

## Cindy Chan

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Dear Mr. Chan,

Center for Independence of Individuals with Disabilities mission is to provide support services, community awareness, and systems change advocacy to promote full and equal community integration and participation for persons with disabilities.

People with fixed monthly income under \$14,000/month are unable to meet qualifying income to secure a tax-credit financed apartment, even one priced to be affordable to those at 30% of Area Median Income because of San Mateo County's dramatic year-over-year increase in Area Median Income.

The Moving to Work Housing Choice Voucher program also excludes the San Mateo County residents because the current Tiered Subsidy Table would require most of the income of people with incomes under \$ 14,000/month to go towards rent and utilities, which private landlords are unlikely to approve.

We recommend that the Moving to Work Plan create a written policy that allows the Housing Authority to award Project- Based Vouchers to apartments with a preference for people with disabilities who need specified on-site service to live successfully in community rental housing, including but not limited to people with developmental disabilities, who need coordinated services from the Golden Gate Regional Center. This is allowed under 24 CFR 983.251(d) but should be documented in the policies of the Housing Authority so that developers can receive clear guidance.

Sincerely,



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