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Mount Vernon City Council
P.O. Box 809,
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Dear Mount Vernon City Council Members,

The mission of the Fair Housing Center of Washington is to assure equal access to housing, and other related services, to the residents of Washington. The Fair Housing Center of Washington (Fair Housing Center) is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization that has been in existence since 1981 as Tacoma/Pierce Counties Community Housing Resource Board (CHRB) and in 1995 became a fully operational Qualified Fair Housing Organization. The agency serves western and central Washington by accepting and investigating complaints of housing discrimination, conducting training and education for housing providers and housing consumers to prevent and address housing discrimination.

As an agency with extensive expertise and experience working on HUD's Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule under Community Development Block Grant reporting requirements we support the proposed affordable and fair housing plan completed by the city's community and economic development department. The proposal is well researched and designed to fit local needs to ensure that the city follows requirements to encourage diverse and healthy communities with adequate access to housing.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at lwalker@fhc-washington.org or give me a call at 253-274-9523

Sincerely,

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