

March 15, 2017

To: Brothers Redevelopment, Inc.

CC: Jefferson County Commissioners Libby Szabo and Donald Rosier

Subject: Upcoming commissioner's vote on April 4<sup>th</sup> to accept or decline HUD Grants

Attention: Jeff Martinez, President

Dear Mr. Martinez,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that many citizens are opposed to Jefferson County receiving HUD grants. The reason for our opposition is specifically because of what's called the insultingly misnamed HUD Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) rule. The AFFH rule is a direct and visible threat to the authority of local governments by the federal government. It's also a subdued threat to property rights, suburban neighborhoods, and as HUD Secretary Dr. Ben Carson wrote it's "[Experimenting with failed socialism again.](#)" There's much you can research on [www.affh.net](http://www.affh.net) and the web in general, but the threat is not against you, the grantee, rather Jefferson County when and if the county commissioners sign the required contract between the county and HUD pledging that they will Affirmatively Further Fair Housing. At a minimum, the contract results in HUD's overreaching federal authority over local governments and can ultimately result in a costly lawsuit that can be filed on behalf of anyone, a citizen, a third party civil rights group, or HUD itself; any party who desires to claim that Jefferson County has not Affirmatively Furthered Fair Housing. There have been several such cases.

In Colorado, both the Town of Castle Rock and Douglas County have set a precedent and have declined to accept HUD grants, not because they didn't want federal subsidies, but for the reason expressed above. It is our sincere hope that Jefferson County will do the same. The hearing will be April 4 when county commissioners Libby Szabo, Casey Tighe, and Donald Rosier vote to accept or decline the grants. We expect the commissioners will hear both sides and regardless of their vote we want you to understand that our position is for the overall good of Jefferson County and communities.

Sincerely,

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