



20 May 2015

ATTENTION: House Bill 682

Alembic Community Development
Alliance for Affordable Energy
A Shared Initiative, Inc.
Associated Neighborhood Development
Broadmoor Improvement Association
Center for Planning Excellence
Committee for a Better New Orleans
Crescent City Community Land Trust
Enterprise Community Partners
Finance Authority of New Orleans
Foundation for Louisiana
Global Green USA
Greater New Orleans Foundation
Green Coast Enterprises
Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center
Gulf Coast Housing Partnership
Harmony Neighborhood Development
Healthy Start New Orleans
Housing Authority of New Orleans
Iberia Bank
Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative
Jerusalem Economic Development Corp.
JPMorgan Chase Bank
Louisiana Appleseed
Louisiana Association of Affordable Housing
Providers (LAAHP)
Louisiana Homebuyer Education Collaborative
Louisiana Housing Alliance
Lowemine.org
Lower 9th Ward Homeownership Association
Lower 9th Ward NENA
Make It Right
Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of
America
Neighborhood Development Foundation
Neighborhood Housing Services
New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity
New Orleans Redevelopment Authority
NO/AIDS Task Force
Northshore Housing Initiative
Office of Housing Policy & Community
Development
Operation Comeback
Pontchartrain Park CDC
Preservation Resource Center
Project Home Again
Project Homecoming
Providence Community Housing
Puentes New Orleans
Rebuilding Together New Orleans
Redmellon
Renaissance Neighborhood Development Corp.
Renaissance Property Group
Southern United Neighborhoods
St. Bernard Project
Urban Focus
Volunteers of America
Whitney Bank

Dear Representative Garofalo Jr.,

In a time of great economic growth in our state, the federal housing tax credits play a vital role in encouraging the development of workforce housing in Louisiana. Therefore, the Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance (GNOHA) strongly supports the passage of House Bill 682. Our membership believes this legislation will help to stabilize rents for working class citizens, such as: fireman, police officers, and teachers, and prevent mixed income rental developments from becoming blighted properties. This matter has been ruled on over 500 times by the Louisiana Tax Commission and simply codifies existing tax commission regulations regarding the valuation of affordable rental housing developments.

Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance is a collaborative of housing builders, financial institutions, and community development corporations advocating for the preservation and production of affordable housing within the Greater New Orleans area. GNOHA and its member organizations support the passage of HB682.

Please support affordable rental housing for Louisiana citizens by voting YES on HB 682.

If you are interested in learning more about this or becoming involved in the development of the Affordable Housing Plan, please feel free to contact GNOHA at (504) 821-7235.

Sincerely,

The Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance