



Mr. Evan Scully,
Secretary, Thomas Jefferson Area Coalition for the Homeless
HMIS Manager, Thomas Jefferson Planning District
Commission
300 E Main Street
Charlottesville, VA 22902

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Internal Revenue Service of the United States

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC) oversees the largest state-district within the State of Virginia, overseeing housing and economic/workforce development programs in the City of Charlottesville and counties of Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, and Nelson. The Thomas Jefferson Area Coalition for the Homeless works to promote affordable housing as a necessary condition to meet the needs of people who are homeless in the region.

It is a well-documented fact that the stock of affordable housing is insufficient for the demand and continuing to shrink. The Charlottesville MSA has been designated a High Cost Housing Area. The National Low Income Housing Coalition reports that a minimum wage worker in Charlottesville would need to work 123 hours each week to afford Fair Market Rent on a two-bedroom apartment.

The TJPDC and Thomas Jefferson Area Coalition for the Homeless recognize that organizations such as Co-operative Housing of the University of Virginia (CHUVA) seek to change this. CHUVA seeks to develop housing for low-income and very-low-income people living within the Charlottesville-Albemarle area.

I realize, as an agent with the TJPDC and Thomas Jefferson Area Coalition for the Homeless, that CHUVA wants to submit this letter for the purpose of receiving tax-exempt, non-profit status as a low-income housing organization. I am authorizing the use of this letter for this purpose.

Cordially,

Evan Scully,
Secretary, Thomas Jefferson Area Coalition for the Homeless
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