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**Subject:** public recognition of Housing Authority partnership

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Dear Larry -

I'm sorry that I was not able to attend the Crossroads opening last weekend. As it turns out no staff or Housing Authority commissioners were notified of this event until the last minute which means that only Steve was able to attend. This is not the first time that Burbank has forgotten to invite the Housing Authority to attend one of your events.

This brings up an issue that concerns us at the Housing Authority. I know that you as an Chief Executive Officer understand the importance of public visibility to support and reinforce the role of Burbank Housing in the community.

The Housing Authority takes very seriously its role of preserving and developing affordable housing. During the recession and after the abolition of redevelopment funding, we made every effort to help grantee projects remain viable by extending loans, becoming more flexible, and increasing funding when we were able.

Now we, along with the City of Santa Rosa and County of Sonoma, are seeking creative solutions to help solve our critical housing shortage. We are hopeful that a housing bond will be passed and concerned that we be adequately resourced so that we can meet the new demands placed upon us.

It is critical that we work in partnership with local government, developers, nonprofits, and housing advocates. It is also critical that the Housing Authority's role be clear and visible to the community.

We ask your help in this regard. Please make sure that we are invited in a timely way to "grand openings" which we have helped fund. (We would also like to be invited to any new affordable housing projects). Please include the Housing Authority in any press releases or project summaries as a funder when that is the case and please list as a partner in your flyers, brochures, and on your website. Please recognize Housing Authority commissioners at your opening events. We understand that your priority is elected officials at such events but would also appreciate the opportunity for an Housing Authority Commissioner to make a few short comments.

We have long supported Burbank Housing projects and over the years have provided millions of dollars in funding. We view you as key player in the housing arena. We would like to feel that our support is valued and recognized by Burbank.

Sincerely,

HelgaLemke

Vice Chair, Housing Authority