



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

October 18, 2021

Mr. Ed Hinojosa
Chief Executive Officer
San Antonio Housing Authority
818 South Flores
San Antonio, TX 78204

Dear Mr. Hinojosa:

Thank you for meeting with me on September 27th to discuss the August 23, 2021 letter regarding the redevelopment of Alazan Courts. At that meeting, I requested a breakout of the public improvements for the project to include the scope, cost, and responsible utility. Staff did receive some detail on the public improvements but understand that the information is preliminary, and all the costs are based on the Wheatley Court redevelopment as you are still in the planning phase for this project.

The City remains interested in assisting with the public improvements for the project, and similar to Wheatley Courts, the City will work with SAHA on developing a funding strategy for the public infrastructure that the City is responsible for and that is necessary to complete the project. Once the master plan is complete and has more detail on the vision for the project and related required infrastructure, we can work together to develop the strategy. The City will explore the use of various funding sources to include CDBG, TIRZ, Capital Budget, and bond funds. Additionally, staff will engage our City Attorney's Office in the development of the funding strategy due to certain limitations associated with the use of bond funds and other funding sources for housing authority projects.

I am also in receipt of your request for the City to use American Rescue Plan Act funds to assist SAHA tenants that are currently in arrears for their rent. SAHA residents are eligible to apply to the City's Emergency Housing Assistance Program (EHAP) and to date over 550 SAHA residents have received over \$600,000 in rental assistance. To be eligible for the EHAP, the tenant must apply for the program.

The City has also participated in several outreach events at SAHA properties over the last several months and will continue to do more outreach to SAHA residents. The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs also has a rent relief program but unlike the City's program the State's program accepts applications from landlords and tenants. To apply for the Texas Rent Relief Program, please go to www.texasrentrelief.com or call 1-800-9TX-RENT.

Please contact me at 210-207-7082 with any additional questions or to schedule the follow up meeting once the planning phase is completed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Erik Walsh'.

Erik Walsh
City Manager

cc: Mayor and City Council
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