

March 2, 2007

Lawrence City Commissioners  
City of Lawrence  
6 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Commissioners:

This letter is in reference to the requests made by Lawrence Habitat for Humanity and Tenants to Homeowners, Inc. to waive the city's water and wastewater development charges for newly constructed homes.

The Neighborhood Resources Advisory Committee (NRAC) would like to lend its strong support in favor of this waiver. We feel the waiver of these fees would greatly help these organizations attain their goal of providing affordable housing to as many people as possible while also potentially "freeing up" additional CDBG funds for other capital improvement projects within the community.

As a part of our current requests for funding, Habitat for Humanity has requested \$24,760 from CDBG funds to pay the tap fees for twelve homes. According to Habitat for Humanity and Tenants to Homeowners, based upon a cost of \$3,000 per house, the annual waiver would be as follows:

- Habitat for Humanity - \$18,000-\$21,000
- Tenants to Homeowners - \$30,000

As per the last City Commission Study Session with the Committee, members feel this is a good example of the NRAC and the City Commission working jointly to promote affordable housing in the community. We ask for your serious consideration regarding this issue and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

*Michael P. Randolph*

Michael P. Randolph  
Chairperson  
Neighborhood Resources Advisory Committee

cc: Lawrence Habitat for Humanity  
Tenants to Homeowners, Inc.

Enclosure: Letter, Lawrence Habitat for Humanity  
Letter, Tenants to Homeowners, Inc.