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Subject: Public Comment for RFAs rulemaking regarding homeownership opportunity

Dear Marisa,

Some time ago the FHFC required that all 9% family tax credit developments include a homeownership opportunity program as a resident program. This program was a four-way win.

1. It helps us all of us who regularly defend the importance of rental developments to advocates for homeownership, whether in the Florida Legislature, or local elected officials;
2. It helps the property owners and managers to have great tenants, paying rent on time and staying in compliance with the terms of the lease;
3. It helps free up a rental unit for a family on the waiting list when a family moves to homeownership, and last, but certainly not least;
4. It helps families realize the dream of homeownership

For these reasons, I strongly encourage the FHFC to make the 5% of rent toward homeownership a threshold/ requirement for all family properties. This is in contrast to the current point structure. Having it as a point item with other options for receiving those same points makes it impossible to boast that this great program for helping families move to homeownership is in place. There is enormous public benefit in having this homeownership opportunity program in every family property.

Thank you for your consideration in the current rulemaking cycle.

Respectfully submitted,

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