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ICP Makes Nine Policy Recommendations to City of Dallas to Address Historic Patterns of Segregation and its Duty to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing

The City of Dallas must stop increasing the racial segregation of low income housing and the accompanying harms to the families in those units and to the entire community. The existing affordable housing policies have been to encourage, approve, and provide financial assistance for LIHTC units that were proposed for locations in minority concentrated areas that were also often low income, high poverty areas marked by conditions of slum and blight. The City, through the City's Housing Finance Corporation owns and profits from some of these units. The only other rental units supported by the City have been for higher income tenants with a minimum income of \$70,400 for a family of four. These units have done nothing to provide housing for low income families.

As the City of Dallas considers adoption of a comprehensive housing policy, ICP recommends that the City:

1. Participate in a regional housing mobility assistance program;
2. Participate in a landlord sublease/guarantor program;
3. Adopt a prohibition against discrimination of federal housing voucher recipients if units will be in a TIF or developed by an entity receiving other city support/benefit;
4. Adopt a policy restricting approval of certain proposed LIHTC & other affordable units;
5. Adopt voluntary inclusionary zoning provisions for rental housing in areas that meet certain income, poverty and school performance standards;
6. Request NCTCOG to issue RFP under sustainable development program;
7. Request NCTCOG leadership in convening municipalities for drafting regional affirmative housing approval and siting policies;
8. Request HUD leadership in convening municipalities/counties with vouchers for establishment of regional housing mobility; and
9. Adopt an ordinance prohibiting discrimination against federal housing voucher recipients.

The Inclusive Communities Project (ICP) is a not-for-profit organization that works for the creation and maintenance of thriving racially and economically inclusive communities, expansion of fair and affordable housing opportunities for low income families, and redress for policies and practices that perpetuate the harmful effects of discrimination and segregation. Its Mobility Assistance Program (MAP) is a housing mobility counseling program serving low income families participating in the Dallas Housing Authority's Housing Choice Voucher Program. MAP works to insure that families are made aware of and have access to high quality rental housing in lower poverty, higher opportunity areas of Dallas, Collin, Denton, Tarrant, Rockwall, Ellis and Kaufman counties. MAP is committed to providing the families with whom they work a wide range of services, including housing search assistance and counseling designed to help them access good schools, safe neighborhoods, employment, and a healthy environment.

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