

Sample Comment Letter
Proposed Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Assessment Tool

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[*Date*]

Re: Docket No. FR-5173-N-02, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Assessment Tool

[*Short paragraph describing your organization*]

[*Your organization*] supports the proposed Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Assessment Tool because it will provide clear guidance to jurisdictions, advocates, and especially to the residents who federal funds are intended to assist.

[*Your organization*] endorses all efforts to improve the ability of low income people, particularly residents of the protected classes, to move to high opportunity areas.

However, [*your organization*] is concerned that the proposed Assessment Tool has no features that take into account the choice of long-time low income residents, and especially residents who are members of protected classes, to remain in their publicly supported affordable housing and/or in the communities where they have social networks.

As proposed, we fear that the Assessment Tool could be misinterpreted to prevent community revitalization efforts by well-established community-based development organizations. We also fear that the Assessment Tool could be misinterpreted to prevent efforts to preserve federally assisted housing that many long-time residents call home and want to continue to call home.

We urge HUD to add provisions in the final Assessment Tool that recognize community-based revitalization efforts as community assets, and that will respect the choice of residents to preserve their publicly supported homes and to remain in their communities.

The preamble to the proposed Assessment Tool specifically asks for comments regarding the community participation section of the Assessment Tool. [*Your organization*] recommends the comments submitted by the National Low Income Housing Coalition. [*Alternatively, pick and choose some specific suggestions NLIHC offers, or provide your own suggestions.*]