seven members who are direct appointments, one made by the Mayor and each Commissioner

The following members must be appointed at large by a majority vote of the Mayor and Commission:

- One citizen actively engaged in the residential home building industry in connection with affordable housing;
- One citizen actively engaged as an advocate for low-income persons in connection with affordable housing;
- One citizen actively engaged as a not-for-profit provider of affordable housing;
- One citizen actively engaged as a real estate professional in connection with affordable housing;
- One citizen who actively serves on the local planning agency pursuant to Florida Statute §163.3174 (Planning Board member);
- One citizen who resides within the jurisdiction of the local governing body making the appointments; and

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- One citizen who represents employers within the jurisdiction.

If AHAC is not convened by May 19<sup>th</sup> City staff will be the sole source of recommendation for the United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD) HOME and CDBG funding allocations for the 2014/15 fiscal year.

If you have any questions, please see me.



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