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To: Public Housing Residents

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RE: CHA's Affordable Housing Initiative

Recently, you may have heard about the CHA's plans to build more affordable housing in Columbia. Many Public Housing Residents have questions about what CHA plans to do with our Downtown Public Housing neighborhoods. The truth is we have just started the planning process and no decisions have been made. We want to hear from you.

Planning for the Future

The CHA has hired the ND Consulting Group to help us develop a plan for the future.

We have three goals for 2012:

1. Develop a 10-Year Plan to build more energy-efficient affordable housing.
2. Conduct a Physical Needs Assessment of our Downtown Public Housing Townhomes.
3. Submit an application for funding to build new affordable housing.

What Do Public Housing Residents Want?

As part of the planning process, the CHA will be asking Public Housing Residents living in our Downtown neighborhoods to let us know what you think we should do.

- Should we make renovations to our Public Housing units?
- What improvements are needed?
- Should we build new Public Housing units?
- If offered, would you prefer a Section 8 voucher instead of new Public Housing units?
- What kind of housing is needed and what should we think about building?

Our Commitment to Public Housing Residents

- The CHA will include Public Housing Residents in planning process.
- The CHA will increase the supply of energy-efficient affordable housing.
- All Public Housing Residents will continue to receive housing assistance and have the first choice to return to their neighborhood in the event of any revitalization or redevelopment of Public Housing.

The Columbia Housing Authority is committed to increasing the supply of energy-efficient affordable housing in the Heart of Columbia. The CHA's mission is to provide safe and affordable housing opportunities to low-income individuals and families. In carrying out this mission, CHA will seek partnerships and collaborative efforts with local organizations and other governmental agencies that provide services to improve quality of life for CHA's residents.