

Well Council, the TDHCA and TRDA have demanded that you pass a resolution stating that you will do whatever you are told to do in order to get the funding distributed by their agencies. What will happen if you do not? All funding in the HGAC region may be disapproved.

Such an action on their part would be a benefit to this city, because the other cities and counties in the HGAC region would be forced to re-negotiate a new Conciliation Agreement more favorable to Galveston in order to get their funding! Let them do the heavy lifting!

Here is my suggested resolution for City Council:

WHEREAS, public housing has proven itself to be a failed social experiment; and

WHEREAS, public housing is a major on-going liability to any community, increasing its crime, dysfunction, and blight, and putting a great burden on its city services and city treasury; and

WHEREAS, the City of Galveston was not represented during the negotiations resulting in the so-called Conciliation Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the claim that the HGAC "represented" the City of Galveston during these negotiations is belied by the fact that it did not represent the best interests of the City, but focused on the interests of other parties; making this city the dumping ground for all of the public housing in Galveston County, by allowing all other areas of the County to avoid hosting their fair share of public housing; and

WHEREAS, due to the demographic makeup, poor school system, and lack of economic opportunities in the City of Galveston, it impossible for the City to build any more public housing that Affirmatively Furthers Fair Housing; and

WHEREAS, the so-called Conciliation Agreement requires illegal acts on the part of the City of Galveston and the GHA, including but not limited to, violation of CFR 941.202 "Site and Neighborhood Standards" in regards to the location of new public housing units, violation of Executive Order 11988 in regards to alternatives to building in a floodplain, violation of HUD's Handbook 4010.1 directing local housing authorities to use "every means at their disposal" to avoid creating or adding to an oversupply or surplus of housing, and any further building of public housing in the City, as proposed by GHA, will violate Section 3608(e)(5) of the Fair Housing Act by concentrating low-income minorities in census tracts that already have a high concentration of low-income minorities ; therefore be it

RESOLVED that due to the reasons listed above the Galveston City Council finds the Conciliation Agreement to be null and void with respect to the City of Galveston, and refuses to build any more public housing within the City limits; and be it further

RESOLVED that if this action does result in the disapproval of all disaster relief funding in the HGAC region, then HGAC and the cities and counties in its region, should negotiate a new agreement that is fair and equitable to the City of Galveston, including locations for any new public housing units in high opportunity areas of Galveston County, that WILL actually Affirmatively Further Fair Housing, which do NOT exist in this City.