



Chelmsford Housing Authority

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DAVID J. HEDISON
Executive Director

September 6, 2016

Via U.S. Mail/Email

Richard A. Hayden
Stratford Capital Group
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Re: Chelmsford Woods Residences

Dear Rich,

As the minority partner with SCG Development Partners in the Chelmsford Woods Residences affordable housing complex, I'm writing to you regarding our dissatisfaction with the performance of the general contractor of Phase I and to insist that you do not engage that same contractor, Callahan, Inc., for construction of Phase II of the project.

As you know, there have been incidents at the property and Callahan, Inc.:

- 1) has not closely supervised its subcontractors and seems to have lost control over the use of the master keys to the property as residents of Chelmsford Woods have made complaints, even filing criminal sexual assault charges against an employee of a subcontractor who was wearing Callahan identification;
- 2) had claims made against it by subcontractor, Joseph Kerrissey, that he was not being paid for the work performed and there was a violent disturbance as the construction site, such that the police were called;
- 3) advised the police that Mr. Kerrissey had an active warrant out for his arrest and the subcontractor was arrested at the Chelmsford Woods worksite – showing that Callahan, Inc. knew its subcontractor had an outstanding arrest warrant;
- 4) has had at least one claim filed with the Office of the Attorney General, Fair Labor Division, for nonpayment of wages by Mr. Kerrissey for work at the project site, extending from Mr. Kerrissey's claims that Callahan, Inc. hadn't paid Kerrissey's company, and the complainant alleged that he was threatened with deportation for requesting the wages due to him; and
- 5) engaged a subcontractor, Force Builders, that we understand now faces OSHA fines of \$91,000 for "willful" and "serious" violations while the U.S. Attorney's Office in Boston is seeking over \$1 million from Force Builder's predecessor corporation for failure to pay the fees associated with its many past OSHA violations.

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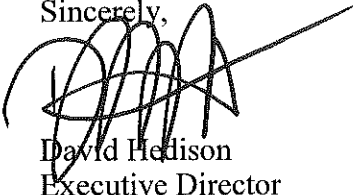
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In addition, it has come to our attention recently that Callahan, Inc. has a troublesome record outside of our project, including a prior suspension by the Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management. While we understand that that suspension has concluded, CHOICE has a strong preference not to work with contractors that were debarred or suspended at any time.

CHOICE is quite proud of the Town of Chelmsford and takes its mission to develop affordable housing and to represent the citizens of Chelmsford very seriously. As you can understand, CHOICE cannot support contractors that engage in activities that may be fraudulent, negligent or inattentive to laws at any level. In this instance, the business practices of Callahan, Inc. are completely unacceptable to CHOICE.

We very much appreciate the work that SCG Development Partners has done on Phase I and CHOICE has been glad to play a role. We look forward to proceeding on Phase II soon and thank you for your consideration. I'm glad to further discuss any questions with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Hedison', written over a horizontal line.

David Hedison
Executive Director

Cc: Ms. Connie Donahue-Comtois

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