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Good afternoon Chair Packard and members of the Ballot Simplification Committee,

Thank you for your close attention to the ballot digest for the Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund yesterday. I am writing with a brief request for reconsideration.

1. The last sentence in paragraph two of The Way It Is Now currently reads, "As a result, there is not enough affordable housing available for ELI households." We request that this sentence be changed to read "As a result, relatively few affordable housing units are offered at rents affordable to ELI households." The reason for this request is that there are numerous causes for the lack of supply of housing affordable to ELI households. The sentence we're proposing more accurately reflects the impact of our inability to use loans to subsidize rents.
2. Throughout the digest, there is currently reference to the "developer." Should this be changed to "owner" we ask that it specify "non-profit owner" to reflect the parameters set by MOHCD in the administration of their loan and rental subsidy programs.
3. We ask that the following sentence be added to the end of the fourth paragraph of The Way It Is Now: "There are currently no equivalent programs for ELI families or persons with disabilities." Because there is mention of the existing, albeit limited, rental subsidy program for seniors, it should also be made clear what the current status is for rental subsidy programs for families and persons with disabilities given these are the other two populations the measure intends to serve.

Thank you again,
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