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Good Morning;

I wanted to comment on the proposed guidelines for affordable/workforce housing land acquisition and development programs. In Islamorada we have had success in developing affordable housing projects by purchasing vacant land and leasing it to affordable/workforce housing developers at a minimal cost for 99 years, with deed restrictions mandating rent controls. This model has proven to provide enough incentive to make projects work financially.

Early this year Islamorada sought and accepted bids for affordable housing developers, and the Village has projects underway with both organizations that responded. I would hope that the Rebuild Florida program allows us to continue using our model.

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