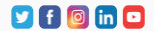




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January 24, 2025

Council Member Jesse Moreno, Chair
City of Dallas Housing & Homelessness Committee
1500 Marilla Street, 5th Floor
Dallas, Texas 75201

Re: Proposed Changes to Dallas Housing Finance and Public Facilities Corporation Bylaws

Dear Chairman Moreno and Members of the Dallas City Council Housing & Homelessness Solutions Committee:

The Texas Affiliation of Affordable Housing Providers (TAAHP) is the primary advocate and leading resource for the affordable housing industry in Texas. With over 700 members, our organization boasts a diverse membership encompassing developers, financial partners, nonprofits, city leaders, and all those who contribute to the success of affordable housing.

We have become aware of proposed changes to the bylaws of the Dallas Public Facility Corporation and Housing Finance Corporation to be considered on January 28th. The proposed changes are significant and TAAHP members have concerns regarding several which could have unintended effects on the production of critically needed affordable housing. We fear that the impact of these changes will result in less agile affordable housing corporations that will be hampered by excessive requirements, hindering their ability to adapt to the local markets and the ever-evolving regulatory and financial landscapes.

We urge the committee to allow more time for industry practitioners to thoroughly review the proposed changes and provide a comprehensive response to the Department of Housing & Community Development. Furthermore, we offer the valuable expertise of our members regarding best practices implemented by other HFCs and PFCs across the state.

We respectfully request a delay in the implementation of any changes to the bylaws of these City-affiliated corporations. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Roger Arriaga
Executive Director

CC: Council Member Cara Mendelsohn (Vice Chair)
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Council Member Gay Donnell Willis
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