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“...to forgo the luxury of separate ways when a common path can be found...”

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Board of Commissioners
Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority
1635 Western Avenue
Cincinnati, OH

Re: CMHA 2014 Subsidies for the Commons at Alaska Project

Dear CMHA Board of Commissioners,

The Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati, MARCC, submits this letter to strongly urge the CMHA Board of Commissioners approve the subsidies for the 90 units Commons at Alaska Project in Avondale. MARCC provides a way for the religious community, seventeen denominations made up of Protestants, Roman Catholics, Muslims, Jews and Unitarian-Universalists, to speak in one voice on issues of social justice through constructive community action. The Commons at Alaska Project is an opportunity for the CMHA Board of Commissioners to take such action.

One way to reduce homelessness is to increase the number of affordable housing units. Development of permanent supportive housing provides people who suffer from a disability, many times beyond their control, with a secure place to live. MARCC supported the tax credits for the Alaska Commons Project to increase the number of available units for permanent supportive housing. In addition to the Alaska Commons project, more permanent supportive housing units need to be built in neighborhoods across the city and in the county in order to radically reduce homelessness.

Also, MARCC strongly encourages a Good Neighbor Agreement as part of the process in securing permanent supportive housing in a local community. A Good Neighbor Agreement gives members of the community a vehicle to express their concerns and arrive at an agreement, based on the safety of all residents living in the community, and the quality of the permanent supportive housing project.

The Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority needs to approve the 90 subsidies for the Commons on Alaska Project. It will make it possible for this particular population to live in housing where safety, security and support services will benefit them and ultimately the community at large.

Respectfully,



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