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Subject: Fwd: RFA 2020-106 -- please review

Mr. Aldinger and Ms. Button, it has come to my attention that the Corp is being asked to delay the March 26 deadline for RFA 2020-106, housing for persons with I/DD. I am strongly opposed to a delay.

In June of 2019, in a publicly noticed FHFC Board meeting, the Board approved the 2020-2021 RFA proposed timeline which is the cycle currently coming to an end. This included the timeline for RFA 2020-106. The application workshop and draft application was made public January 24, 2020 and a publicly noticed workshop held on January 28, 2020. The final application was released to the public, on the June approved timeline, on February 25. This RFA has been on the radar for developers, non-profits, the public and all other interested parties for 9 months with no changes to the deadlines. Further, no local government forms are being required at this time and no in-person drop off of hard copies of the completed application.

We at Independence Landing have been working with our developer, property manager, service coordinator, consultant, the City of Tallahassee's various departments: permitting, parks & rec, transportation etc, and with our developer and property manager and our land use firm for well over a year to have our application prepared to meet the Mar 26 deadline. The work being done by our team on this application has not required in-person work either by board members, our consultants or our developer, our property manager, by City of Tallahassee officials with all of its departments and our land use firm without a hiccup. Our team has used conference calls, shared google docs, small group sessions and Zoom for its work. And I assume there will be no reason why the Agency will not have scoring in small group sessions, conference calls or Zoom. We see no reason to make an extension of the deadline due to the Coronavirus given the technology available in this day and age. If we were talking about this action occurring a generation ago, I could see the point.

Florida Housing Finance Corporation has been more than transparent with all of its work on this, going so far as to not require forms from local governments for this application. This is not new territory for any of us, including the developers who regularly work with you. It is incredulous that an entity would ask for an extension of the deadline unless they are unprepared to meet it and need more time to put together partners and deals they could and should have been working in earnest on, for the last year. There will be another cycle, next year, in which to apply. As you know, I want more opportunities for DD housing, not less, but the process has to remain fair and true to the guidelines you have set over the last year.

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