

We all remember the infamous conference call where HUD supposedly gave GHA permission to build on the old Housing Project footprints regardless of how unacceptable their demographics, as long as they built mixed-income developments. Apparently, there were no records, and no notes of the conference call, and the GHA can't even remember who was on the call. But, apparently, **this discussion remains the entire basis for their authorization to build in these locations.**

On Monday, during the GAR Q&A, Tom LaRue once again assured the audience that GHA has HUD's authorization to build in these unsuitable locations. Let's see it!

The GOP sent the following ORR to GHA on Tuesday requesting:

All documents authorizing the GHA and MBS to build mixed-income developments containing Public Housing units and/or tax-credit housing units in "impacted census tracts" in the City of Galveston.

All documents authorizing the GHA and MBS to build mixed-income developments containing Public Housing units and/or tax-credit housing on and around the former footprints of Oleander Homes, Cedar Terrace and/or Magnolia homes.

All documents authorizing the GHA and MBS to build mixed-income developments containing Public Housing units and/or tax-credit housing in census tracts 7240, 7243, and/or 7246.

This was their reply:

*David,*

*I double checked with development and GHA has not received anything in writing authorizing GHA to build in those areas.*

*I will be closing the ORR again.*

*Best Regards,*

*Justin Herter*

They are on the verge of starting a \$300 million project, and still have no actual authorization to do so!! And most likely have not signed a deal with MBS, yet, either.

We also received this little tidbit in the email exchange:

*David,*

*I have been advised of the following:*

*GHA and MBS have not submitted any “documents” to build mixed income developments.*

*I will be closing this ORR.*

*Thanks,*

*Justin Herter*

So, no documents have been submitted to HUD outlining their plans to build mixed-income, and nothing has been put in writing regarding where they want to build, either!

The entire deal is based on a discussion during a conference call!