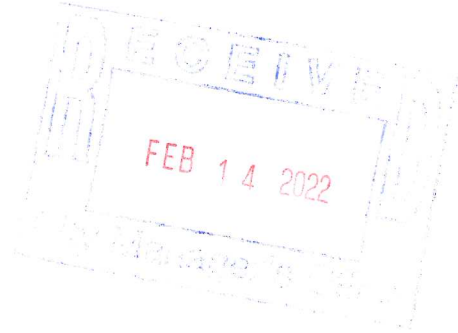




Community Housing Services Agency, Inc.

February 11, 2022

Mr. Jay Melder
City Manager
City of Savannah
PO Box 1027
Savannah, GA 31402



Dear Mr. Melder:

Thank you for addressing the Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. (CHSA) Board of Directors at our January meeting. We enjoyed hearing from you and are thankful for the genuine interest you have in affordable housing and those who need it. We also appreciated your recognition of CHSA, Inc. and CHSA Development, Inc. as long-time valued affordable housing partners of the City and others.

During your remarks you mentioned that CHSA may be able to play a role in the establishment of the Housing Savannah non-profit called for in the Housing Savannah Action Plan. If placing and funding the new non-profit under the CHSA umbrella would be helpful, the Board unanimously supports doing so. Toward that end, we have attached for your consideration and feedback draft Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation. These have been reviewed by our attorney.

Placing the new Housing Savannah non-profit under the CHSA umbrella makes sense, as CHSA has administered the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund (SAHF) for the City since the Fund's inception in 2012. Additionally, we have raised money for the SAHF from private entities including a record \$222,500 in 2021. The new non-profit would also benefit from CHSA's stability and successful track record that dates back to its establishment in 1989. This includes CHSA and CHSA Development, Inc. playing leading roles, at the City's request, in the redevelopment of the blighted Strathmore Estates apartment site into Savannah Gardens.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts and establishing the new Housing Savannah non-profit under the CHSA umbrella, if doing so would be helpful to you and the City.

Sincerely,

Deborah Wright, Chair
Community Housing Services Agency, Inc.

Israel G. Small, President
CHSA Development, Inc.

Enclosure