

## Dawn Hofheimer

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Dear Members of the Board of the BCHA:

We would like to applaud your efforts to make a dent in the work force housing crisis that exists in our community, but it has come to our attention that the program doesn't seem to be working the way it was originally intended.

We believe the program was intended to allow a younger workforce to come into our community and get a foothold that would act as a stepping stone to a non-deed restricted or non-restricted rental property thus allowing this demographic to invest in their future and thus firmly plant their feet in the Wood River Valley.

As we all are keenly aware, we are in need of first responders, teachers, nurses, retail and restaurants workers, etc. But also as we all know it is expensive to live in our valley. It seems that the criteria set for who qualifies for work force housing doesn't match with the cost of living in our community or the wage standard. If the criteria doesn't work then our workforce cannot qualify to live in assisted living units. Who can possibly qualify to live there?

I've read some of your materials and it seems there are work force housing units available that are currently vacant because no one can qualify to live in them, whether it be a purchase or a rental. This seems counter to the mission of the BCHA. Changes to covenants and deed restrictions are inevitable, but they must be weighed against their downstream impact and not act to block peoples efforts to transition.

As a board we hope that you would adopt the motto "how can we help you" instead of "sorry we can't help you, our hands are tied." Please review and as needed rework the guidelines to meet the needs of our community or develop a work-around.

Thank you for taking our input!

Heidi & Ed Sinnott

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To the BCHA board,

I am a front line health care worker. 1 year ago my fiancé was diagnosed with aggressive lymphoma. We had to get married so I could be there for her 7 day long inpatient chemo therapy in Salt Lake City. I was contacted by BCHA and assured me and my wife were perfect candidates for Bluebird. A very special building to me as my self advocated, spoke at public rallies, engaged the community to get Bluebird passed and built, with mine and your tax dollars. It devastated me and my wife who is now in remission when we learned we make too much money to qualify after insisting that we don't make \$131,000. They only take gross pay, don't take into any account of medical bills, car payments insurance. It is insane that is the oppressive rules of an organization built to help the community and clearly just wants to repress us. I'm not sure if this is the intent of a corrupt agent among yourselves, but I still believe there may be a beating heart of gold in your organization. As one who worked in nonprofits for over a decade and I can insure the fundamentals of this organization need to be charged for the sake of BCHA integrity. This is my 7th letter about this issue and frankly I'm exhausted, disenfranchised, and disillusioned. Please for the sake of the future of this community DO SOMETHING!

Ps: I've seen online advertising for unhoused people to fill units in Bluebird.... While also lying online saying occupancy is 90% with that being critical infrastructure employees.

Signed,  
A Concerned citizen.