

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Commission on Disability Issues

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OFFICIAL OPINION OF THE MIAMI-DADE COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES

- RE: Requests Miami-Dade Housing Agency to recommend that Federal HUD significantly decrease the minimum income requirement of \$10,300 a year for a person with a disability to qualify for Section 8 new home initiative, which allows a person to transfer a rental voucher into home ownership.

Whereas: Many people with disabilities live solely on Social Security Disability Insurance or Supplement Security Income which is often less than the minimum income level required for this homeownership program.

Whereas: Many people with disabilities need modifications in their living environment to make their living space more accessible and usable.

Whereas: Finding accessible and usable housing is often difficult for people who are disabled.

Whereas: Making modifications to rental properties is often more difficult since owners must be included in the decisions and residents might be held responsible for putting the property back to its original configuration.

Whereas: People with disabilities who have incomes less than \$10,300 may still be able to financial be homeowners and qualify for all the benefits of this program.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved: That CODI requests Miami-Dade County Housing Agency to recommend that Federal HUD significantly decrease the minimum income requirement of \$10,300 a year for a person with a disability to qualify for the Section 8 new home initiative, which allows a person to transfer a rental voucher into home ownership.

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