

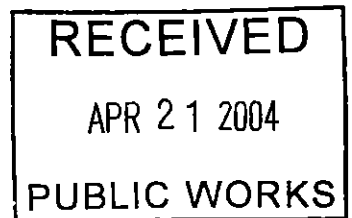
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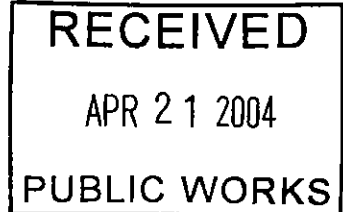
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This letter describes the position of Tenants To Homeowners, Inc. in regard to Resolution 6534.

Tenants to Homeowners purpose in this project is to follow our mission statement of creating affordable housing opportunities for low to moderate income home buyers in Lawrence. Tenants to Homeowners has been creating affordable housing opportunities since 1993, including the thirty unit HAND project at 25th and Haskell, 10 units on Atherton Court, the Harper St. houses and others.

The reason for buying the land and developing the six lots at 3rd and Alabama is create unique affordable, energy-efficient and accessible housing opportunities for low to moderate income buyers in Lawrence. The content of Resolution 6534, construction of Alabama St. 200 feet south from Third St. was addressed at the planning stage. The three lots front Alabama St. Developed lots must face a city street right of way. These lots do. These lots are accessed from the east side. The final plat includes construction of access from the rear of these lots, by a 16' cement alley built to code. Driveways and garages for these three lots will be in place from the back. Access from Alabama St. is not needed or wanted. The green belt which is now the Alabama St. right of way provides a buffer between the commercial property to the west and the residential area to the east.

Garages and driveways will access the 16" cement alley. Trash from the three lots on the west will be taken to the entry of the alley on 3rd St. The trash pick up at the alley on 3rd St. will be written into the deed restriction for the three lots facing Alabama.

It is my understanding street improvements are constructed in Lawrence when needed. The reconstruction of Alabama St. 200' south is not needed by this development.

This project is an attempt to create affordable, energy efficient accessible housing ownership opportunities for low to moderate income buyers in Lawrence. The 8400 hundred dollars per lot this resolution will add to the cost of each house will act against the interests of the low to moderate buyers who are attempting to become homeowners by using the city's First Time Home Buyer Program and Tenants to Homeowners. The buyers who need this opportunity the most: low income working families, single parents, citizens with disabilities, who cannot finance the additional \$8400 required by resolution 3534 will not be able to access this opportunity. This unneeded construction will hurt the people who have the least options and need this opportunity the most.

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