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Mr. Bobby Wilkinson
Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
221 East 11th Street
Austin, Texas

Re: 25065 Meadow Heights

Dear Mr. Wilkinson:

I support Meadow Heights, LP's request to correct scoring issues noted in the Limited Scoring Notice dated May 21, 2025. This notice reduced their application score from 173 to 170. Meadow Heights acknowledges the errors in their original submission. However, other direct competitors, Application No. 25051 (Mandalay) and Application No. 25053 (Las Fuentes), were allowed to submit corrected proximity to jobs reports after the deadline, despite clear rule requirements. This discrepancy has disadvantaged applicants like Meadow Heights who followed the rules but were not granted similar flexibility.


The corrections requested by Meadow Heights are minimal, involving a revision to rents and an adjustment to the management fee. Similar changes have been allowed in both the 2024 and 2025 cycles for other applicants. Meadow Heights is not seeking special treatment; they just want fair consideration consistent with how other applications have been handled. These issues can be addressed through a deficiency request, and allowing this correction would increase the number of low-income units available to Texans, furthering TDHCA's mission.

As an advocate for colonias and economically disadvantaged communities, I have continuously fought for fair representation of areas that most need assistance from our state agencies, such as the Las Milpas community in Pharr, Texas. While there has been much progress in the City of Pharr, it remains one of the poorest areas in the region.

Reducing housing availability for residents of colonias and other communities around the proposed development, will widen the gap between Pharr and more affluent cities in the Rio Grande Valley. The residents of the City of Pharr deserve equal access to affordable housing, especially those who are at a disadvantage.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I respectfully urge you to grant this appeal or add the matter to the next available TDHCA Board agenda. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,


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State Senator, District 20

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