



Mr. Rick Padilla  
Director of Housing & Neighborhood Development  
City & County of Denver Office of Economic Development  
Denver, CO 80203

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Dear Mr. Padilla,

On behalf of Enterprise Community Partners, a national non-profit whose mission is to create opportunity for low- and moderate-income people through affordable housing in diverse, thriving communities, I am writing to express our sincere gratitude for all that the City of Denver is doing to support the preservation and development of affordable housing so that low-income residents and families can afford to remain in their communities and participate in the economic growth of our great city. In particular, we applaud the City's focus on preserving existing affordable housing. In late 2013, with grant support from the City, we collaborated with our partners at Mile High Connects in engaging the National Housing Trust to perform a study of Denver's affordable housing preservation ordinance and make recommendations for improvements to the ordinance itself and associated programs/resources, providing best practice examples from other regions. A copy of the report can be found on MHC's website: <http://milehighconnects.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Preserving-Affordable-Housing-in-Denver-NHT-Final-Report.pdf>

We were very pleased to see the recommended ordinance changes from this report referenced directly in *Housing Denver* and again by Mayor Hancock during his inaugural address on last month. We understand that the Office of Economic Development and the City Attorney's office are in process of drafting an updated ordinance, and that it is anticipated to be considered by City Council in the near future. This letter serves to simply reiterate our support for the City of Denver in making these updates to the ordinance. We believe all of the recommendations to be both practical and necessary, and we pledge our full support in assisting any and all effort required to pass an updated ordinance.

We look forward to working with you to ensure continued affordable housing preservation activity not only within Denver's limits but throughout the region. We are asking Denver to continue its leadership in this regard and set a powerful precedent for your neighbors to follow. Thank you for your time and dedication. Please do not hesitate to contact us via phone or email should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brad Weinig".

Brad Weinig  
Deputy Director, Denver Programs