



**Chicago Housing Authority  
Board of Commissioners Public Session  
July 21, 2020 – CHA Corporate Office, 60 E. Van Buren**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Question/Comment</b>	<b>Response</b>
1	OKema Lewis	<p>Becoming homeless January 30 due to fire and with restrictions of Covid-19 I have been awaiting placement for a clean, safe, close to public transportation apartment.</p> <p>First choice I was provided had bedbug issues, therefore I declined it. Second choice was not close proximity to public transportation which is as important to me as a unit being clean safe and secure. Now I have learned if one does not take the choices offered they are removed from the list and lose their start date which for me is a six-year date. As a 65 year old homeless individual, in these challenging times, I would ask that you review this standard. It is unfair and discriminatory at best. I am available to discuss and provide insight standards for a contingency plan that meets the challenging times we are experiencing now. Removing me is unacceptable after a six year wait because I won't accept units that don't meet my current or foreseeable needs as a productive member of society.</p>	<p>Your application is under review and we are looking closely at the circumstances you have outlined.</p>
2	Kimberly Copeland	<p>Our company, Trevor Development, Inc. has been participating in the CHA JOC program since 2016. The JOC program is a great opportunity that continues to help our business grow and prosper to levels of success. One of the main benefits of the JOC program is the interaction with The Gordian Group which provides a positive aspect of mentorship throughout the project process from start to finish. The representatives at The Gordian Group provide one-on-one dedication that ensures us, as Contractors, are prepared for the management of each project we are awarded. As a Contractor seeking to continue growing, having the dedicated, an immediate go-to access of The Gordian Group over the past 4 years has been a valuable and rewarding experience.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. We are pleased to hear about your company's growth and positive experience in the JOC program.</p>