

## The Blatant Double Standard!

The Galveston Housing Authority has categorized all of the census tracts in the County as either low-poverty or high-poverty. The following map shows the low-poverty census tracts in green and high-poverty census tracts in brown. Note that all three of the former housing project footprints, Oleander Homes 7240, Magnolia Homes 7243, and Cedar Terrace 7246 are in census tracts that **GHA has designated as high-poverty**, so they are **discouraging their Section 8 clients from living in those areas**, but, on the other hand, these census tracts are still **totally acceptable as building sites for their mixed-income developments!** Talk about a double standard!

**Note how the following email also confirms the basic elements of the Communities of Opportunities metrics that we are using in our lawsuit!**

*From: Alberta Stoneham [mailto:lll@ghatx.org]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2011 3:00 PM  
To: 'Linda Denson'  
Subject: FW: Rent reasonable*

*Hi Linda,*

*The table alone does not determine the rental subsidy. Rent reasonable is taken into consideration as well. Is the rent reasonable in relation to other 2 bedroom units in the area? Is the square footage the same?, how old is the unit?, was it built before or after 1978?, is there covered parking?, is there a security system? These and several other variables are considered as well.*

*We have a designated area payment standard whereby we pay 90% or 110% of the FMR. **The census determined whether the area was a Low or High Poverty area.***

*So that families can **choose areas where they are more likely to succeed**, the green area was designated as the low poverty area and the brown as the high poverty area. **Families are more likely to succeed if there are jobs in the area, transportation, hospitals, etc.** The county was surveyed and it was determined that there was better transportation, etc., in some areas and they were designated as the low poverty area.*

*I hope this help you understand the process a little better.*

*THANK YOU,*

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To summarize:

- 1.) GHA's Section 8 clients receive a **financial incentive to move to low-poverty census tracts.**
- 2.) Low-to-Moderate Income homeowners, whose homes were damaged in Hurricane Ike, **will be given the choice of having their homes rebuilt in low-poverty neighborhoods.**
- 3.) Under the GHA rebuilding plan, all of their Public Housing clients, in Galveston County, will be **forced to live in high-poverty census tracts in the City of Galveston.** No choices are offered to their Public Housing clients!
- 4.) The GOPP Opportunity-Based Public Housing plan would place all new Public Housing EXCLUSIVELY in the low-poverty census tracts throughout the County that **offer their residents the greatest opportunity to escape from a life of intergenerational dependency and poverty!**

