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The Honorable Julián Castro
Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street Southwest
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Dear Mr. Secretary:


Thank you for your leadership to create strong, sustainable and inclusive communities across America. I write to request that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) reverse its decision to deny the request by the City and County of San Francisco to utilize its Neighborhood Occupancy Preference Program for the Willie B. Kennedy Senior Housing development in the Western Addition neighborhood in my Congressional District. This matter requires immediate resolution, given the pressing timeline for this critical affordable senior housing.

San Francisco, like many cities across the country, faces challenges of housing affordability and family-displacement. The Western Addition, which has a painful history of displacement of its African American residents, has recently experienced an influx of higher-income residents that is forcing longtime residents to move, particularly many African American families who are leaving San Francisco at rates higher than across the rest of the city. To address such concerning trends, San Francisco enacted the Neighborhood Occupancy Preference Program to provide tangible opportunities for existing low-income residents to participate in and benefit from the changes occurring in their neighborhoods and as an alternative to leaving the city.

I strongly disagree with HUD's denial of San Francisco's Neighborhood Occupancy Preference proposal, and respectfully urge you to approve the city's request or to work with Mayor Lee and other mayors to immediately develop an effective anti-displacement strategy that meets the needs of San Francisco and similarly-affected cities, while advancing our shared values of affordability, diversity and inclusion.

Thank you again for your leadership. I am encouraged by your thoughtful consideration and listening to these concerns during our recent conversation on this matter.

best regards,



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