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**To:** [Heather Pope](#)  
**Subject:** FW: East Lansing Affordable Housing | American Community Developers  
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Chris,

We appreciate your interest in pursuing a LMI residential development within the city. We are very excited about this prospect under the right circumstances for our community. However, I'm afraid your request for letters of support, and the timeline desired is simply too aggressive given the limited information we have about the proposed development.

In any scenario it is highly unlikely, if not impossible, to comfortably provide you with the things you have requested without having more detail and an opportunity for public feedback. The Bailey neighborhood group is very active and extremely vocal. Any process that does not include them would be difficult to move forward and meet with strong resistance. Hence, I see no opportunity for this to happen by the April 2023 deadline.

Additionally, the property in question has a complicated lease arrangement with the city that must be investigated/discussed. This requires time for city staff to meet with the property owner involved. Therefore, I must inform you that we are unable to produce the letters of support you have requested at this time. I certainly hope this does not damage our relationship moving forward. We remain interested in gathering more information and working toward a viable development for this target market. We look forward to working with you in the future.