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Subject: FHFC Rule Development Public Comment - Provisions for Artist-based Housing

Dear Ken,

Thank you for the opportunity to participate by way of FHFC Rule Development Public Comment and the opportunity to bring a more comprehensive to housing development.

Many local initiatives have come to realize that artist-based housing also generates and support economic development, and that its presence becoming a critical components toward long term sustainability. Arts-based development can either be in support of existing activities, or can become a catalyst for holistic community growth; promoting professional development of local artists, greater vitality for small businesses and economic growth, and a higher quality of life through health, safety, and education.

In support of a more comprehensive approach to housing development, and consistent with IRC section 42, we request that FHFC add a definition for tenants that are involved in artistic activities in Rule 67-48, recognizing these tenants as a distinct tenant demographic alongside family, elderly, homeless, farmworker/fishing worker, and persons with special needs, and request that FHFC issue RFAs (SAIL) that either specifically target this demographic or include a goal to fund developments that have a preference to rent to artist tenants.

Please see the full letter attached.

Regards

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