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Houston City Council Member, District F

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Chair of the Governing Board
Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
221 East 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2410

RE: TDHCA Application Number 24042, 10112 Bissonnet Living, Houston

Dear Governing Board Members,

As Council Member for Houston's District F, I write to express my enthusiastic support for the appeal regarding the 10112 Bissonnet Living development. Given its proximity to District F's border, this project holds significant potential for my constituents.

The arrival of a renowned developer like Palladium USA, boasting 150 years of experience, represents a major validation of the revitalization efforts undertaken by Council Member Pollard, Harris County, and the Houston Police Department. Palladium USA's selection of this location clearly demonstrates the area's progress.

When the proposal reached the Houston City Council, it garnered unanimous support, reflecting its alignment with our city's housing priorities. In my role as Chair of the Housing and Affordability Committee, these priorities are of prime importance.

Here's why 10112 Bissonnet Living stands out:

- **Strategic Location:** Situated within the Alief Westwood Complete Community, a designated revitalization zone aiming to bridge the gap in underserved areas. This aligns perfectly with the city's commitment to inclusive growth.
- **Addressing Underserved Needs:** District F, along with the surrounding area, faces a shortage of affordable housing options. This development offers a much-needed solution.
- **Accessibility:** The development's proximity to a transit station enhances residents' access to essential services and opportunities.



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- **Limited LIHTC Developments:** The lack of recently awarded Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) projects emphasizes the project's value. The last project that was awarded in the census tract/surrounding census tracts was a significant 16 years ago.
- **Quality Education:** The elementary and middle schools boast impressive ratings, offering residents a strong educational environment for their children.
- **Focus on General Population:** This project aligns with the City's priority of providing housing options for the broader community.

While the census tract has greater than 20% HTC units, this metric should not impede the development's progress. The City of Houston wholeheartedly supports this application, and I urge you to grant the requested waiver.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tiffany D. Thomas", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Houston City Councilmember, District F