

**Public Hearing  
April 17, 2003**

Comments:

“My name is Polk Curtiss and I am executive director for Housing Opportunities of Houston and I’m here representing Housing Opportunities of Houston, our board of directors, our affordable lending partnership which represents 125 lenders and provides affordable mortgages to families that want to buy homes in Harris County. And I want to applaud your efforts in the affordable housing home ownership activities. And I agree with your need assessment as far as 500 units in the next five years. Well, my comment would be is after you reach your goal of 100 per year, I really feel like you need to expand your scope of work and expand your methodology for getting these funds out to the homeowners, potential homeowners. And I would encourage you in your RFP Process to utilize a nonprofit corporation and an affordable lending partnership that I believe can be a lot more effective in the expenditure of your funds so you can reach your goal. And I just want to say, I think you have done a good job on your plan and that we look forward to responding to your request for application, request for proposals, and just wanted to be able to let you know that we will be out there to help you to meet your goals for homeownership in the county.”

***Polk Curtiss  
Executive Director  
Housing Opportunities of Houston***