



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
RECOMMENDATION 20140812-03a

**Date:** August 19, 2014

**Subject:** Source of Income addition to Chapter 5-1 of the City Code

**Motioned By:** Commissioner Karen Langley

**Seconded By:** Commissioner Eldridge Nelson

**Recommendation:** See the recommendation below from the Community Development Commission (CDC) concerning the inclusion of Source of Income to Chapter 5-1 of the City Code regarding discrimination in housing.

**Additional language and modifications prohibiting discrimination in housing**

**A. General Recommendations Regarding Discrimination Based on Source of Income**

1. The ordinance must prohibit discrimination not only because of the person's source of income but also prohibit discrimination because of the requirements of the program providing the source of income.
2. The ordinance must clarify that a person may not use a financial or minimum income standard for any person participating in any tenant-based rental assistance program that requires the person to have a monthly income of more than two- and one-half times the person's share of the total monthly rent payable to the owner of the dwelling unit. [See Tex. Gov't. Code § 2306.269(b)(2) (West 2008).]

**B. Recommended Language to be Added**

Please see the underlined text below for recommended text to be added to the staff-recommended changes to Chapter 5-1 of the City Code.

1. Part 2. City Code Section § 5-1-13 (Definitions)
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2. Part 3. § 5-1-51(A)
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Unanimously approved the addition of Source of Income to Chapter 5-1 of the City Code regarding discrimination in housing with the recommendations shown above, by the Community Development Commission on a vote of 9-0, with Chair Rivera and Commissioners Decierdo, Langley, Mueller, Nelson, Noyola, Perez, Reyes, and Taylor voting in favor.

Attest: [CDC Chair Rivera]

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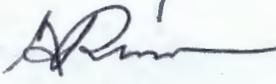
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Date: August 19, 2014

To: Mayor and Council Members

From: Gilberto Rivera, Chair 

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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide Mayor and Council Members with a summary of action taken by the Community Development Commission (CDC) concerning the inclusion of Source of Income to Chapter 5-1 of the City Code regarding discrimination in housing. The item was discussed at the Tuesday, August 12th CDC Meeting.

The CDC voted unanimously to approve the Source of Income addition, with the following recommendations:

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